EMIS Change 24-44: Public Comments & Responses

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Public Comment #1

From: EDU EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 9:08 AM
To: redacted
Subject: RE: Comments on EMIS Changes | 24-27 | 24-44

Thank you for your public comment and interest in EMIS. I have addressed your comments separately, below.

Public Comment for 24-27:

Data reported in the Student Contact (FF) Record and the Student Contact Address (FG) Record is only viewable in ODDEX by districts that have a relationship in that system with the student. Staff at the Department cannot see this type of information, as we are prohibited to by law. This data is only required for community schools. It is optional reporting for traditional districts. If a district chooses not to report this data, there are no penalties. This reporting will be used with the new direct certification process for the National School Lunch Program, which may result in more students being identified as eligible without having to complete family income verification forms. With regards to your concern about dates in DASL, I would recommend reaching out directly to the software vendor to express your concern. Your ITC should be able to help you with this inquiry, if needed.

Public Comment for 24-44:

The Suggested Subject Area for Credit and the Core Subject Area columns are categories that are only used for proper cert. You will also notice that it's only the core subject areas in Section 4.7 that have these columns filled in because proper cert does not apply to non-core subjects.

Thank you,

From: redacted
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 12:23 PM
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Subject: Comments on EMIS Changes | 24-27 | 24-44

Good morning!

I would like to comment on two of the EMIS changes that are up for comment.

24-27 - Student Contact Record & Student Contact Address Record

I understand that the change in blue states that EMIS reporting entities participating in the National School Lunch Program are "strongly encouraged" to report the student contact (FF) and student contact address (FG) records, however, that typically changes to "required" fairly quickly.

I also have a few other issues. 1 - Policy does not permit Districts to divulge this information to anyone without permission of the parent or guardian. 2 - We are not permitted to use a student name when discussing issues with the State. We are only permitted to supply the SSID number. 3 - What about foster kids or students living with other relatives due to parents that are incarcerated or not permitted around them? 4 - What about parental refusal, especially if a child's information is not presently in the Job & Family Service site, place to see info, etc. As a parent of children myself that do not receive anything from the State, I would be upset if their personal information, including but not limited to contact address, was sent to any State entity. I would never authorize that.

Finally, should a student's address have the effective start date of the report, and not the date the child actually began living at that residence, then it wouldn't actually be helping or telling the State anything helpful. But since DASL does not collect a change of address date, it even changes the address in past school years (which we all wish it would not), there would not be "proof" of when the change was made. Public schools already use Direct Cert to help find these kids, but trying to load all public kiddos into this data-base only speaks of disaster to me.

24-44 - Subject Codes - Science Section

SCI is not a Subject Area for Credit, nor Core Subject Area. The description says an advanced high school level course, so it should be SAL, correct?