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1.0 BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) version 15.0 released in December 2018.

EDFacts is a centralized, coordinated repository of state reported, K through 12, educational data residing at the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The *EDFacts* Submission System 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 15.0 (December 2018) release is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school year (SY) 2017-18 and SY 2018-19 file specification data that are due on or before February 2019 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to these data.

Due dates for SY 2017-18 and 2018-19 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) 21 file specifications for SY 2017-18.
 - a) 18 file specifications were rolled over with changes
 - b) 3 file specifications were deactivated for SY 2017-18

- 2) 8 file specifications for SY 2018-19.
 - a) 6 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
 - b) 1 file specification was rolled over with changes
 - c) 1 new file specification
- 3) ESS Data Framework updated for file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2017-18 and SY 2018-19.
- 4) Updated new and existing Business Rules.

3.1.1 File Specifications with No Changes

There were no SY 2017-18 file specifications is no changes in this release.

The following table lists all the SY 2017-18 and SY 2018-19 file specifications that have been enabled in this release with no changes.

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

File	SY 2018-19 File Specification Name
029	Directory
039	Grades Offered
190	Charter School Authorizer Directory
196	Charter Management Organizations 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 of the SY 2017-18 and SY 2018-19 file specifications that have been enabled in this release with technical changes.

Table 2a – SY 2017-18 File Specifications enabled with changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
326	Dropouts tables	032	Dropouts
548	Title I SWP/TAS participation table	037	Title I Part A SWP/TAS Participation
306	Graduates/completers tables	040	Graduates/ Completers
85	MEP students served 12-month table	054	MEP Students Served - 12 Months
596	Students involved with firearms table	086	Students Involved with Firearms
628	N or D academic achievement table - state agency	113	N or D Academic Achievement - State Agency
656	N or D participation table for state agencies	119	N or D Participation - State Agency
629	N or D academic achievement	125	N or D Academic Achievement - LEA

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
	table - LEA		
657	N or D participation table for LEAs	127	N or D Participation - LEA
614	REAP alternative funding status	131	LEA End of SY Status
670	Title I participation table	134	Title I Part A Participation
684	MEP services table	145	MEP Services
695	Regulatory four-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	150	Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
697	Regulatory five-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	150	Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
755	Regulatory six-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	150	Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
696	Cohorts for regulatory four-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	151	Cohorts for Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
698	Cohorts for regulatory five-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table (TA#4)	151	Cohorts for Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
756	Cohorts for regulatory six-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table (TA#4)	151	Cohorts for Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
110	Migrant students eligible regular school year	165	Migrant Data
514	Consolidated MEP funds status	165	Migrant Data
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
788	Parental involvement reservation	193	Title I Allocations
797	Title I, Part A Allocations	193	Title I Allocations

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

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
34	Improvement status - school	130	ESEA Status
36	Persistently dangerous status	130	ESEA Status

3.1.3 New File Specifications

There were no new SY 2017-18 file specifications in this release.

The following table lists the new SY 2018-19 file specification enabled in this release.

Table 3 – SY 2018-19 New File Specification enabled

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
842	Comprehensive support and targeted support schools	206	School Support and Improvement
843	Comprehensive support identification	206	School Support and Improvement
844	Targeted support identification	206	School Support and Improvement

3.1.4 Discontinued File Specifications

There were no SY 2018-19 file specifications discontinued in this release.

The following table lists the SY 2017-18 file specifications that were discontinued in this release.

Table 4 – SY 2017-18 File Specifications discontinued

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
549	Title I TAS services table	036	Title I Part A TAS Services
550	Title I funded TAS staff funded (FTE) table	065	Federally Funded Staff
728	Intervention used	167	School Improvement Grants
729	School year minutes	167	School Improvement Grants
731	Student attendance rate	167	School Improvement Grants
732	Advanced coursework	167	School Improvement Grants
733	Dual enrollment classes	167	School Improvement Grants
734	Advanced coursework / dual enrollment classes	167	School Improvement Grants
735	Teacher attendance rate	167	School Improvement Grants
745	Increased learning time	167	School Improvement Grants
752	Baseline Indicator	167	School Improvement Grants

The changes to these file specifications can be viewed in the file specification documents available on the [EDFacts Initiative Home page](#).

3.1.5 ESS Business Rule Updates

The following table lists the new and updated Business Rules for SY 2017-18 and SY 2018-19 that were implemented in this release.

Table 5 – SY 2018-19 Business Rules Updated

Change Type	Rule IDs
Enabled Business Rules	The following Business Rules are enabled for the School level FS206 file starting with SY 2018-2019: ER-1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 43, 50, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 93, 103

Change Type	Rule IDs
Updated Existing Business Rules	<p>Updated the following Business Rules to trigger when the current year operational status is New/Added/Future for a LEA/school with the same attributes (zip and name, zip, name): M-15, M-16, M-17, M-18, M-19 and M-20</p> <p>Updated the following Business Rule to trigger when the prior and current year record for the same <LEA/School> have statuses that do not follow the logical progression of statuses within EDFacts: ER-131</p> <p>Updated the following Business Rule to trigger when the date provided is not in the correct format (YYYY-MM-DD) or is not a valid date: ER-132</p> <p>Updated the following Business Rule to trigger when a management organization EIN number has been used multiple times in the submission: ER-129</p> <p>Updated the following Business Rule to trigger when the Effective Date is missing or is after the end of the school year for the file: ER-51</p>
New Business Rules	<p>Implemented the following new Business Rules for FS198 and FS206: S198-R01, S206-R01</p> <p>Implemented the following new Business Rules: ER-128, ER-129, ER-130, ER-131 and ER-132</p>
Discontinued Business Rules	<p>The following Business Rule has been discontinued starting with SY 2017-2018: ER-84</p>

All enabled Business Rules are included in the **EDFacts Business Rules Guide SY 2017-18 and SY 2018-19** posted on the [EDFacts Initiative \(Business Rules\) Home page](#).

The Business Rules Guide will be posted to the [Department of Education Home page](#) shortly following the release of ESS Release 15.0. The Business Rules Guide will include updated or newly enabled business rules and will not include disabled business rules for SY 2017-18 and SY 2018-19. The PSC will issue a broadcast message indicating when the updated Business Rules Guide is available.



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