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1.0 BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) version 15.2 released in October 2019.

EDFacts is a centralized, coordinated repository of state reported 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 15.2 (October 2019) release is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school year (SY) 2018-19 file specification data that are due on or before February 2020 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to this data.

Due dates for SY 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) 44 file specifications for SY 2018-19.
 - a) 41 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
 - b) 2 file specifications were rolled over with changes
 - c) 1 file specification was deactivated for SY 2018-19

- 2) ESS Data Framework updated for file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2018-19.
- 3) Updated new and existing Business Rules.

3.1.1 SY 2018-19 File Specifications with No Changes

The following table lists all the 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
005	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Removal to Interim Alternative Educational Setting
006	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Suspensions/Expulsions
007	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Reasons for Unilateral Removal
009	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Exiting Special Education
045	Immigrant
050	Title III English Language Proficiency Results
067	Title III Teachers
070	Special Education Teachers
082	CTE Concentrators Exiting
083	CTE Concentrators Graduates
088	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Disciplinary Removals
099	Special Education Related Services Personnel
103	Accountability
112	Special Education Paraprofessionals
116	Title III Students Served
121	Migrant Students Eligible - 12 Months
122	MEP Students Eligible and Served - Summer/Intersession
126	Title III Former EL Students
132	Section 1003 Funds
137	English Language Proficiency Test
138	Title III English Language Proficiency Test
139	English Language Proficiency Results
143	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Total Disciplinary Removals
144	Educational Services During Expulsion
154	CTE Concentrators Graduation Rate
155	CTE Participants in Programs for Non-traditional
156	CTE Concentrators in Programs for Non-traditional
157	CTE Concentrators Technical Skills
158	CTE Concentrators Placement
163	Discipline Data

File	SY 2018-19 File Specification Name
169	CTE Type of Placement
170	LEA Subgrant Status
194	Young Homeless Children Served (McKinney-Vento)
195	Chronic Absenteeism
199	Graduation Rate Indicator Status
200	Academic Achievement Indicator Status
201	Other Academic Indicator Status
202	School Quality or Student Success Indicator Status
203	Teachers
204	Title III English Learners
205	Progress Achieving English Language Proficiency Indicator Status

3.1.2 SY 2018-19 File Specifications with Technical Changes

The following table lists the technical changes that were approved for SY 2018-19 and implemented with this release.

Table 2 – SY 2018-19 File Specifications Enabled with Changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
655	Homeless students enrolled table	118	Homeless Students Enrolled
681	CTE concentrators academic achievement table	142	CTE Concentrators Academic Achievement

3.1.3 SY 2018-19 Discontinued File Specification

The following table lists the SY 2018-19 file specifications that were discontinued with this release.

Table 3 – SY 2018-19 File Specification Discontinued

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
796	MEP students priority for services table	192	MEP Students Priority for Services

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

3.1.4 SY 2018-19 ESS Business Rule Updates

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

Table 4 – SY 2018-19 Business Rules Updated

Change Type	Rule IDs
Updated Business Rules	The following Business Rules are updated for the SEA level FS 050, and 121 files starting with SY 2018-2019: S050-R01, S050-R02, S121-R04
Discontinued Business Rule	The following Business Rule is discontinued from SY 2017-18 and onwards: S121-R01

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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