

ACT Assessment Scores - The online state administration of the ACT had a scoring issue that is being corrected. This scoring issue is relatively significant as it impacts a lot of students - about half the students who took the assessment saw their score change by 1 point or more in one or more of the subtests. The Ohio statewide average saw the largest change in Reading (average score change was 0.58 points), with the smallest change in Math (average score change was 0.22 points). With the ACT, a change of 1 point can be significant. ODEW also uses that data for graduation purposes in the College Readiness seals; there are a lot of reasons to have this data correct. ODEW will send a communication later this week letting districts know they will purge all ACT data reported since the windows for this year's state administration (basically, records from February 1, 2026, through May 1, 2026). These scores get reported in the **Graduation Collection** as well as the **Other Accountability Collection**. The data will be purged either late this week or early next week. Districts will need to resubmit after they have updated these ACT assessment records. ODEW doesn't know how the various software vendors will be handling this with the assessment data that has been entered into the SIS, but wanted to provide ITCs with a heads up on what may be needed to support their districts through this process. ODEW will be monitoring to ensure districts resubmit the **Other Accountability Collection** at least once between the time of the purge and the end of that collection window (August 7, 2026).

- Q:** With the ProgressBook SIS, the records will need to be removed from the application and then reloaded. Once DEW has wiped out those records, will a notification go out letting us know what date that is, so districts can reload at that time?
- A:** No, because the dates will be different for every district. I'm assuming that students all take that assessment on the same day in the district. The district should know what date the state administration took place in their district and should know if they loaded the scores as of the 1st of the month or with a precise date, so they should know which records are being replaced. The other option would be to wait until they download an updated file, determine which students changed, and update just their scores.
- Q:** But you would, once all of the data has been purged from the ODEW system, and you are accepting new scores, correct?
- A:** Yes, ODEW will indicate what date the purge will be completed, so districts know when their resubmission "counts". Most districts (not all) have AP assessment results, which don't come out until July. AP and ACT assessments are in the same collection request, so most districts will be resubmitting that collection anyway. In this case, if they get data updated in the SIS, they should be in good shape with their normal resubmission, but can also resubmit once they have the updated scores loaded so they can see them in the SDC, etc.
- Q:** We have districts saying they are removing all the existing records and reloading, then resubmitting that data. If they reload now and resubmit, those records will be wiped out, too, since that purge hasn't been completed yet.
- A:** Or they can just resubmit again. It doesn't hurt for them to resubmit multiple times, and most will need to resubmit again anyway.

Q: Sorry if you covered this - will the records be wiped from ODDEX as well?

A: The records won't be wiped from ODDEX directly, but they will be replaced in ODDEX once the new scores are reported.

Q: It almost sounds like districts would be better removing their scores sooner, so they don't erroneously submit the bad scores after ODEW purges data on their end.

A: Yes, there's nothing wrong with that if districts know they were impacted because they had online administration of the ACT. Most districts give ACT over SAT, and SAT districts are not impacted. There are still some districts who administer it paper/pencil and not online; if administered with the actual test booklet, their scores are not changing.

Q: We have over a dozen districts who redid their scores on Friday, so obviously those scores are going to get wiped. Will there be a Newsflash saying that the wipe is done, so now go ahead and submit?

A: Yes, there will be a Newsflash that says, "the wipe will happen on this date; resubmit after this date".

Q&A

Q: Question about honors diploma - a student cannot be reported with more than one type of diploma. They are hearing this can impact the College Career Workforce Military Readiness measure - is this true?

A: My understanding is any honors diploma will count toward the CCWMR component. I don't know that there is a benefit to having more than one, and ODEW only collects one type of diploma. If you want a definitive answer, please reach out to the Office of Accountability.

Q: Does the CTE honors diploma give anything extra on the CTPD Report Card?

A: I don't believe an honors diploma is part of that measure on the Career Tech Report Card. But, again, you'll want to reach out to the Office of Accountability to be sure.

Q: With regards to Financial Literacy, there are criteria (if met) that a student can use financial literacy for a math Credit. Are you expecting that to remain an FIN credit in the GC record, or is DEW expecting it to be changed to a Math credit, and reporting on the FN record that the student met financial literacy would be sufficient? Or should the district leave it as FIN and DEW will do this in the background?

A: Typically, with these types of scenarios, we create a separate credit area to specifically show those differences, but I'm not sure we did that in this case. The way the calc works is if a FIN credit exists and the student is short on Math credits, ODEW will count it. The district should not have to do anything special.

Upcoming Call Schedule

Monday, June 8, 2026 - ODEW ITC Call

Wednesday, June 10 - EMIS Change Call

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