

ODE ITC Call – 6/29/2020

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FY21 collections – The first two collections for FY21, set to open this Thursday, July 2, are FY21S SCR and FY21C Initial Calendar. Please start submitting later this week when they become available. ODE will not be processing FY21C Initial Calendars immediately but probably will be starting next week, and then they will begin to appear in FY21 ODDEX.

FY20A Other Accountability Assessment collection – This was updated last week to produce the missing list for ACT/SAT. Now that ODE has the vendor list of who took them this spring, they have loaded those SSID's to the missing list [based on whichever test (ACT or SAT) the district selected last fall]. There won't be any checks for student enrollment dates for the missing list for ACT/SAT since the last testing opportunity was cancelled due to COVID-19. Districts should get those scores loaded as soon as they're available to take care of Missing Assessments based on vendor files.

OH|ID – There were recent announcements in EdConnect and other ODE communications about the login process for OH|ID changing slightly. There will be a way to set favorites (e.g., ODDEX) and some other configurations that you can control more easily when you log in. It may take a couple more clicks to get to ODDEX once you log in. There is a video on ODE's website and more communications will be coming soon.

Q&A

Q: Can you talk about HB164 course grade substitution?

A: I can talk about it but let me say, we will not be collecting that data for FY20. Using a grade earned in a course as a proxy for taking the EOC exam will be for FY21, there is just not enough time to integrate that change for this year and it would mix it in with current year Fall assessments. Because of this year's COVID-19 Grad Flexibility, students can graduate anyway without having 18 EOC points, so on the new webpage released last week it says this is for "FY21 and beyond". It is very likely it will be handled the same as CCP, where they have a proxy, but we just need to open up the subject areas that can handle that proxy, reported with Score Not Reported (SNR) code = X and Score = number of grad points.

Q: Will there be a new SNR code?

A: No, we will use what we already have for CCP, same as it's being used for WebXam this year.

Q: Based on the EMIS Manual, SNR= X is only for CCP dual credit, so will you update the EMIS manual?

A: Yes, there is an FY21 change to update the manual to explain the new use for that SNR reason.

Q: Several of our districts passed along that their administrators believe that under the grad flex rule they truly have until September 30 to graduate and count as an FY20 grad, but that is not what I heard or understand, can you confirm?

A: That is correct, the rules for determining *when* they are an on-time grad has not changed. To be an FY20 grad, that diploma must be awarded *before* next school year starts. If school starts before they

earn a diploma, they will be an FY21 grad. So, given that the vast majority of districts start in August, if they wait until September, they will be considered an FY21 grad.

Q: During the last ODE EMIS training, it was mentioned that if we even have a single calendar that starts before the diploma date, those kids will count as a 5-year grad but not a 4-year grad (e.g. our year-round calendar starts in July and our summer grads are reported with an August 15 diploma date). This has never been an issue before.

A: Please put in a ticket because I expect that it has been an issue before. We put a date out there in the grad collection because the business rule is that if you started the new school year, they needed to graduate by then.

Q: Districts are confused about what date to use for Diploma; the EMIS Manual says “date given to student” but if the graduation ceremony was held off, which date do we report?

A: You will report “when the student was considered a graduate”, and 9 times out of 10, those dates are the same thing. Even if you are delaying the ceremony, it is *when they graduated*. If they’re going to go get a job at the end of spring, are they able to put on their job application that they’re a graduate, even if the ceremony will be held in the fall? The date we want for Diploma Date is when they are actually considered a grad. You may have kids who received a diploma at the end of 1st semester but walk in the ceremony in May; they are still a grad based on the date they fulfilled grad requirements, whether they’ve received a diploma or had the ceremony. For a mid-year vs May grad, as long as their transcript shows they are a grad it doesn’t matter from an EMIS perspective, it doesn’t make a difference in anything like grad rate. This year it may impact ceremonies if they hold them in the fall, they should still report an FY20 diploma date even if they don’t have their physical diplomas yet.

Q: When you look at calendar start dates to determine summer grads, you just look at the earliest calendar for the District, not the Building?

A: Yes

Q: Not sure if it is SIS or Data Collector related, but we’re seeing errors for Phys Ed Perf Measures “can’t report both numbers and ** in a grade band”. District only has numbers in the first four elements, or just the last one, but nothing in that other ‘Not Required at this grade band’. Is there an issue in the DC?

A: SPARCC put in a ticket on that. Those checks are new this year, so we’ll take a look to see if there is a bug, not sure if that is an issue with the data or the check.

Q: For EMIS change calls, we’ll be getting a new invite with updated listserv, is that for ITC calls too?

A: Not for ITC calls yet, but maybe later.

Next Call:

No ODE Change Call in July

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