

* This message is being sent to all ED*Facts* Submitters - also available online at www.ed.gov/edfacts/support.html *

NEW! Graduation Rate Metadata Survey

As mentioned at last year's ED*Facts* coordinators meeting, the Policy and Program Studies Service within the Department will be conducting a survey of state policies and procedures for calculating the regulatory adjusted cohort graduation rate. As you are aware, the graduation rate data are receiving extensive scrutiny and use, and the Department would like to better understand the variations in state policies and procedures in calculating the rates, particularly in how states are defining their cohorts.

Next week PSC will be sending you a 21-question, short-answer survey. Please forward the survey to whomever in your agency is responsible for setting the guidelines for the state's adjusted cohort graduation rate. Responses are due back to PSC by Friday, April 19. The information you provide is primarily for internal use within the Department; however, if the information would be useful in understanding anomalies in the data, some of the information may be shared in the explanatory notes included with public releases of the graduation rate data reported to ED*Facts*.

NEW! OSEP Data Review Process Webinar Was Held on March 7, 2013

A webinar was held on March 7, 2013 to give an update on the OSEP data review process.

The full PowerPoint presentation used for the Webinar is attached to this Support Update. The Questions Log from the Webinar is has been finalized and is also attached to this Support Update.

Due to technical difficulties, the Webinar was recorded in two parts. The following are links to download the recordings of the session and the full PowerPoint presentation:

Recording Part I: <http://www.mediafire.com/?hph2t86h0q2syyh>

Recording Part II: <http://www.mediafire.com/?3x4rk724o9jrkuF>

PowerPoint: <http://www.mediafire.com/view/?stf64k4s7lu695j>

NEW! Update to ED*Facts* Reporting System

Over the weekend of March 23-24, the Reports team will be upgrading the ED*Facts* Reporting System (ERS) to the latest version of the software. There will be no impact on the functionality for state users, but the front page will have a different appearance when users access ERS starting on the morning of Monday, March 25.

NEW! EMAPS Part B MOE Reduction and CEIS Training Webinar Will Be Held March 26, 2013

OSEP, ED*Facts*, and Partner Support Center (PSC) will conduct an **EMAPS Part B Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Reduction and Coordinated Early Intervening Services**

(CEIS) Training Webinar on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. EST. The Webinar will present an overview of the Part B MOE Reduction and CEIS data collection process as well as a demonstration of the submission system in EMAPS.

A recording of the webinar and the PowerPoint presentation will be publically available after the webinar (a link will be provided in a subsequent email).

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

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/271274704>

NEW! SSS IDEA Survey Opens Monday March 18th

The State Supplemental Survey for IDEA Metadata will be available on the EMAPS homepage for review and submission from March 18 through April 1, 2013. An automated message will be sent when this is deployed. OSEP identified the IDEA Part B Data Manager as the person to respond to the survey; the EDFacts Coordinator has read-only status for this application. If you have misplaced this password, or otherwise need help accessing EMAPS for this survey please contact PSC. The user guide, explaining the new functionalities and navigation and new questions within the State Supplemental Survey is attached.

Reminder: EMAPS IDEA-SSS Training Webinar Will Be Held March 18, 2013

PSC will conduct an EMAPS IDEA State Supplemental Survey (SSS) Training Webinar on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. EDT. The Webinar will present an introduction to and overview of the SSS Process as well as a demonstration of the survey in EMAPS.

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

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/886951440>

Reminder: Public Release of SY 2010-11 School Level Adjusted Cohort Grad Rates and Cohort Counts

A dataset containing SY 2010-11 school-level adjusted cohort graduation rates and cohort counts was publicly released on Tuesday, March 5 on the data.gov website. This is the dataset that was available for preview over the past week for those states that requested access through PSC. The dataset and accompanying documentation may be accessed at <https://explore.data.gov/Education/Adjusted-Cohort-Graduation-Rates-at-the-school-lev/m5pw-2ea9>.

Reminder: EDFacts Three-Year Clearance Request Has Been Approved

OMB has approved the EDFacts three-year clearance request. The final package approved for collection includes the following new items:

- Virtual school status

- Charter school authorizer directory information
- Students sent to or received from schools outside the LEA
- Grade 13 added as a permitted value for certain data groups
- Changes to the migrant collection as outlined during the 60-day comment period

Proposed changes included in either the 60-day and 30-day comment periods that will NOT be made include:

- The collection of NSLP Directly Certified Students and FRPL Lunches Served
- Collecting data on all schools for data groups that were formerly collected only for Tier I and Tier II SIG schools

Additional information on the new data set will be shared in a PSC webinar to be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 3PM EDT.

Reminder: Approved SY 2013-14 EDFacts Clearance Package: PSC Online Meeting with States on April 3, 2013

ED will review the approved EDFacts Clearance submission for SY 2013-14 during the PSC Monthly Online Meeting with States in January. The April meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., EDT.

ED encourages States to invite any additional staff who might benefit from this review.

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

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/264157624>

Reminder: OESE/OST Requesting Review of SY 2011-12 School-Level Assessment and School Improvement Grant Data

Over the next couple of days, PSC will be reaching out to states on behalf of OESE and OST to request the review and verification of states' SY 2011-12 school-level assessment and participation data as well as their SY 2011-12 C167 school improvement grant data. All data must be verified and resubmitted, if necessary, by March 27, 2013.

Reminder: IDEA Part B Assessment Data Review Process

The final IDEA Assessment data were due on March 7, 2013. Please review comments concerning your data in OMB MAX: <https://max.omb.gov/community/x/FxPdJQ>. Please address the comments starred on the uploaded Data Quality Reports in your IDEA assessment data resubmissions. You can only access the IDEA Data Quality Reports from MAX.

Based on this year's review of the data, we are asking states to revise their submissions to ensure the following:

*All required IDEA assessment files have been submitted to ED*Facts* (including C004 - Reasons for Not Participating & C146 - 1% and 2% Caps data)

*All comments related to the accuracy of the data on OMB Max have been addressed

*Data are reported for all assessments given in your state, including alternate assessments and regular assessments both with and without accommodations

*Zero counts are included in all files, including counts by performance level, grade, non-participation reasons, etc.

We would like states to take note of the comments on the completeness of the data on the following topics:

*Full Academic Year and Non-Full Academic Years status is reported for each grade level, assessment type, and subject area

*The types of assessments given and the number of performance levels for each assessment match the information submitted by the state's Assessment Directors for the Academic Achievement Levels (AAL) meta-data survey

*The data submitted in C004 - Reasons for Not Participating matching the information submitted by the Data Manager in the State Supplemental Survey-IDEA meta-data survey.

We will be working with states to address these topics throughout the year. We anticipate including these items in the review of the SY 2012-13 IDEA assessment data.

March 18, 2013 is the new freeze date for data submitted November 2012: Note that OSEP previously used a July "freeze" date for data submitted the prior November.

Data in the system as of March 18 will be used for data products such as the Annual Report to Congress and data tables posted publicly.

Reminder: EMAPS IDEA Part C Exiting and Dispute Resolution and Part B Dispute Resolution Processes Re-Open Period

The IDEA Part C Exiting and Dispute Resolution and the Part B Dispute Resolution Processes re-opened February 19, 2013 and will remain open until March 18, 2013. Please review comments concerning your data in OMB Max. Data for all three processes are due on 3/18/2013 11:59 PM EST. These data must be submitted via the ED*Facts* Metadata and Process System (EMAPS; <https://emaps.ed.gov/suite/apps>).

These data are submitted to meet the annual data reporting requirements under IDEA Section 618.

If you have any questions or need help accessing the EMAPS system, please email the ED*Facts* Partner Support Center (PSC) at EDEN_SS@ed.gov.

Upcoming Due Dates and Reminder to Update SSP as Necessary

SY 2011-12 Files

OESE/ OSHS Files (Due March 02)

- [C086 Students Involved with Firearms](#)
- [C094 Firearm Incidents](#)
- [C163 Discipline Data](#)

Flexibility Files (Due March 31)

- [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](#)
- [C183 Title I Allocations – Flexibility File](#)

SY 2012-13 Files

NCES/CCD Files (Due March 31)

- [C033 Free and Reduced Price Lunch](#)
- [C052 Membership](#)
- [C129 CCD School](#)

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: 965

Files Processed: 428 (23 superseded, 240 had errors)

Average File Processing Time: 4 minutes, 16 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):

There are no new issues affecting multiple SEAs.

New or updated knowledgebase articles:

- TIP0091 - Changes Users Need to Make to Schedule Reports to Run Automatically

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

Tickets requiring escalation:	6.729days
Tickets not requiring escalation:	0.685 days
Response time to e-mail inquiries:	0.04 hours

Thank you,
PSC

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