

ODE Conference Call – Monday, July 31, 2017

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FY17 Data Appeals – Most of FY17 is now behind us. This past weekend's processing appears to have gone well. FY17S Level 2 FTE reports have been updated. Data Appeals windows are now open for FY17A Assessments and FY17S student data, from July 31 – August 8. Data Appeals window for DORP is open July 24 – August 2 (earlier window since the collection window was also earlier). Appeals will be approved as they are received. If an appeal is approved, the manifest will reappear in the Data Collector with a new close date of August 14, 5:00PM for "S" and "A" collections other than DORP.

ODE will continue processing at 5:15 each day and load data to the Secure Data Center (SDC) on a nightly basis. However, this Wednesday (August 2) they will not refresh the SDC so it will be open all day Thursday (August 3) for districts still working on appeals. They will refresh the SDC on Monday, August 7 based on this Friday's data (normal weekend processing) and again on Wednesday, August 9. **Monday, August 14, is the deadline for submitting appealed data in the re-opened manifests.** Once the manifests reappear, Districts should get appeal data submitted as early as possible to see results in SDC by Thursday August 10, to be sure they're done by Monday August 14. Once it closes on the 14th at 5pm it is done and will be going to SAS the next day to calculate Value Added and load Local Report Card (LRC) data. **If Districts miss the 5:00 pm deadline on 8/14, appeals data won't be included on their LRC.**

Q: What if a district is not sure if they need to file appeal?

A: They can reach out to ODE's Office of Data Quality or post a helpdesk ticket for our opinion. IF they find they have missing assessments that would not impact accountability, those are factored out anyway, so no appeal is necessary. Example: Students took a course and were not given EOC (since course was not aligned) so the whole course would have Score Not Reported = G, which is filtered out of accountability anyway, so there is no need to appeal. Also, if Missing are kids who moved (SNR=J), those are filtered out of accountability also, so don't need an appeal. But, if someone asks why they don't have a test, you need to have documentation even if you don't file an appeal, so do your due diligence. However, if kids were absent and need another SNR reason, they do count in the Performance Index and the fact that they did not test counts in Participation %. It is ultimately a District decision to file an appeal.

Q: What if a student did not take the test but truly should have?

A: Yes, request an appeal because that will affect the LRC.

Q: Why are Accelerated students on the missing report?

A: ODE's logic is not sophisticated enough to see the Accelerated (FB) records or prior year Assessment (FA) records, etc. If you know they are accelerated and the proper test was submitted, no appeal is necessary. There is a small chance that ODE can remove those kids in the next couple weeks; now that data collections are closed they may be able to identify who they are.

Q: Why are kids on the Missing list that weren't there during test administration window?

A: They shouldn't be, but ODE has to use widest test window possible Statewide; individual districts give tests and make-ups on different days, and Next Gen ELA is earlier than other test areas, so the window is broad. The student may not have been enrolled during the District window, but they were enrolled during the Statewide window.

Q: Score Not Reported = J is only used when the student is not enrolled during the District window?

A: Correct.

Q: We thought we needed to submit appeals for SNR=J that got missed so ODE doesn't include in our accountability. Wouldn't those kids have a Majority of Attendance (MOA) IRN of ***** so they would not count anyway?

A: Correct, when the assessment window is open, ODE wants it submitted, but those "J" records make no difference in accountability. Only kids with assessment reported are included in assessment measures. It also depends on the date of the withdrawal, not just MOA IRN of *****.

Q: Did you say only kids with assessments reported are included in the accountability measures, so SNR doesn't matter?

A: Yes, it's always been that way. Reporting SNR is still an assessment record, only a few get filtered out. They need to be reported correctly.

Q: What if an EMIS Coordinator has been on vacation, so their District didn't rerun "A" collections to get missing lists, do they need to file an appeal?

A: They can still run a Prepare to get missing reports now to determine if they need an appeal.

Appeals are primarily focused on LRC, since test scores don't come out until June/July. Student appeal is the ONLY opportunity to update student data, which is a little different than it was in prior years. Previously, in the October Funding appeal, in some situations ODE would permit modification of "S" data – THEY ARE NOT DOING THAT THIS YEAR. Anything in "S" that impacts funding must be appealed July 31 through August 8. This includes anything impacting SOES, SOES Contacts, Tuition, FTE reports, sub-groups, anything that goes into funding.

Funding reports have been out for months, so districts should've been reviewing them to get data correct. There will be an additional EdConnect going out to Treasurers with this same message to appeal during first week of August. There will still be a Funding appeal period (Mid-September through mid-Oct), for things other than raw student data such as:

- Flagging (open until mid-September)
- CTE based on FY17L Staff/Course data (except Economic Disadvantage and Grade Level – which also impact LRC so need done this week)
- Calendar Data (don't anticipate they'll reopen "C" unless someone's calendar is pretty far off)
- FTE Adjustments due to other entities data (overlap in funding, etc.)

FY17 Funding – ODE is using data as of this past weekend to calculate Final #1 payment for all entities (Trad, ESC, JV, CS). They also pulled CTE data again over the weekend, and will be refreshing CTE reports this week. As part of funding appeals coming in September, Districts can see actual payment reports this data is based on. After funding appeals mid-Sept to mid-Oct, should be done with FY17 funding by end of calendar year. Getting back on a standard schedule.

Remaining FY17 collections:

FY17A CTE collection – opened last Friday, new manifest released this morning to fix issues.

FY17A ACT collection – for the State administration, will be opening later this week, CD's should be arriving in Districts tomorrow.

FY17G Graduate collection – will be opening later this week through mid-Oct

FY17H Financial collection – is currently open through August 31

FY17P Five Year Forecast Final collection (Optional) – is currently open through August 11

Q: Will that FY17 ACT collection be for all ACT's or just Juniors?

A: We will accept all ACT's for all students, but the Missing Assessment list will be specifically Juniors.

Q: Can we talk about improvement? This year, assessment reporting was a mess, lots of panic, people on vacation, bugs that had to be discovered, no newflash about known issues; can we have any better communication in the future and get reports out sooner? We weren't sure what needed a "G" record, what to ignore, regular BIOL, etc., those kinds of things just surprised everybody. Some people were putting in hundreds of Score Not Reported records, this caused a lot of panic.

A: ODE's goal is to get things out as soon as possible. We didn't even have Missing lists in prior years. Since spring we've been redesigning "A" collections to make Missing lists available. That is all in place, so next year ODE will have Missing reports out way before we even have test results, so the first time you load assessment results you should have a Missing report. If we produce a Missing report, we have to put it out; whether it is 2 days or 2 months before a collection closes, we put it out when we have it. We don't like dropping things last minute, but if we can give info we will. Districts should be more proactive, they know who they have enrolled; test coordinators know who tested or not; issues should be resolved before test results come back. In the end, with or without a Missing list, districts should report an assessment record for every kid in those courses. It will be better next year.

Q: Students who took Advanced Biology this year, but took Biology previously, were to have SNR=G?

A: Yes, because some kids take Advanced Biology first, so that course is on the list. In other districts, that may be a higher-level course after they take Biology. This is one area we've identified for improvement to determine if a student has already met the EOC requirement and taken it the first time around. Algebra 1 is the same, they may be fine with EOC exam they took the first time, but they took the Algebra 1 class again, and don't have to take EOC again. Adding a cross-year piece is on our list of improvements.

Q: If they already had a Biology or Algebra 1 EOC assessment, took a class again that qualified for EOC, they don't need SNR=G record at all?

A: It is ok if you report no record at all, in accountability they aren't going to count anyway.

Q: Could we get an FAQ for next year about main issues?

A: Feedback received, we'll do some thinking about that.

Q: If a student is missing Algebra 1, but was previously tested, now reported with SNR=F, will that hurt the district?

A: Not sure, because retakes only get included if the student scored a 1 or 2 when they previously took it. If they did score 1 or 2, they should take EOC again. If you report SNR=F and they scored 3 or higher previously, it gets filtered out. If they scored 1 or 2 previously, it will count as an untested student.

Q: We heard that Missing EOC for kids taking AP can be ignored as long as they reported their AP record, then at the last-minute on Friday we saw that was not correct and they should have also taken the EOC. What can be done now? Appeal?

A: It is a Federal requirement for participation that they take standard science EOC. Info was out there from accountability, so some people may not have realized that, but it was out there and they can't do anything about it now. Not sure if it has to be taken this year, not sure which SNR reason is valid, we need to talk to accountability about that. Put in a helpdesk ticket.

Q: Is the same true for CCP Biology?

A: Yes, the same rules as AP Biology. In a student's high school years, they need Math, ELA and Science, no substitution for Federal accountability on Biology, even if there is a substitution under State law for graduation requirements. Everything goes 5-6 layers deep.

Q: What about SNR=X for CCP? They still need EOC?

A: Just for Biology.

FY18 updates:

FY18S Retention collection – will be opening shortly (through early September), which is critical for this year's LRC to get in 3rd grade retention reasons, especially any promotions for alternative reasons.

FY18S SCR collection – will be opening shortly.

FY18C Initial Calendar collection – will be opening shortly.

FY18S SOES collection – will open soon after that for the first SOES enrollment data pull in September for the October payment. Community Schools must have SOES and SOES Contacts reported by 9/23/17.

FY18S Traditional collection – will be opening in early September.

FY18L Staff/Course collection – will be opening in early October.

New version of the Data Collector – should be out by the end of August. Tentatively planning an ITC meeting on August 31 to review this new version of DC in depth. Then sometime in September, ODE will be out to ITC's to do training on the new DC.