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1.0 BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) version 16.2 released in October 2020.

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 16.2 release is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school year (SY) 2019-20 file specification data that are due on or before February 2021 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to this data.

Due dates for SY 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) 42 file specifications for SY 2019-20
 - a) 12 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
 - b) 14 file specifications were rolled over with changes
 - c) 6 new files specifications for SY 2019-20

- d) 5 file specifications were discontinued for SY 2019-20
 - e) 5 files specifications were rolled over and deactivated for SY 2019-20
- 2) ESS Data Framework updated for file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2019-20
 - 3) Updated new and existing Business Rules

3.1.1 SY 2019-20 File Specifications with No Changes

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

Table 1 – SY 2019-20 File Specifications Enabled with No Changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
519	Immigrant table	045	Immigrant
422	Title III teachers table	067	Title III Teachers
486	Special education teachers (FTE) table	070	Special Education Teachers (FTE)
596	Students involved with firearms table	086	Students Involved with Firearms
609	Special education related services personnel (FTE) table	099	Special Education Related Services Personnel
699	State poverty designation	103	Accountability
647	Special education paraprofessionals (FTE) table	112	Special Education Paraprofessionals
683	Educational services during expulsion table	144	Educational Services During Expulsion
603	GFSA reporting status	163	Discipline Data
754	McKinney-Vento subgrant recipient flag	170	LEA Subgrant Status
818	Young homeless children served (McKinney-Vento) table	194	Young Homeless Children Served (McKinney-Vento)
839	Teachers table	203	Teachers

3.1.2 SY 2019-20 File Specifications with Technical Changes

The following table lists the technical changes that were approved for SY 2019-20 and implemented with this release.

Table 2 – SY 2019-20 File Specifications Enabled with Changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
512	Children with disabilities (IDEA) removal to interim alternative educational setting table	005	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Removal to Interim Alternative Educational Setting

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
475	Children with disabilities (IDEA) suspensions/expulsions table	006	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Suspensions/Expulsions
476	Children with disabilities (IDEA) reasons for unilateral removal table	007	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Reasons for Unilateral Removal
85	Children with disabilities (IDEA) exiting special education table	009	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Exiting Special Education
598	Children with disabilities (IDEA) disciplinary removals table	088	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Disciplinary Removals
648	Title III students served table	116	Title III Students Served
849	Title III students served in English language instruction program table		
655	Homeless students enrolled table	118	Homeless Students Enrolled
681	CTE concentrators academic achievement table	142	CTE Concentrators Academic Achievement
682	Children with disabilities (IDEA) total disciplinary removals table	143	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Total Disciplinary Removals
702	CTE concentrators in graduate rate table	154	CTE Concentrators Graduation Rate
704	CTE concentrators non-traditional program table	156	CTE Concentrators in Programs for Non-traditional
736	CTE concentrators placement table	158	CTE Concentrators Placement
753	CTE concentrators placement type table	169	CTE Type of Placement
814	Chronic absenteeism table	195	Chronic Absenteeism

3.1.3 SY 2019-20 New File Specification

The following table lists the new SY 2019-20 file specifications that were implemented with this release.

Table 3 – SY 2019-20 New File Specifications

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
847	CTE secondary concentrator enrollment table	209	CTE Enrollment
848	CTE secondary participation enrollment table		
858	CTE concentrators in extended year graduate rate table	213	CTE Concentrators in Extended Year Graduate Rate
859	CTE concentrators postsecondary credential table	214	CTE Concentrators Postsecondary Credential
860	CTE concentrators postsecondary credits table	215	CTE Concentrators Postsecondary Credits
861	CTE concentrators work-based learning table	216	CTE Concentrators Work-Based Learning
862	CTE concentrators program quality table	217	CTE Concentrators Program Quality

3.1.4 SY 2019-20 Discontinued File Specification

The following table lists the SY 2019-20 file specifications that were discontinued with this release.

Table 4 – SY 2019-20 File Specifications Discontinued

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
521	CTE concentrators exiting table	082	CTE Concentrators Exiting
320	CTE concentrators graduates table	083	CTE Concentrators Graduates
703	CTE participants in programs for non-traditional table	155	CTE Participants in Programs for Non-traditional
705	CTE concentrators technical skills table	157	CTE Concentrators Technical Skills
840	Title III English learners not proficient within five years table	204	Title III English Learners
841	Title III English learners exited table		

3.1.5 SY 2019-20 Rolled Over and Deactivated File Specification

The following table lists the SY 2019-20 file specifications that were rolled over and deactivated with this release.

Table 5 – SY 2019-20 File Specifications Deactivated

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
151	Title III English language proficiency results table	050	Title III English Language Proficiency Results
668	Title III former EL students table	126	Title III Former EL Students
674	English language proficiency test table	137	English Language Proficiency Test
675	Title III English language proficiency test table	138	Title III English Language Proficiency Test
676	English language proficiency results table	139	English Language Proficiency Results

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

3.1.6 SY 2019-20 ESS Business Rule Updates

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

Table 6 – SY 2019-20 Business Rules Updated

Change Type	Rule IDs
Updated Business Rules	<p>The following Business Rules were updated for the SEA level FS116, FS142, FS154, FS156 and FS158 files starting with SY 2019-2020:</p> <p>S116-R01, S142-R01, S154-R01, S156-R01, S158-R01</p>
Discontinued Business Rules	<p>The following Business Rules were discontinued beginning in SY 2019-20:</p> <p>S082-R01, S083-R01, S155-R01 and S157-R01</p>

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



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