ODEW EMIS-ITC Call – 04/14/25
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Data Collector Update - An email from Alex Katz to ITC technical contacts will be sent out today regarding a new version of the Data Collector. Details on downloading and installing the new version will be included. Please install the update within the next 2-3 weeks (but no later than the weekend of May 2nd); sooner is better. Until all ITCs have updated to the new version, there are new features ODEW cannot begin to use. Most of the updates are self-explanatory on how they operate; some were discussed at the OECN conference, and these updates will also be covered at OAEP. If there are other questions/issues with the new version, please submit a help desk ticket to ODEW.

New FY25 EMIS Change - During the lame duck session, a bill passed that covers several areas of K-12 education; one of those requires a change for FY25. ODEW posted EMIS Change 25-166 last Friday, which adds a new discipline option. In the section of the law covering expulsions (ORC 3313.66), there is now a provision where districts can establish a policy pertaining to an expelled student, allowing a superintendent to put conditions that the student must meet before they are reinstated; if the student doesn't fulfill those requirements, the expulsion can be extended. This law went into effect on April 9, 2025. This decision must be made at the time a student is expelled, and the Department is required to track information on these students and make it available to districts who subsequently enroll these students. This will be visible in ODDEX under the Grad Module, as long as the information is reported accurately. This will be reported with a new code of Discipline type = 8 (Expulsion under board policy to extend). This will be reported differently from Discipline type = 2 (Expulsion) and is higher in the Order of Severity. There will be a follow up EMIS change for FY26 that will outline what will be reported when a student's expulsion is extended.

> **Q:** Let's say a student is suspended and has an expulsion hearing, and a district has adopted a policy. Would you report the 2 at the time of expulsion, and only report 8 if it is extended?
> **A:** Report the 8, whether it's extended or not. Typically, these expulsions are going to be more serious cases, and the base expulsion would most likely stretch into the next school year. ODEW will have to be able to tie that into this discipline when the expulsion is extended into the next school year. There will be an additional code for FY26 that will indicate this isn't a new expulsion, but rather an extension of a previous expulsion.

> **Q:** So this is not where schools have told us the expulsion was held in abeyance? This is if they are expelled from the get-go?
> **A:** Correct, this is different. There is a limit in law for how long an expulsion can last. This is for a scenario when you expel a student for a lengthy time, and then if the student doesn't comply with the requirements outlined in the plan that's developed at time of expulsion, this allows the expulsion to extend beyond the maximum number of days. This is all spelled out in the law.

> https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.66

FY25 Exiting Student Follow up - ODEW has been working actively on Grads last week and again this morning and are pretty confident updated files will be loaded this week.

> **Q:** What's been the hold up on this?
> **A:** It's a manual process that just takes a while to get everything together.

Ed Choice Overlaps - EdChoice Overlaps files were recently sent out in the Data Collector. Each district that received the 2025_STUDENT_EDCHOICE_OVER1FTE_20250401 file also received a notice in the Message Center of the Data collector regarding this file. ITCs also received a summary message indicating which district(s) received this file. EdChoice overlap is for students who received more than 1 FTE when combined with the EdChoice Expansion. A lot of these are students who started at the public district, then went to the EdChoice Expansion Program. The reduction in FTE that needs to happen is actually on the EdChoice Expansion side. ODEW included these students in the file because they are not currently on the FTE Detail report. The Department wants the districts to be aware of these students and check their data to make sure it's correct. If the information (including enrollment dates) is correct at the district, there is nothing they need to do at this time. If there is an issue with the district's data, please make the needed corrections and submit the updated data.

ODEW will be adding the EdChoice Expansion students into the FTE Detail process and start generating conflicts and FTE reductions for these students early in the End of Year Student Collection window - probably the 2nd week of May.

Q: We looked at this file, but it doesn't show which school the student is at, so we don't know whether it's right or wrong. Are we allowed to have the other school's name on this file? This file tells us the combined FTE; our FTE and the private school's FTE. We see the student is funded with the RGJV code, their SSID, and nothing else. There is no date of when the conflict started.

A: You will get the enrollment date information when we start generating FTE Detail records on these students. ODEW didn't do the conflict calculation manually for this file because it's rather involved. However, once they are added to the FTE Detail report, you'll get the same information on these students as you do with other EdChoice students on that report.

Q: Will we see all EdChoice and EdChoice Expansion students showing on the FTE Detail, or only those with adjustments on the FTE reports?

A: Only if there are adjustments.

> **Q:** Districts ask all the time about how they can find out how many EdChoice students they have. Seems like the data is there. I think there used to be a way to see them in the Scholarship portal. Is there a way for districts to see that?
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> **A:** That information used to be available; not sure why it was removed, but we have to believe it was on purpose, because so many people have asked for it to come back. ODEW does have access to the information, and in the aggregate that information is published on the report card (how many students are residents of the district and have exercised each of the SchoolChoice options). However, it's not really EMIS' data to share directly with districts, detailing the resident students in their district that are using EdChoice and where they're going. The best suggestion we can offer is to reach out to the non-pub office who manages the system it was removed from and ask if that data can be put back.

Q: We are getting a lot of record requests from non-pub schools. Districts withdraw, then get emails from the Office of Non-Pub to withdraw the student a month earlier - using a different date than what was included on records request.

A: I would suggest reaching out to the EdChoice Office for feedback. If the school indicates the student starts one date, and the scholarship is awarded on a different date, should the scholarship start date be changed? This is a worthwhile question for that office. We will have this discussion with them as well.

County Board of Developmental Disabilities Mismatch - ODEW is trying to improve the match of the data between traditional districts and County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (CBDD). A new file is coming to the Data Collector, highlighting the students who appear to have mismatches between the CBDD data and the district the BDD indicates the student is coming from. CBDDs do not report in EMIS, and don't get the same reports traditional districts receive. They send the base enrollment of students in a .csv file to ODEW, where it's compared to EMIS data and used for funding and generating conflicts. Sometimes a conflict is not generated because the CBDD provides an incorrect SSID (or none at all) or the birthdate is different from the one reported by a traditional district. However, it is a student educated at the CBDD and for which they have identified the district of residence. ODEW matches these students based on DOB and SSID between traditional districts and the CBDD - if they can't match, someone is reporting one of these elements incorrectly.

The Department is asking districts to reach out to the CBDD they work with to try to clean this data up. This will assist with getting Overlapping Enrollment conflicts generated when they should be, and enrollment data cleaned up. It's also a good opportunity to collaborate with the CBDD on data quality issues - these are students the EMIS coordinator will need data on (attendance data especially).

This new file will be going out this week; a message will be shared in the data collector for each district receiving the file, as well as a summary message for ITCs. This information will also be sent to BDDs, but it is a manual process since they don't use the Data Collector. Districts will likely see these reports before the BDDs will receive theirs.

Upcoming Call Schedule
Wednesday, April 16 - EMIS Change Call
Thursday, April 17 - Vendor Change Call
Monday, April 28 - ODEW ITC Call

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