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PREFACE

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) Version 12.1 released in February 2016.

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

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide users of the ED Facts Submission System (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 that were implemented with the ESS 12.1 release. The majority of the enhancements include support for ongoing maintenance and enhancements of the ESS.

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

2.0 SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS (RELEASE 12.1)

2.1 ESS Application Updates

The primary purpose of the ESS 12.1 (February 2016) release is to enhance the ESS to allow for the collection of remaining SY 2013-14 and SY 2015-16 file specification data that is due on or after February 2016, and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to this data.

Due dates for SY 2013-14 and SY 2015-16 file specifications are provided in the Data Submission Organizer available at <https://edfacts.grads360.org/#program/data-submission-organizer>

The following outline summarizes the enhancements implemented with ESS 12.1. Additional details for each of the following components are provided in the sections below.

- 1) Implement a total of 21 file specifications for SY 2013-14 and SY 2015-16.
 - a) 20 file specifications were rolled over with no changes for SY 2015-16; including moving file specification c141 LEP Enrolled forward from release 12.2 into release 12.1 with due date 4/29/2016.
 - b) 1 file specification was rolled over with no changes for SY 2013-14.

- 2) Updates to existing Business Rules.

Additional detail on business rule updates are included in section 2.1.3 of this document.

2.1.1 SY 2015-16 File Specifications for ESS 12.1 with no changes

The following table lists all of the SY 2015-16 file specifications that have been enabled in ESS 12.1 with no changes.

Table 1 – SY 2015-16 File Specifications to be enabled with ESS 12.1 with no changes

File	SY 2015-16 File Specification Name
002	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School-Age
004	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Not Participating in Assessments
033	Free Reduced Price Lunch
046	LEP Students in LEP Program
052	Membership
059	Staff FTE
089	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Early Childhood
129	CCD School
141	LEP Enrolled
160	High School Graduates Postsecondary Enrollment
161	High School Graduates Postsecondary Credits Earned
171	Academic Achievement - Flexibility Subgroups
172	Assessment Participation - Flexibility Subgroups
175	Academic Achievement in Mathematics
176	State Interventions - Flexibility
178	Academic Achievement in Reading (Language Arts)
179	Academic Achievement in Science
185	Assessment Participation in Mathematics
188	Assessment Participation in Reading / Language Arts
189	Assessment Participation in Science

2.1.2 SY 2013-14 File Specification with no changes for ESS 12.1

The following table list the SY 2013-14 file specification that have been enabled in ESS 12.1 with no changes.

Table 2 – SY 2013-14 File Specification to be enabled with ESS 12.1 with no changes

File	SY 2013-14 File Specification Name
035	Federal Programs

2.1.3 SY 2015-16 ESS Business Rule Updates

The following table lists the Business Rules updates for SY 2015-16 that were implemented with ESS 12.1.

Change Type	Rule IDs
Updated Existing Business Rules	<p>The following Business Rules are discontinued for the SEA, LEA and SCH level starting with SY 2015-2016:</p> <p><u>SEA level:</u> S002-R10, S002-R11, S002-R32, S002-R39, S002-R40 S004-R02 S089-R05, S089-R06, S089-R17, S089-R19, S089R25, S089-R26, S089-R27 S175-R07, S175-R08, S175-R09 S178-R07, S178-R08, S178-R09 S185-R05 S188-R05</p> <p><u>LEA level:</u> S002-R15 S089-R20</p> <p><u>SCH level:</u> S052-R100</p> <p>The following Business Rules are now available and utilize metadata provided by states in the EMAPS CCD Grades Offered SY 2015-16 survey: S052-R95, S052-R96, S052-R97 and S052-R98 S059-R64 and S059-R65</p>

All enabled Business Rules are included in the Business Rules Guide v12.1 posted on www.ed.gov at the following link:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/business-rules-guide.html>

Version 12.1 of the Business Rules Guide will be posted to www.ed.gov shortly following the release of ESS 12.1. This Business Rules Guide will include updated or newly enabled Business Rules, and will not include disabled Business Rules for SY 2015-16. The PSC will issue a broadcast message indicating when the updated Business Rules Guide is available.



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