

ODE ITC Call – 11/28/2022

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Data Collector Update – Last Wednesday, November 23, 2022, Alex Katz (ESP Solutions) sent an email to the technical contact at each ITC day regarding a new version of the Data Collector that is available and can be installed. This version allows for applicable districts to collect/submit the FY23J Geospatial Data collection. While this is not an EMIS collection, it is providing a way for these districts to transmit boundary files for their buildings to ODE related to ED Choice. Communications regarding this went out directly to those districts (60+ LEAs, across about 20 of the data collectors). Not every data collector has a district who will submit. ITCs can check to see if any of their districts have this reporting under the Progress tab of the Data Collector - the Progress query honors the entities that are expected to submit a collection (may need to run on Processing Stage = Not Started). There are also a number of other fixes and some feature improvements included in this update. This new version has the local report builder included in the code, but it is currently turned off. Once data is ready, ODE will provide a configuration code to add to the Properties (under Settings) in the Data Collector to turn on the local report builder. This update includes the first step towards that functionality.

Q: If there are no districts at an ITC needing to submit this collection, how soon does the new version of DC need to be installed?

A: If ITCs don't have any districts needing to do the geographic collection, they should plan to have the update installed by next week to get bug fixes and things corrected. ODE doesn't anticipate the report builder being enabled this week.

FY23 S Exiting Student Follow Up Collection – the manifest is currently expecting a value for the Program of Concentration. However the Level 2 Report (csv) only has the POC filled out for CTE students. ODE is working on new version of the manifest, expected to be out this week, that will fill in ** if the POC is left blank to eliminate the error for the missing value. The ** is already filled in on the flat file for all students who are not CTE. Additionally, until last week there were still a few cases of duplicate students in the Level 2 report - this happened if there are duplicates in the reverse lookup table. ODE did release a new version of the manifest last week that should have resolved these duplicate issues.

Q: We are still seeing districts with multiple lines per student

A: ODE will look into this.

Q: Districts are still questioning students in the file (mostly SWD); do you want a ticket every time there is a question about a student?

A: There are a couple things to check for:

1. Are the students at a County Board of DD? We just loaded BDD data last week, but those updates haven't made it all the way through the system. The Level 2 reports should be updated by now. They may still be on the flat file (which should be updated this week), but if the BDD got their enrollment in, then those students should be in the Dropped flat file.
2. Did they expect this student to be educated elsewhere? Maybe the other district hasn't reported the student yet, or maybe the student left where they were being educated. The Legal DOR may not expect to see them if they didn't educate them, but SWD do count back to their Legal DOR.

If one of these reasons doesn't apply, then put in a helpdesk ticket so we can look at it.

Q: Will students ever be taken out of file?

A: On the Level 2 Report (csv), the student remains in the file and the Result Code and Severity will change if another district or BDD reports the student. If the students are included in the submission file, they will fatal because they are not expected to be submitted. For districts using the Flat File, new files with "Dropped" or "Added" will be issued if there are changes.

Q: If there is a duplicate student in the file, can they be removed before submitting?

A: Absolutely - if there is a true duplicate, remove them; the only thing that would be different for these students are the local IDs.

Q: Students who are AU or JP are shown on the report. Is there an issue with this data not being updated at ODE? How can districts verify those students really are in JP or AU this year?

A: ODE will have to look into this.

Q: Will 8th graders drop off?

A: Students who are 14 and up who left school but never enrolled in HS need to come off the list. This is still an outstanding issue and ODE is working on a fix, though there are not a lot of these students.

Q: What is the deadline for SWD follow up?

A: Next August. CTE is the critical one in the initial collection; this data needs to be submitted by January 6th.

Q: If working on the CTE follow-up and only answering the CTE questions for a student, errors are being generated because the student also falls into another follow-up (GRAD). Is the student still making it through for CTE?

A: No, they are not making it through for CTE. These records are fataling - all data needs to be submitted.

Q: If the answer to a status element is "Y", then any of the other elements that are required in that section must be updated with a non-default value. However, Postsecondary & Advanced Training does not have "N" as a valid option, so * needs to be reported and is giving a fatal error currently.

A: The "*" is the same as the "N". ODE removed check FW.0021(B). Other ITCs indicated this error is gone this morning.

FY23 December #1 Payment – ODE is pulling live data today for Gifted and Career Tech for the December #1 payment. Live data is being used on almost everything now.

ODE EMIS Training – The next round of ITC trainings are taking place this week; meeting links and documentation are posted on the website.

Q&A

Q: Will the Exiting Student Report Explanations be posted soon?

A: The File Description for the flat file is posted; expect the Level 2 Report Explanation to be posted very soon.

Upcoming Call Schedule

Monday, December 12, 2022 – ODE ITC Call

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – ODE Change Call

The meeting scheduled for 12/26 is being moved to Tuesday, 1/3/23. ODE does not want to wait until 1/9/23 because of the Exiting Follow-up Collection closing on 1/6/23.