

The NOECA Dazzler



EMIS Redesign Project Update

ODE fully anticipates that not all of the components of the new system will meet the levels of performance and quality expectations that are acceptable to school districts in time for the FY10 October and 5 year Forecast reporting cycles. Knowing this information, and understanding how critical EMIS reporting is to school districts, ODE is at a point where it is imperative that a decision be made on how to go forward with the FY10 October and 5 year Forecast reporting periods. ODE has now decided to continue using the flat files for EMIS collection purposes during these two reporting periods while work continues on the SIF Agents to ensure that they meet the levels of performance and quality acceptable to our EMIS users.

ODE will however, begin using the new user interface, the Data Collector, to load the flat files for validation and submission to ODE. It is known that loading flat files into the Data Collector can be a cumbersome process depending upon how extracts from the source systems are generated. Unfortunately, at this point in time it is unlikely as to whether something can be accomplished within the Data Collector to ease the upload step in the collection process.

Upcoming Training Schedule

September 19, 2009- Medical Records

September 24, 2009—
Discipline Training

September 29, 2009—
Half/Full Day Attendance Letters

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How Many ITCs and Districts Use DASL??

Currently 16 of 23 ITCs utilize DASL as their student services software as well as their EMIS reporting of student data. As of April 2009, 626 districts across 16 ITCs are using DASL. This total approximately 870,000 ADM (average daily membership).

When you experience a DASL Error Message ~ what to do...

When you experience a DASL error message your first instinct might be to use some "interesting" language... Although this may help alleviate your anxiety, the following items are what the DASL team recommends:

- Refresh your DASL screen and retry the process to see if the error reoccurs
- Log out of DASL and come in on a "fresh" browser and see if the error reoccurs

If the error continues to reoccur, copy and paste the

entire error message into Notepad or Word and send as an attachment to SSHHELP@NOECA.NET

To copy & paste the error into Notepad or Word: press Ctrl+A (to select all) >Ctrl+C (to copy) >Ctrl+V (to paste) and save the document.

Provide the breadcrumb trail for the screen you were working in when you experienced the error and provide the exact actions you were taking while working in the screen. We will try to replicate the error message and begin to troubleshoot what is causing the error.

Getting Started in 09/10

The Beginning of School Checklist is available under DASL HELP.

(Procedural and Step by Step Checklist...Management)

Summer Withdrawals

A student finished out the 08/09 school year and was promoted to 09/10. The student has notified the school they will not be returning in 09/10. What should you do?

Complete a summer withdrawal in 09/10 using a withdraw date of 7/1/09 thru the day before you begin school for 09/10. You will be prompted by DASL to confirm the student is a summer withdrawal.

Student missed in 09/10 promotion?

Use registration wizard or student transfer to enroll students in 09/10 that were missed by promotion

Residents Attending Elsewhere

Ensure all Resident Attending Elsewhere students are assigned to the non-attending calendar. (Hint: Use Advance Search to search for "R" status students and flip thru them to ensure they are assigned to the non-attending calendar.)

FEES 09/10

DASL Fees, will be automatically assigned if the building has the following in the DASL Options

(Home>Management>School Administration>DASL Options)

Fees tab checked the boxes "Uses Fees" & "Has Fees Assigned".

It is recommended you check your DASL Options Fees tab to ensure the top two check boxes are not checked until you are ready to assign fees for the 09/10 school year.



Before you assign fees for 09/10 school year:

1. Schedule should be finalized in DASL Options Scheduling tab.
2. Set up proration tables. If a student drops a course with a fee and the proration tables are not set up, the student will not receive a refund.
3. Check fee amounts for accuracy: Course Fees, General Fees, and Program Fees.
4. Go into DASL Options Fees tab and check "Uses Fees" and "Has Fees Assigned".
5. Run Bulk Assignment of Fees.

DASL Tips and Tricks

*To enter today's date, simply enter 'T' and today's date will be auto-populated for you

*You can utilize the Edit > Find feature on any page in DASL

*Open 2 DASL pages at a time when working on attendance, one for reports or attendance letters, the other for daily attendance

*District of Residence IRN is required in registration defaults but you can enter ***** as the default then update as needed for each student.

ProgressBook

This is just a friendly reminder to check your reporting periods in ProgressBook and make sure your term beginning and term ending dates are correct. Also, only quarters / trimesters are reporting periods. Exams, Final Averages, and Semester Averages are not reporting periods and should be "grayed out".

ProgressBook/Special Services Update

The new Special Services 9.1 was installed Aug 10th, this upgrade contained the much anticipated new ODE forms for Special Education. Along with the new forms, the new and improved "Task View" has arrived, allowing users to better plan and organize the whole process of IEP creation and completion. Also you may have noticed the name of the module has been simplified from SSEM to just SpS (Special Services). For those districts who have not switched to "Task View" already please note that by January 2010 all districts will be required to use "Task View" and by that date support for "Classic View" will end.

The Special Services module contained in Progressbook focuses on the tasks special educators perform to identify, evaluate and monitor a student's progress in a special education program, providing the state and district forms necessary for each stage of the process. Special Services keeps the state required forms up-to-date so districts can remain in compliance with state and federal laws. Since the application is web based and part of ProgressBook, the ability to create and share Special Education tasks and information can be more streamlined within a district setting.

Results for "Guess my Owner" contest

Unfortunately we had no winners.

Pet #1 Nancy Clark

Pet #2 Jackie Jackson

Pet #3 George Yakoubian

Pet #4 Laurie Pitts

Pet #5 Amy Weickert

"Guess my former job" contest Awesome prize to the winner!

Employee

1. Jackie Jackson

2. Amy Weickert

3. Diane Young

4. Laurie Pitts

5. Matt Wagner

6. George Yakoubian

Job

Managed the 'junior' clothing department at Josephs Department Store

TV News Journalist/Director

Weighed produce trucks at a food processing plant

American Standard "Toilet Factory"

Gas meter assembler

Phys. Ed Teacher