

EMIS Change 25-129: Public Comments & Responses

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Public Comment #1

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

Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 10:36 AM

To: <redacted>

Subject: RE: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

Good morning,

Thank you for your public comment. The FX and FL are not interchangeable. The FX is only for use for students who would otherwise be reported with an 81-withdrawal code on an FS Record. This withdrawal code cannot be reported on an FL Record. As explained in the new section (please see the document posted on the change page), this is only for students who were reported in error. This is not for students who did not return and are summer withdrawals.

Thank you,

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From: <redacted>

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 2:26 PM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

Clarification is needed when to use the FX record and the FL record. Is this going to replace the FL since we would typically wait to report until we found out if students were returning or not? Our previous process would be to wait until after school had been in session a week or 2 and use the FL for students who didn't show and were not reported as withdrawn to another location with EOY reporting. Are we now supposed to report earlier and use the FX only?

Clarification would be appreciated.

[Public Comment #2](#)

From: <redacted>

Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 12:31 PM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

Good Afternoon,

School districts should not be encouraged to report a student enrollment through EMIS if student(s) have not yet officially started their first day per the district calendar. Instead of reporting more students in error or reporting enrollments that have yet to occur, districts should be encouraged to report real data such as enrollments AFTER the district's first day of school.

[Public Comment #3](#)

From: <redacted>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 3:40 PM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

Our ITC is advising us that with this change, there is an expectation that EMIS Coord will report SCR and CONTACTS in the summer, see excerpt from 5/28/24 Call notes.

Seems like ODEW is prioritizing CNDC reporting over accurate EMIS reporting. Why would an EMIS coord report SCR in July when school is closed. Yes, students have registered, but there is no guarantee they will attend. Each year we have several students "no show" the first week or two of school. Most EMIS Coord do not report SCR until 2-4 weeks into the school year. While that may not be the recommendation of ODEW, that is the reality. I'm told EMIS change 25-129 will "clean up" any no shows.

Still reporting students who have never walked into our buildings for a school year that has not started is NOT good data quality and as the EMIS coord, I take pride in my data quality. I will NOT be reporting SCR in the suggested timelines.

Excerpt from May 28,2024 ODE/ITC Call notes:

- The Student Cross Reference collection has been opening in early July. ODEW will begin to open the Student Contact(s) collection in early July as well. This is due to this collection being used for districts Child Nutrition Direct Certification (CNDC) to improve their match rate. Last year, the CNDC application was in transition. ODEW had the old application available at the beginning of the school year. This will not be available in FY25. Districts will need to be using the new application as food service staff will not have another way of getting direct cert. They will also need to know who is eligible before the first day of school. Food service is not allowed to give free or reduced lunches until this is ran. ODEW will start running matches for FY25 in mid-July so, they are asking districts to submit in the first two weeks of July. If, for some reason, a district cannot submit within the first two weeks, ODEW is asking that they submit as soon as possible. In order for districts to start getting matches, districts need to submit at least their Student Cross Reference. However, if districts want a better match rate, they will need to submit both their Student Cross Reference and their Student Contact(s) collection.

Public Comment #4

From: <redacted>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12:29 PM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: Re: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

In addition, reporting students as recommended in July for SCR/CNDC (which is related to this because it seems this is a "fix" for reporting students who don't show) will make trying to locate students who don't show up VERY difficult. EMIS Coordinators check to see where a student showed up if they didn't attend the first week of school. If we start reporting so early, there will be confusion for EMIS Coordinators, registrars and other district staff as to whether a student actually IS attending in a particular district or not. Plus we are not necessarily reporting what is true at the beginning of the year. It is unclear how the FX will affect ODDEX information.

Public Comment #5

From: <redacted>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 11:25 AM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

I do not agree with this proposed change. It is my stance that reporting students in early July, whose enrollment status with our school district may yet be indeterminate, it is not conducive to maintaining data accuracy. The proposed process lacks efficacy and could lead to skewed information. Reporting students in early July would require school districts to report students that they may have no further obligation to for the balance of the school year. Furthermore, I object to the notion that students should be denied access to free/reduced lunch until the SCR and Contacts Collections are reported. Historically, we have been afforded until October to complete these tasks, and deviating from this established timeline is unwarranted.

[Public Comment #6](#)

From: <redacted>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 10:48 AM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: FY25-129 Public Comment about EMIS changes

Hello,

My EMIS coordinator explained some of the changes happening on their end for EMIS reporting for the beginning of the school year.

From my perspective - *to work smarter, not harder* - the EMIS coordinators can still submit data within the 30 days of the student's entry date. The Food Service Directors should be able to back-date the Match Date in OH|ID (for CNDC) to the student's entry date. This will relieve the EMIS Coordinators from doing double work.

There is no reason a school district needs to report students when school hasn't started yet.

[Public Comment #7](#)

From: <redacted>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 10:00 AM

To: DEW EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #25-129, Public Comment

How are we to know in July if students are actually going to show up when school starts? If we run our SCR that early, we might be reporting students who don't end up attending our school. How can we not provide free/reduced lunches to students as of the start of school if the SCR isn't run? Also, if we report students attending our district who do not ultimately show up to attend once school starts, another district who has withdrawn the student will erroneously assume that the student started at our district, when they actually didn't. Running our SCR before we know which students will actually show up once school starts just creates problems for EMIS Coordinators.

[Public comments #2-7 received the following response on Fri, July 12, 2024:](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for your public comment and interest in EMIS. I just wanted to give you an update that I did forward your concern on to the appropriate Department staff. They have reviewed and indicated that they would like to provide a response that is more detailed to address your concerns. I am still waiting to hear back from them with additional information.

Because the deadline for initial response is tomorrow, I just wanted to let you know that your comment was read, reviewed and taken into consideration for communications moving forward.

Thank you,

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