

ODE EMIS Conference Call Summary

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FY22 Beginning of the Year student (S) collections – Both ITRD and AODE collections will be closing **Monday, December 20, 2021**, one week from today.

Data items that would be finalized December 20th:

1. Federal Child Count
2. Casino Count (which uses enrollment as of the first week in October)
3. Final withdrawal reasons for determination of students in the CTE March D reporting, which is part of the reason they wanted to get those March lists out last week.

ODE does expect that AODE and ITRD data will be used for the January payments. That data is being pulled this morning for a first run. While there is a possibility that ODE may pull this data again later in the week, there is no guarantee, so encourage LEAs to get their data in.

FY22L Initial Staff/Course Collections – ODE sent list out to ITCs today of their LEAs who have not submitted this collection yet.

Q: Can you repeat what you said about the March “D” and Initial “S” collections?

A: March “D” students includes students who were CTE Concentrators who have left secondary education. That includes Graduates, students who transfer to a non-pub or out of Ohio are not included (along with some other WD reasons that take them out).

Some of the first things they should look at on their March lists are:

- Are students **ON** the March list that are still enrolled?
 - If that’s the case, their enrollment is not coming through to ODE, so they’ve put them on the March list thinking they have left secondary education.
- Are students **NOT** on the March list that you expected to see?
 - This could mean that ODE may not have received their WD information, so they may need a Summer Withdrawal (FL), or Student Withdrawal Override (FC), record reported by next Monday.

Q: We struggle each year with what WD reasons should keep a student from not being on the March “D” file; so a student who left for a non-pub or out of state should not be on the report?

A: That’s correct, also if they went to Homeschooling. The documentation is out there, so look at the report explanation for the March D file, and if you still have questions about a specific student or withdraw reason, put in a helpdesk ticket.

Q: If the district doesn't withdraw the kids properly or use the appropriate WD code to remove them from the list, are we still going to be able to appeal them in first appeal?

A: If it comes down to withdrawal reason, you may not be able to appeal them. You just need to get the withdrawal data correct since this is December.

New FTE Reports – ODE mentioned that they will be pulling FY22 data for the January payments. One of the things that they hope to have finished up this week is information on the new FTE totals that are used in the new payment formula. There are two new reports listed on the EMIS Change page that will summarize the FTE records that go into the various calculations on the new payment report. You may see an update to the 1TRD and AODE collection requests later this week. That update would only be to update this report so when LEAs get paid in January, they can compare their payment to their EMIS reports. ODE's goal is to have the new manifest versions out this week but, if not, it can still be added after these collections are closed.

Q: Is there any requirement to install that new version of the Data Collector before we're able to get those reports?

A: No, there is no time sensitivity on that. We'll talk about that new version here in a minute.

Q: Back to the first item you went over, in addition to the FCC and Casino Count deadlines for Initial "S" Collections, English Learners (EL) and Homeless, and is there anything else that comprises those subgroups that is using that data?

A: For FCC, the data we report to the Feds uses all kinds of demographic data, and that demographic data is also included in the payment (Economic Disadvantage, EL Status, Disability Status, etc.) so yes, those data points come into play. Casino Count is purely the enrollment information, so that one is the simplest. One other piece is Gifted; we will be using Gifted Identification for the January payment. However, when we ran the numbers last week, there were about 12% fewer students Identified Gifted statewide if we use FY22 data instead of FY21. Because that was added later in the "S" window this year, we set it up for this first year to use FY21 Gifted ID data instead of FY22 Gifted ID data. Since there is still that big of a gap statewide, we will be using Gifted data from FY21 for the Jan #1 payment. We still encourage everyone to get that in because it could be that by Jan #2 or Feb #1 payments, we could switch over to live Gifted data, and then if it is not submitted it is not there for us to include.

Q: Has ODE noticed a big difference in Disadvantage reporting? I think there are still numerous districts on our end that are not reporting accurately, perhaps because of PEBT, even though we've told them it hasn't changed as far as EMIS reporting.

A: There is a definite fear that numbers will be down; we don't have definite numbers without looking at it, but that wouldn't be a surprise. We think that districts are reporting accurately but that fewer parents are filling out forms, so districts can only report what they have. We encourage everyone to use the Direct Cert process to get those students identified. The numbers will be what

they will be, but luckily, that funding includes a statewide average that should help mitigate any general drop-off

Data Collector Update – The new release was sent to ITCs last Friday afternoon. If your ITC doesn't want to install this week because districts are finishing up before the holidays, that makes perfect sense. There is nothing that is an absolute 'must do' for this new version. It does fix several bugs and there are some new features we've talked about that are included in the release notes. We expect by mid-January that we'll have some use-cases come up where they will need the new Data Collector in place. If there is an opportunity of your ITC to do this while your districts are on break, please do. Then we can use some of the new functionality early in the year.

Q: Will you be putting out a date that you want us to have the new Data Collector updated by? If we had a drop-dead date, that would be better.

A: We'll say January 15, but it is possible that it will be a little bit later than that. We have a couple updates to the FTE report that are in the pipeline that we can't release until the new Data Collector is in place, and also the new Report Collector in place (ODE has software they are still finishing that up for their updates). So, I believe it is going to be mid-January before we have all the pieces in place where we're ready to push out the updates to the FTE report, but it could be later in January. We will know more when we meet on January 10th.

Q: How often is the CTAC-102 report updated? We have a district that updated their Concentrators, submitted their "L" collection on 12/9/21, and submitted their "S" collection on 12/10/21, but this report still shows all students as not being reported as Concentrators.

A: The ZIS went down over the weekend and is in the process of catching up. Depending on how long your Data Collector has been back up, it's possible you are still receiving updates from this weekend's processing. I would double-check to see if the report shows it was updated today since it would have been updated over the weekend. If they submitted "S" data on Friday, it should be reflected in the reports today. There is a possibility you may not have all the updates to the reports yet. If it has not updated yet, it will soon.

Upcoming schedule

ODE ITC Call –Monday, January 10, 2022. (December 27th call has been cancelled)