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1.0 BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) version 16.0 released in December 2019.

EDFacts is a centralized, coordinated repository of state reported, Pre-K through 12, educational data residing at the U.S. Department of Education (ED). ESS is an electronic system that facilitates the efficient and timely transmission of data from state education agencies (SEAs) to ED.

2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the users of ESS with up-to-date information about improvements, including new features, data quality measures, and reporting enhancements, that have been made to the system with the new software release.

This document lists all system enhancements and documentation updates implemented with this release. Most of the enhancements include support for ongoing maintenance and enhancements of the ESS.

Where applicable, items are prefixed with corresponding JIRA ticket numbers, which are defect or enhancement requests. For example, "Ticket-123" refers to the JIRA ticket. "PSC 123456" refers to the System Investigation Request (SIR) opened by the Partner Support Center (PSC). Only PSC change requests of interest to more than one SEA are included in these notes.

3.0 SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS

3.1 Application Updates

The primary purpose of the ESS Release 16.0 (December 2019) is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school years (SYs) 2018-19 and SY 2019-20 file specification data that are due on or before February 2020 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to these data.

Due dates for SY 2018-19 and 2019-20 file specifications are posted on the [EDFacts Community - GRADS 360 Data Submission Organizer](#).

The following outline summarizes the enhancements implemented with this release. Additional details for each of the following components are provided in the sections below.

- 1) 18 file specifications for SY 2018-19.
 - a) 15 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
 - b) 3 file specifications were rolled over with changes

- 2) 9 file specifications for SY 2019-20.
 - a) 5 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
 - b) 3 file specifications were rolled over with changes
 - c) 1 new file specification for SY 2019-20
- 3) ESS Data Framework updated for file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2018-19 and SY 2019-20.
- 4) Added new and updated existing Business Rules.
- 5) Made the following reports available in the EDFacts Reporting System (ERS) for SY 2019-20:
 - a) School Directory Extract (EDEN017)
 - b) EDFacts LEA directory and Grades Offered Extract (EDEN028)

3.1.1 File Specifications with No Changes

The following table lists all the SY 2018-19 and SY 2019-20 file specifications that have been enabled in this release with no changes.

Table 1a – SY 2018-19 File Specifications enabled with no changes

File	SY 2018-19 File Specification Name
032	Dropouts
037	Title I Part A SWP/TAS Participation
054	MEP Students Served - 12 Months
086	Students Involved with Firearms
113	N or D Academic Achievement - State Agency
119	N or D Participation - State Agency
125	N or D Academic Achievement - LEA
127	N or D Participation - LEA
131	LEA End of School Year Status
134	Title I Part A Participation
145	MEP Services
150	Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
151	Cohorts for Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
165	Migrant Data
193	Title I Allocations

Table 1b – SY 2019-20 File Specifications enabled with no changes

File	SY 2019-20 File Specification Name
039	Grades Offered

File	SY 2019-20 File Specification Name
130	ESEA Status
190	Charter Authorizer Directory
197	Crosswalk of Charter Schools to Management Organizations
198	Charter Contracts

3.1.2 File Specifications with Technical Changes

The following tables list all the SY 2018-19 and SY 2019-20 file specifications that have been enabled in this release with technical changes.

Table 2a – SY 2018-19 File Specifications enabled with changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
306	Graduates/Completers tables	040	Graduates/Completers
782	N or D academic and vocational outcomes in programs - LEA	180	N or D in Programs Outcomes
783	N or D academic and vocational outcomes in programs - state agency	180	N or D in Programs Outcomes
784	N or D academic and vocational outcomes exited programs - LEA	181	N or D Exited Programs Outcomes
785	N or D academic and vocational outcomes exited programs - state agency	181	N or D Exited Programs Outcomes

Table 2b – SY 2019-20 File Specifications enabled with changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
27	Charter status	029	Directory
829	Management organization type	196	Charter Management Organizations Directory
842	Comprehensive support and targeted support schools	206	School Support and Improvement

3.1.3 New File Specifications

The following table lists the new file specification that was approved for SY 2019-20 and implemented with this release.

Table 3 – SY 2019-20 New File Specification enabled

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
845	State appropriations for charter	207	State Appropriations for Charter Schools

3.1.4 SY 2019-20 Discontinued Data Groups

The following table lists the Data Groups that were discontinued with this release.

Table 4 – SY 2019-20 Data Groups discontinued

DG	SY 2019-20 Data Groups
843	Comprehensive support identification
844	Targeted support identification

3.1.5 ESS Business Rule Updates

The following table lists the new and updated Business Rules for SY 2018-19 and SY 2019-20 that were implemented in this release.

Table 4 – SY 2019-20 Business Rules Updated

Change Type	Rule IDs
Enabled Business Rules	The following Business Rules are enabled for the School level FS207 file starting with SY 2019-2020: ER-1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 43, 50, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 103
Updated Existing Business Rules	Updated the following Business Rule to not trigger under certain conditions: ER-92 S118-R03: Corrected errors in documentation of rule logic S150-R02, R03, R04 and R05: Corrected documentation to indicate that the rules only apply to the 4-year cohort data groups
New Business Rules	Implemented the following new Business Rules: S207-R001, S207-R002
Discontinued Business Rules	The following Business Rule has been discontinued starting with SY 2019-2020. DG 843 and 844 used in the edit have been removed from FS206: S206-R01

Change Type	Rule IDs
	The following Business Rule has been discontinued starting with SY 2017-18 as it only relates to .xml files: ER-85

All enabled Business Rules are included in the *EDFacts* Business Rules Single Inventory (BRSI) spreadsheet posted on the [EDFacts Business Rules](#) web page. PSC announces updates to the BRSI in the PSC Weekly Support Update following each ESS release.



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