

ODEW EMIS-ITC Call – 9/3/24

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FY24 Finance Data Review - From Tuesday, Sept. 3rd through Friday, Oct. 11th, treasurers must complete a required review of their 2024 finance data reported in EMIS. The financial data is not included in the initial Local Report Card that will be released next week, but is included in the October release.

FY24 Report Card Data Review and Verification - The window for Report Card Data review which must be completed by district Superintendents closes this Friday, Sept. 6th in preparation for the report card opening next week. The completion status spreadsheet gets updated periodically and is available on the website.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/EMIS/Reporting-Responsibilities/EMIS-Data-Review-Verification>

FY24 Financial Appeal - This appeal window closes Friday, Sept. 20th. It is important for districts to be reviewing reports coming back from ODEW in the Data Collector, as well as the preliminary financial data in the Secure Data Center to ensure financial data are good.

FY25 Retention/Promotion - Grade 3 only - ITCs received a forwarded email from David that was sent by the Accountability Office to districts last week regarding a Potential Data Reporting Error. The message included instructions and a video walk-through to ensure districts are reporting the Retained Status (promotion data) correctly. This data does count in the K-3 Literacy Measure.

There is a difference in reporting this year; previously a district could promote a student that did not meet the score to 4th grade without a parent request, however the parent could still ask that the student be retained. Starting this year, the parent must request promotion to 4th grade (as outlined in Ohio law) if the score was not met; this is the new Retained Status = “P” available this year.

When the Office of Accountability reviewed the 4th grade promotion rates, the percentages were quite low compared to what was expected, and there was concern there may be a large number of districts that would need to file an appeal. As a result, ODEW decided to extend the collection and turn part of the appeals window into a regular reporting window. **The Retention/Promotion Collection will now close on Thursday, Sept. 5th at 5:00pm (not midnight).** On Thursday night, the Local Report Card data will update on the SDC site and districts can review this on Friday morning. **There will only be a 1 day data appeal window - Retention Data appeals can be requested through Friday, Sept. 6th at 3:00pm. The deadline to submit corrected data for an approved appeal is Saturday, Sept. 7th at 5:00pm.** This is the latest ODEW can allow in order to make final report card data available for review in the SDC site. Report cards are published for the public on Thursday, Sept. 12th.

OEDSA Conference - ODEW will be presenting at OEDSA next week, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 12th and 13th. There is a session on Thursday geared towards finance staff, the Financial Reporting and EMIS as it applies to the fiscal department. On Friday, there will be sessions on the Data Collector, ODDEX, EMIS changes, and general EMIS information.

Q&A

Q: We have a lot of districts who are getting the Level 2 Grad-003 Potential College Credit reports, and have a lot of warnings. Is there something going on with these? It seems the district data is ok.

A: For that report there are a number of things ODEW cannot tell for certain in terms of whether or not the data is accurate. That report will have a fair number of warnings, and it's unlikely the district will ever clear them all due to the nature of the data. As an example, AP students are included on that report and a lot of districts don't know if students earned AP credits (though they may find out when obtaining Follow Up data). It's meant to give the district every possible opportunity to count/record the college credit students have earned. Previously, the College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness measure on the report card only required 3 college credits but now requires 12 college credits. Districts may be looking to find additional college credits for students to report during the Graduate Collection. However, because not every student will earn credit or the district may not be in touch with all students before the Graduation Collection closes, these warnings will just live on.

Upcoming Call Schedule

No EMIS Change Call in September

ODEW ITC EMIS Call - Monday, September 16, 2024

Manual guidance prevails if there is a conflict between the information shared on this call and the EMIS Manual.