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1.0 BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) version 17.0 released in December 2020.

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 17.0 is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school year (SY) 2019-20 and SY 2020-21 file specification data that are due on or before February 2021 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to these data.

Due dates for SY 2019-20 and 2020-21 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 2019-20
 - a) 10 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
 - b) 11 file specifications were rolled over with changes

- 2) 8 file specifications for SY 2020-21
 - a) 8 file specifications were rolled over with no changes
- 3) 7 file specifications rolled over and deactivated
 - a) 5 file specifications were rolled over and deactivated for SY 2019-20
 - b) 2 files specifications were rolled over and deactivated for SY 2020-21
- 4) Updated ESS Data Framework file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2019-20 and 2020-21
- 5) Updated existing Business Rules

3.1.1 File Specifications with No Changes

The following tables list all the SY 2019-20 and 2020-21 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
548	Title I SWP/TAS participation table	037	Title I Part A SWP/TAS Participation
628	N or D academic achievement table - state agency	113	N or D Academic Achievement - State Agency
635	MEP students eligible and served summer/intersession table	122	MEP Students Eligible and Served - Summer/Intersession
629	N or D academic achievement table – LEA	125	N or D Academic Achievement - LEA
56	Economically disadvantaged students	132	Section 1003 Funds
794	School Improvement Funds 1003(a)		
670	Title I participation table	134	Title I Part A Participation
110	Migrant students eligible regular school year	165	Migrant Data
514	Consolidated MEP funds status		
782	N or D academic and career and technical outcomes in programs table – LEA	180	N or D in Programs Outcomes
783	N or D academic and career and technical outcomes in programs table - state agency		
784	N or D academic and career and technical outcomes exited programs table - LEA	181	N or D Exited Programs Outcomes
785	N or D academic and career and technical outcomes exited programs table - state agency		

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
788	Parental involvement reservation	193	Title I Allocations
797	Title I, Part A Allocations		

Table 2 – SY 2020-21 File Specifications enabled with no changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
1	LEA identifier (NCES)	029	Directory
4	LEA identifier (state)		
5	School identifier (state)		
7	Education entity name		
8	Address mailing		
9	Address location		
10	Telephone - education entity		
11	Web site address		
16	Updated operational status – LEA		
21	School type		
27	Charter status		
453	LEA type		
458	Chief state school officer contact information		
529	School identifier (NCES)		
531	Updated operational status – school		
551	Supervisory union identification number		
559	State code		
570	State agency number		
571	Effective date		
653	Charter LEA status		
669	Out of state indicator		
743	Reconstituted status		
804	Charter authorizer identifier (state)		
Neg 16	Start operational status - LEA		
Neg 531	Start operational status - school		
18	Grades offered	039	Grades offered
36	Persistently dangerous status	130	ESEA Status
798	Charter authorizer name	190	Charter Authorizer Directory
805	Charter authorizer address location		
806	Charter authorizer address mailing		
807	Charter authorizer type		

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
808	Charter authorizer identifier (state)		
825	Management organization name	196	Management Organization for Charter Schools Roster
826	Employer identification number (EIN)		
827	Organization address location		
828	Organization address mailing		
829	Management organization type		
833	Management organization EIN	197	Crosswalk of Charter Schools to Management Organizations
830	Charter contract ID number	198	Charter Contracts
831	Charter contract approval date		
832	Charter contract renewal date		
845	State appropriations for charter	207	State Appropriations for Charter Schools

3.1.2 File Specifications with Technical Changes

The following tables list all the SY 2019-20 and 2020-21 file specifications that have been enabled in this release with technical changes.

Table 3 – SY 2019-20 File Specifications enabled with changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
326	Dropouts tables	032	Dropouts
306	Graduates/completers tables	040	Graduates/ Completers
102	MEP students served 12-month table	054	MEP Students Served - 12 Months
656	N or D participation table for state agencies	119	N or D Participation - State Agency
634	Migratory students eligible 12-month table	121	Migratory Students Eligible - 12 Months
657	N or D participation table for LEAs	127	N or D Participation - LEA
614	REAP alternative funding status	131	LEA End of School Year Status
684	MEP services table	145	MEP Services
695	Four-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	150	Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
697	Five-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
755	Six-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
850	Regulatory seven-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
852	Regulatory eight-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
854	Regulatory nine-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
856	Regulatory ten-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
696	Cohorts for four-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	151	Cohorts for Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
698	Cohorts for five-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
756	Cohorts for six-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
851	Cohorts for seven-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
853	Cohorts for eight-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
855	Cohorts for nine-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
857	Cohorts for ten-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table		
739	HS graduates postsecondary enrollment table	160	High School Graduates Postsecondary Enrollment

Table 4 – SY 2020-21 File Specifications enabled with changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
None			

3.1.3 File Specifications Rolled Over and Deactivated

The following tables list the SY 2019-20 and 2020-21 file specifications that have been rolled over and deactivated with this release.

Table 5 – SY 2019-20 File Specifications Deactivated

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
834	Graduation rate indicator status table	199	Graduation Rate Indicator Status
835	Academic achievement indicator status table	200	Academic Achievement Indicator Status
836	Other academic indicator status table	201	Other Academic Indicator Status
838	School quality or student success indicator status table	202	School Quality or Student Success Indicator Status

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
837	Progress achieving English language proficiency indicator status	205	Progress Achieving English Language Proficiency Indicator Status

Table 6 – SY 2020-21 File Specifications Deactivated

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
842	Comprehensive support and targeted support schools	206	School Support and Improvement
866	Comprehensive support identification table	212	Comprehensive Support and Targeted Support Identification
867	Targeted support identification table		

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

3.1.4 ESS Business Rules Updates

The following table lists the new and updated Business Rules for SY 2019-20 and 2020-21 that have been implemented in this release.

Table 7 – SY 2019-20 and SY 2020-21 Business Rules Updated

Change Type	Rule IDs
Updated Existing Business Rules	<p>ESS SY 2019-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S005-R21, S006-R15, S007-R15, S088-R22, S143-R13: Revised rule logic to not evaluate unless both current year and prior year counts are not NULL and greater than zero. ○ S150-R02, R03, R04 and R05: Revised formulas to: Graduates = COHYES + COHALTDPL ○ Non-Graduates = COHNO (does NOT include COHREM) <p>ESS SY 2020-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ER-41: Revised not to fire for FS150 and 151 optional data groups if those data groups are not submitted ○ ER-54: Revised to apply only to FS150/DG 695, 697, 755, 850, 852, 854, 856 ○ ER-92: Revised to check for operational status in Operational Status Updated, or Operational Status SY Start if Operational Status Updated is blank

Change Type	Rule IDs
Documentation changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ER-70, ER-71, ER-72, ER-73, ER-74, ER-77, ER-78: Corrected rule type from Validation to Format○ ER-107, ER-108, ER-109: Clarified Definition and Rule Logic to include "LEA NCES ID for LEA file, only school NCES ID for school file"○ ER-83: Removed note regarding effective date from Rule Logic and Rule Formula○ M-05: Clarified Definition and Rule Logic to include "within the same School Year and State"○ S206-R02: Clarified rule logic to indicate circumstances under which this rule evaluates

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 Support Update following each ESS release.



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