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NEW! Part II of the SY 2011-12 Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) Will Open on Monday, January 7

Part II of the SY 2011-12 Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) will open for data entry the morning of Monday, January 7, 2013. Once the system has been successfully launched and verified, PSC will send a dedicated broadcast announcing that states may begin data entry.

NEW! Guidance Update to the SY 2011-12 C159 Average Scale Score File Specification

The guidance in Section 2.4.2 of the C159 Average Scale Score File Specification has been updated. States that administer multiple assessments in either math or reading/language arts (e.g. students take an English and a reading assessment in grade 4) should contact Partner Support Center for state specific guidance. Previous guidance indicated that the average scale scores on the multiple assessments should be combined.

NEW! GFSA Webinar Will Be Held On January 23

PSC will host a Webinar regarding the Guns Free Schools Act (GFSA) with the Office of Safe and Healthy Students from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., EST on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. The Webinar will touch on Requirements for the GFSA Data Collection, changes to the data collection, new edits for the files involved as well as changes to the EMAPS survey used to collect additional data. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/969556608>

Reminder: EMAPS State Submission Plan (SSP) Version 6.0 Now Open

Last Friday Release 6 of the EMAPS State Submission Plan (SSP) survey was launched. The survey's purpose is to collect metadata that will provide your state's ED Facts file submission plans for SY 2012-13 to ED. A copy of the user guide is attached to this Support Update.

Reminder: NCES Webinar For SY 2012-13 Submissions Will Be Held On January 9

The CCD team at NCES will host a webinar for state submitters on January 9, 2013. During this webinar NCES will discuss the 2012-13 collection year schedule as well as data quality concerns and practices aimed at improving the timeliness and quality of the CCD items. It will also provide an opportunity for SEA respondents and stakeholders to ask questions and voice concerns regarding the 2012-13 collection year. Please note the special time this webinar will take place is: 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m., EST. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/289885561>

Reminder: CSPR Policy Webinars in January

In January, PSC will be continuing to host a series of CSPR-related policy webinars for individual ED program offices. The webinars in January will cover Part II data. They will be roughly a half hour in duration and cover changes or policy specific information for the program offices.

The first webinar will focus on graduation rate data (section 2.11) and the lists of schools and districts (section 2.12). It will be held on January 9, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., EST. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/626056913>

The second webinar will be for Office of Migrant Education (OME) data. It will be held on January 16, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., EST. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/252794720>

Reminder: PSC Online Meeting with States for January

After a holiday hiatus, the PSC Monthly Online Meeting with States will return in January. The January meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 30, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., EST. After a brief update on PSC facts and figures, ED will provide additional information regarding the proposed EDFacts Collection of ESEA Flexibility Data.

ED encourages states to invite any additional staff who might benefit from additional details about the collection of Flexibility Data.

To register for this Webinar, please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/997831409>

Reminder: School Improvement Grants Webinar Held On December 18, 2012

The Office of School Turnaround (OST) hosted a webinar on Tuesday, December 18th to discuss the upcoming public release of SIG leading indicator data planned for January 2013 and how it impacts states. In addition, OST provided guidance on submitting SY 2011-12 data and discussed common data quality issues.

The Questions Log from the Webinar has been finalized and is attached to this Support Update.

A recording of the Webinar is available at:

<http://www.mediafire.com/?uudwwr5vxca55u>

A PDF copy of the PowerPoint presentation used for the Webinar is attached to this Update and a full version is available at:

<http://www.mediafire.com/view/?dn6pulxe2h63bc5>

Reminder: SY 2008-09 C032 and C040 Files Released For Updates and Corrections

Due to some data quality errors identified recently, NCES has planned an update to the SY 2008-09 state dropout and completer data release. Please take the opportunity through the end of January to update and correct any data in *EDFacts* on the 032 and 040 file specs such that we can include the most up-to-date data possible in our updated release. NCES will not accept any changes following the end of January and will subsequently release a FINAL version of the CCD state level dropout and completer data. This includes data affecting dropout rates and the Average Freshmen Graduation Rate (AFGR).

Reminder: 30-Day Public Comment Period Opens for Three-Year EDFacts Clearance Request

The notice of the 30-day comment period for the proposed Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through *EDFacts* for school years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 has been published in the Federal Register. To review the proposed collection, go to www.regulations.gov and search on "ED-2012-ICCD-0063." (If that doesn't work, search on 0063 and the *EDFacts* collections should come up on a list.) **The deadline for submitting comments is January 11, 2013.** For assistance in using the regulations.gov website, click on the "How to Use Regulations.gov" under "Help" at the bottom of the screen. You will find general guidance plus contact information for support at that link. See below for tips on how to access, review, and comment on the *EDFacts* package.

Based on comments received during the 60-day public comment period, several revisions were made to the proposed collection, including:

- ED will not be collecting the proposed data groups of Directly Certified Students or FRPL Lunches Served
- The proposed data groups for LEA Tuition-in and LEA Tuition-out data groups have been significantly revised (new names and new definitions)
- A more thorough explanation of the proposed Grade 13 permitted value and its anticipated use is included in Attachment E, beginning on page E-22.

Also, please be aware that following the 60-day public comment period, additional changes were requested by program offices in order to (1) streamline collections, (2) align with other collection instruments (e.g. the CSPR), or (3) improve ED's use of the data. These changes are explained in Part Two of Attachment C, and include:

- Collecting data on all schools for data groups that were formerly collected only for Tier I and Tier II SIG schools to allow for better data use by ED
- Streamlining the N or D collection of data related to long term students
- Adding a data group to collect Title I Allocations to be used to prepopulate the CSPR in the section on Parental Involvement Reservation
- Splitting DG694 into two data groups for better management and use of the data by ED

Finally, we received a comment from a non-profit organization requesting the collection of a student subgroup for military connected data. We indicated in our response that ED welcomes further input on the proposed subgroup, including comments on the potential burden on schools and LEAs to collect, manage, and report the data. The comment and ED's response are included on page E-31 of Attachment E.

How to Review the Package

Access the "Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through ED*Facts*" package by going to www.regulations.gov and searching on "ED-2012-ICCD-0063." You will find the B attachments (which contain the full data set) by clicking on Forms and Instructions. Once there, Attachment B1, which includes information on the collection of Directory data (including the new Charter Authorizer elements and Virtual School Status), can be viewed by clicking on "View Document." The other B attachments are listed by name. (B2 contains general information on ED*Facts*, B3 contains the data groups, B4 contains the categories, and B5 contains the two IDEA table collections through EMAPS.) To view Attachments C and E, return to the main screen for the ED*Facts* package and click on "Supporting Statements." Attachment C outlines all of the proposed changes, including revisions made based on the 60-day public comment period. Attachment E summarizes comments received during the 60-day public comment period and ED's responses to those comments.

How to Comment

Comments may be submitted at www.regulations.gov, or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.*

To make comments using www.regulations.gov, search on "ED-2012-ICCD-0063" to access the "Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through ED*Facts*" package. Click on "Comment Now!" on the right hand side. Required fields for submitting comments are "Category," located on the left side of the Comment screen near the bottom, and the Comment box.

Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. The deadline for comments is January 11, 2013.

Upcoming Due Dates and Reminder to Update SSP as Necessary

SY 2011-12 Files

NCES Files (Due January 31)

- C032 Dropouts
- C040 Graduates/ Completers
- C041 Graduation Rate
- C131 LEA End of SY Status
- C150 Regulatory Four-Year Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate
- C151 Cohorts for Regulatory Four-Year Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate

SIG/SFSF Files (Due January 31)

- C159 Average Scale Score
- C167 School Improvement Grants

SIG/SFSF Files (Due February 8)

- C160 High School Graduates Postsecondary Enrollment
- C166 Evaluation of Staff

CSPR Part II Files (Due into ESS by February 14 at 5:00 pm ET)

- C036 Title I Part A TAS Services
- C037 Title I Part A SWP/TAS Participation
- C054 MEP Students Served – 12 Months
- C065 Federally Funded Staff
- C113 N or D Academic Achievement – State Agency
- C119 N or D Participation – State Agency
- C123 MEP Students Served – Regular School Year
- C124 MEP Students Served – Summer/ Intersession
- C125 N or D Academic Achievement – LEA
- C127 N or D Participation – LEA
- C134 Title I Part A Participation
- C135 N or D Long Term
- C145 MEP Services
- C164 Migrant Data

OESE/ OSHS Files (Due February 28)

- C030 Discipline Incidents
- C136 Students Disciplined

SY 2012-13 Files

NCES Files (Due January 31)

- N029 Directory
- N039 Grades Offered

IDEA Files (Due February 6)

- N002 Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School-Age
- C089 Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Early Childhood

OESE File (Due February 14)

- C130 ESEA Status

Flexibility Files (Due to ESS by March 31, 2013)

- C171 Academic Achievement – Flexibility Subgroups
- C172 Assessment Participation – Flexibility Subgroups

- [C173 Status – Flexibility Subgroups](#)
- [C174 Graduation Rates – Flexibility Subgroups](#)
- [C177 Cohorts for Graduation Rates – Flexibility Subgroups](#)

NOTE: *When a state is granted an extension request to submit a specific file later than the due date, this does not mean that the due date itself has changed.*

EDFacts System Status

This is to provide the current status of the EDFacts Submission System (ESS) data:

ESS Status (weekly statistics from Wednesday to Wednesday)

System Status: ESS system is up and running

Files Received: 790

Files Processed: 471 (37 superseded, 279 had errors)

Average File Processing Time: 2 minutes, 10 seconds

Support Issues, Solutions, and Metrics

The following is provided to give you some insight into issues being handled by your Partner Support Center (PSC):

New Issues Affecting Multiple SEAs:

1. ESS – Multiple states have contacted PSC after receiving format error ER-6 for their XML file submissions. Status: PSC has escalated this issue to our technical team to investigate. If your state receives this format error, please contact PSC.

There are no new or updated knowledgebase articles.

Average Time to Resolution (excluding weekends, 6 week rolling average)

Tickets requiring escalation: 21.594 days

Tickets not requiring escalation: 0.447 days

Response time to e-mail inquiries: 0.04 hours

Thank you,
PSC

EDFacts Partner Support Center
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For general feedback on PSC support, contact: [Joe Murphy](#)