

EMIS Change 23-91: Public Comments & Responses

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Public Comment #1

From: EDU EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:05 AM

To: redacted

Subject: RE: EMIS Change 23-91, Public Comment

Thank you for your interest in EMIS and public comment for EMIS change 23-91. I answered your questions in **red text** below. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

In regards to the Accelerated Flag change for EMIS I have concerns that this will still leave us with problems should a student be accelerated two years (at once or over the span of 2-3 years) and then take one step back. Would you still mark them as accelerated if they are at least one year ahead of their original grade level in a content or whole grade? **Yes, that is correct.**

I am also wondering what this flag does that is different from the need to submit a number of years accelerated on their FB record by subject. We need to submit a '0' for students who are still accelerated and maintaining their place. How would this flag not just be redundant reporting?

The new flag will provide better data quality. Prior to this new flag, we assumed a student was no longer accelerated based on a district no longer reporting acceleration records. This means that if a district does not continue to report acceleration records for their students (whether a student or two is overlooked or the district believes they only have to report the first year), we wrongly assume that acceleration has ended. This new flag allows districts to definitively report to us that acceleration has ended and thus will result in better data from year to year.

In addition, we will need guidance on how to mark this flag for students who are early entrance (essentially a whole grade acceleration) as I would have in the past counted them as taking an above level assessment due to earlier guidance from ODE. I would hope this would stay the same with this new flag.

An early entrance student should only be reported with a FB Record if the student "is referred to early entrance for kindergarten by the district's Acceleration Evaluation Committee and has a Written Acceleration Plan (WAP) established" (EMIS Manual Section 2.7: Student Acceleration (FB) Record, page 6). This new flag does not change that; students with WAPs and FB Records would be reported with a "Y" for the new flag.

Similarly, would we keep these students marked with a flag saying they are accelerated even if they are no longer taking state assessments – i.e. Pre-Calculus or CCP courses.

The new flag—and the Acceleration Record in general—is not about state testing. If a student is considered to be accelerated, then a record should be reported with a "Y" for the new flag.

Thank you,

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From: redacted

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To Whom this Concerns...

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Thank you for considering these cases in regard to this new reporting.