

ODEW EMIS-ITC Call – 3/16/2026

Notes provided by Gretchen Martin (ACCESS) and BreAnn Blubaugh (LACA)

ODDEX Release – SSDT is planning to release the group claiming in ODDEX later this week. It was originally scheduled to be released last week, but due to testing, it was pushed to this week.

FY26 Collection Requests – The following collections close within the next couple of weeks.

Closing Friday, March 20, 2026

- FY26 Summer and Fall End of Course Assessment Collection

Closing Friday, March 27, 2026

- FY26 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) Collection

At this point in the school year, the only collections left to open are the FY26 End of Year Student (3TRD) Collection, the FY26 Graduation Collection, and the FY26 Financial Collection.

FY26 Calendar Collection – ODEW has had many questions about calendars because of how many days are being cancelled by districts. ODEW will begin looking a little more closely at calendars around the end of March. ODEW is asking ITCs to review their LEAs' calendar submissions and when they last submitted. ODEW hopes that by the end of the month, all LEAs will have updated their calendars with all calamity days and submitted that information. If it looks like any LEAs haven't submitted since the bad weather, please encourage those entities to submit as soon as possible. ODEW wants to ensure all LEAs are in good shape now, before May comes, and there is less flexibility to make up hours.

Q: Can you explain how calendars look for preschool?

A: A calendar for preschool is a little different because preschool is not compulsory education, and they are not required to be full-time. However, we do want the FTE to calculate based on a full-time calendar. We want a preschooler to be on a calendar that has the same number of hours, basically, as a kindergartener has. We know a preschool student could be considered full-time, but they have fewer hours. The calendar still kind of matches what a kindergarten calendar would look like, time-wise, but you might not have students attending every day because many preschool programs are only in session Monday through Thursday. That's fine, but that student won't show up with a full FTE on the FTE calculation. However, remember that FTE is not used for preschool funding. Preschool funding is by head count. So, a student who attends one hour a week gets funded the same as a student who attends thirty hours a week. Given this, the preschool calendar is somewhat divorced from funding and the requirements of different preschool programs. The reason it matters is that we use preschool FTE as the denominator in the Expenditures Per Pupil. There are also other places that are not funding-based where we do use that preschool FTE. So, if you report a short calendar, it effectively inflates the FTE, which in turn makes it look like you have more preschool enrollment than you actually do on an FTE basis.

Q: We have a school that has been granted an excusal, if you will, for the minimum hours. There is no way they can report that, correct? They were granted a one-time exception from meeting the minimum hours requirement.

A: To the best of my knowledge, there is no flexibility for ODEW to say that someone doesn't have to meet the minimum hours. There are a couple of things that allow an LEA to have less hours, but it wouldn't be an excusal. Ultimately, there is no way to report that in EMIS.

Upcoming Call Schedule

Monday, March 30th – ODEW ITC Call

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