

PSC Solution: TIP0073

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Application: ESS

School Year: 2010-2011

File Specifications: N/X003 Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Academic Achievement and
N/X093 Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Participation in Assessments

Solution Type: Technical Tip

Title: Reporting N/X003 and N/X093 for SY 2010-11

Issue Description:

The below message was sent to States from Ross Santy on April 8, 2011 concerning the consolidation of IDEA assessment files with ESEA files. His message:

The School Year (SY) 2010-13 *EDFacts* Data Set, approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in August 2010, included a plan for the consolidation of most of the ESEA and IDEA assessment data groups into common file specifications. The purpose of the consolidation was to improve the data quality and timeliness of the assessment data used by multiple offices of the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

In the interim, the *EDFacts* systems have been going through a mandatory server upgrade that is now scheduled to be completed in June 2011. Unfortunately, this process has absorbed significant ED resources and the work to enable all submissions to the EDEN Submission System (ESS) for SY 2010-11 is slightly delayed. In addition, some SEAs have expressed concerns that they would be unable to consolidate the assessment files into a new reporting specification for their SY 2010-11 data.

After careful analysis of these situations, ED is requesting OMB to grant a temporary delay in the consolidation of the assessment files. If the request is granted, ED will re-institute the previously used assessment file specifications (i.e., for ESEA and IDEA) for use again with SY 2010-11 submissions.

SEAs will report all of their assessment (and participation in assessment) data, as they did for SY 2009-10, using the same file specifications, with two differences. First, all of the SY 2010-11 assessment data (i.e., for ESEA and IDEA) will be due for submission to *EDFacts* by December 15, 2011. Secondly, ED will conduct additional congruency analyses of the assessment data to ensure that the data submitted in the ESEA files align with the data submitted in the IDEA files. States will receive these analyses in late January 2012 or early February 2012 (to coincide with the distribution of the SY 2010-11 CSPR Part I verification spreadsheets).

ED acknowledges that the above schedule may result in an increase in the number of files due in December 2011. We are working with our contractors and systems' administrators to ameliorate possible interruptions of services or submission back logs. We will keep you apprised of our efforts, and will be addressing the issues around assessment specifications at our June meeting of the *EDFacts* Coordinators here in Washington, DC.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding your state's plans to submit assessment participation and performance data to *EDFacts* for SY 2010-11, please contact the Partner Support Center.

Thank you.

- Ross Santy

This message means that the following file specifications will be used to report SY 2010-11 data: N/X003, 004, 093, and 146. File specifications N/X003 and 093 were initially going to be consolidated into files N/X075, N/X078 and N/X081. At present, the N/X003 and 093 files are not included in the State Submission Plan. They will be added back in for a future release. More information about these files for the SY 2011-2012 collection will be forth coming.