

ODE ITC Call – 4/19/2021

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FY21D March CTE Follow-up Collection – Closed last Friday and all required districts submitted their data this year! The March “D” Appeal window is now open through May 21, 2021. Districts should verify their data is correct since it impacts the Local Report Card and Federal reporting; they should file an appeal if they have issues.

FY21S Midyear Student Enrollment Collection – Reminder that this collection (2TRD) for Traditional schools is closing next Friday, April 30, 2021. Then the Final Student Enrollment collection (3TRD) for Traditional schools is scheduled to open May 6, 2021.

ODE New EMIS Coordinator Training – These sessions have been well attended and will continue through this week with a few more sessions.

FY21A End-of-Course Assessment Collection – There was a recent legislative change where only students in grades 11 or 12 this year are allowed to use Course Grade as a substitute for an actual EOC score, or in addition to an EOC score, using a Score Not Reported code. Info was posted on ODE’s website last week under *Reset and Restart Education* (<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Graduation-Flexibility-2020-2021>), about eligibility for students only in Grades 11 or 12 in FY21 who took/retook an EOC, or were unable to take/retake an EOC test for any reason. FD “State Equivalent Grade Level” element is reported in enrollment (S) collection and FA “Grade Level of Student at Time of Test” element is reported in in assessment (A) collection. ODE took a look at prior year FA “Grade Level of Student at Time of Test” compared to FD “State Equivalent Grade Level” records as of those assessment dates, to see past practice, and a vast majority did match up. A small % disagreed between FD and FA records, so ODE will be adding a Level 1 check to look at FA “Grade Level of Student at Time of Test” and produce a Critical (not Fatal) error if it doesn’t match. They’ll Exclude records when data is processed at ODE if the student’s grade is not valid for this substitution, and districts will get Gen Issues that a record was submitted that ODE will not use. This Level 1 error in the manifest should catch 95% of the errors so if districts deal with their Critical errors, they shouldn’t get the Gen Issues. For the few that get through, they’ll get caught in Gen Issues. ODE will shoot to have that in place by the end of next month, but maybe sooner, because they’re assuming EOC grade substitute records won’t be reported until Student Course Grades are final for this year and can be submitted.

Q&A

Q: Is there anything that only gets reported in 2TRD that will get finalized once this closes?

A: Community Schools only have 2 windows instead of 3 that Traditional schools have. When we moved away from Count Week, legislators said we need 3 enrollment snapshots so that’s what the 2TRD window helps satisfy. We sometimes use it for research analysis; like looking at COVID data, for example, we’ll probably use 2TRD, but anything for the Local Report Card will be based on 3TRD so that data can be updated after next week. Tuition also closes out after 2TRD; the first tuition window closes at the end of December so that data does need to be finalized. If there is still an issue with tuition data, that is something you can file an appeal on in the summer, but the preference is to resolve this in the 2TRD window.

Q: Tuition will close through Dec 1?

A: Through December 31, 2020, so if you have Tuition kids and dates of enrollment are the first half of the year, they must be reported in 2TRD. From January 15, 2021 to close of this window, if you need to tweak enrollment, % of time, DOR corrections, etc. they can be corrected through data submission through 2TRD. Our goal is to make payments accurate, so any changes after that will need to be appealed in August. There should be very little that folks haven’t fixed at this point.

Q: Can you explain again about the new Level 1 Critical Check?

A: Any assessment records with Score Not Reported substitution to use grade earned with a Score value of 1-5, we'll take the FA Assessment Date reported and look at their FD Grade Level reported; if we get one that is below 11th grade, we'll reject it but we'll let you know via Gen Issues report.

Q: For kids who took EOC in Grade 9 and could've retested in Grade 11, what test date should be on EOC substitution, the date they took the course back in 9th grade or a date in the FY21 year?

A: Use an assessment date of this year since it is a substitute for an assessment they planned to take this year. For re-testers, use their current grade level. Mar/Apr/May are valid assessment months.

Q: Is that the same for FY20?

A: FY20 was open to everyone so doesn't matter.

Q: Has there been any conversation about kids who should be 11th grade but were held back?

A: Yes, there was conversation about using Grad Cohorts, but legislature chose to use grade level and they specifically mean FD Grade = 11 or 12. Lower grades have more time/opportunity to take the test again before graduation. If they're in a cohort for grade 9 or 10, they fall under FY23 and beyond Grad criteria, so EOC is not as important as class of FY21 and FY22 where they need to get 18 points.

Q: Somebody could've retaken the test, but can they still use Course Grade substitution if that gets them to graduate?

A: Correct, they can also use grade substitution just like last year. This is where they have to be careful of the dates they're putting in. They can do the test grade substitution even if they took the assessment if they're in 11 or 12 grade and eligible for this flexibility if they either took EOC for the 1st time, retook EOC, or were not able to take EOC.

Q: To be eligible for the substitution, did they have to take the course THIS year or could they have taken it last year?

A: Because retakes are included, they could've taken the course in a prior year.

Upcoming Calls

ODE ITC Call – Since Monday, May 3 is OAEP, we expect to cancel the ITC call that day, so the next ITC call will be Monday, May 17, 2021.

ODE EMIS Change Call – As mentioned on last week's Change call, if we have new changes for FY21 or FY22, we'll have a change call on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.