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## 1.0 BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the *EDFacts* Submission System (ESS) version 17.1 released in February 2021.

*EDFacts* is a centralized, coordinated repository of state reported, Pre-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 17.1 is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school year (SY) 2018-19 and SY 2020-21 file specification data that are due on or before December 2021 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to these data.

Due dates for SY 2018-19 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) 1 file specification for SY 2018-19
  - a) 1 file specification was rolled over without technical changes
- 2) 13 file specifications for SY 2020-21

- a) 11 file specifications were rolled over with no technical changes
  - b) 2 file specifications were rolled over with technical changes
- 3) Updated ESS Data Framework for file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2020-21

### 3.1.1 File Specifications with No Changes

The following tables list the SY 2018-19 and SY 2020-21 file specifications that were enabled in this release with no changes.

**Table 1a – SY 2018-19 File Specification enabled with no changes**

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
547	Federal programs funding allocation table	035	Federal Programs

**Table 1b – SY 2020-21 File Specifications enabled with no changes**

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
565	Free and reduced price lunch table	033	Free and Reduced Price Lunch
813	Direct Certification		
39	Membership table	052	Membership
644	Teachers (FTE)	059	Staff FTE
528	Staff FTE table		
22	Title I school status	129	CCD School
24	Magnet status		
573	Shared time status		
791	NSLP status		
803	Virtual School Status		
678	EL enrolled table	141	EL Enrolled
583	Academic achievement in mathematics table	175	Academic Achievement in Mathematics
584	Academic achievement in reading /language arts table	178	Academic Achievement in Reading / Language Arts
585	Academic achievement in science table	179	Academic Achievement in Science
588	Assessment participation in mathematics table	185	Assessment Participation in Mathematics
589	Assessment participation in reading/language arts table	188	Assessment Participation in Reading / Language Arts
590	Assessment participation in science table	189	Assessment Participation in Science

### 3.1.2 File Specifications with Technical Changes

The following table lists the technical changes that were approved for SY 2020-21 file specifications and implemented with this release.

**Table 2 – SY 2020-21 File Specifications enabled with changes**

DG	DG Name	File	File Name	Summary of Change
74	Children with disabilities (IDEA) school age table	002	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School-Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed the abbreviation for the permitted value "Intellectual disability" to "ID" to eliminate the prior references to Mental retardation and "MR," consistent with the intent and requirements of Rosa's Law</li> </ul>
613	Children with disabilities (IDEA) early childhood table	089	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Early Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed permitted value AGE05 Age 5</li> <li>Changed the abbreviation for the permitted value "Intellectual disability" to "ID" to eliminate the prior references to Mental retardation and "MR," consistent with the intent and requirements of Rosa's Law</li> </ul>

### 3.1.3 New File Specifications

There are no new file specifications in this release.

**Table 3 –New File Specification enabled**

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
None			

### 3.1.4 Other Changes

The following table lists other changes made to the system.

**Table 4 – Other Changes**

Change Description
Revised the password reset functionality for password resets performed prior to password expiration. When the user clicks Enter on the password reset screen, the screen now displays a pop-up with the message "Password changed successfully" and an OK button to proceed. When the OK button is clicked the user is returned to the Home page.

### 3.1.5 Business Rule Updates

The following table lists the new, updated, and discontinued Business Rules for SY 2020-21 that were implemented in this release.

**Table 5 – SY 2020-21 Business Rules Updates**

Change Type	Rule IDs
Updated Existing Business Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ER-37: Corrected Error Message to display the proper variable text in “Error Param1”</li> <li>○ ER-50: Applied this edit to the categories that are mandatory for all category sets in FS175, 178 and 179 for SY 2020-21 and onward               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade Level (Assessment)</li> <li>● Assessment Administered</li> <li>● Proficiency Status</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ S002-R59 and S002-R60: Revised Edit Definition, Logic and Error Message for S002-R59 and S002-R60 to remove the references to “ages” because the rules do not take ages into consideration</li> </ul>
New Business Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ER-136 was created to trigger an error at the SEA level when data are reported for category Major Racial and Ethnic Groups using Asian/Pacific Islander (MAP) with either Asian (MA) or Native Hawaiian \ Other Pacific Islander \ Pacific Islander (MNP) in file specifications FS175, 178, 179, 185, 188 and 189.</li> <li>○ ER-137 was created to trigger an error at the SEA level when data are reported for category Major Racial and Ethnic Groups using Hispanic \ Latino (MHL) with either Hispanic (not Puerto Rican) (MHN) or Puerto Rican (MPR) in file specifications FS175, 178, 179, 185, 188 and 189.</li> <li>○ S175-R15, S178-R12, S179-R06, S185-R08, S188-R08 and S189-R05 submission edits were created to trigger at the LEA level when data are reported for an assessment type using both specific grade level (9, 10, 11 or 12) and the permitted value for high school (HS).</li> <li>○ S175-R16, S178-R13, S179-R07, S185-R09, S188-R09 and S189-R06 submission edits were created to trigger at the School level when data are reported for an assessment type using both specific grade level (9, 10, 11 or 12) and the permitted value for high school (HS).</li> </ul>

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

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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