

OnSIS OPERATIONAL NOTE

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We would like to acknowledge school boards' efforts and progress in completing their 2006-07 OnSIS data submissions. As you are aware, the October 2007 submission periods were opened on Monday, October 29, 2007. Boards are encouraged to establish their own internal processes to ensure timely submission of complete and accurate data to OnSIS.

DUE DATES FOR 2007-08 DATA COLLECTION

Appendix A contains the OnSIS 2007-08 data submission schedule, attached for your convenience.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS - BILL 212

The June Suspension/Expulsion submission period will be updated to reflect the changes as outlined in Bill 212. These changes will take effect as of February 1, 2008 and the OnSIS application will be updated to collect the data as detailed by this Bill. The changes of this Bill will only impact incidents that have occurred after February 1, 2008. Incidents that occurred prior to February 1, 2008 will be collected as in previous years. Details of the changes will be communicated to boards and vendors when they become available.

COLLECTION OF DUAL CREDITS AND SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR IN OnSIS

Data for Dual Credits fall under the following categories:

1. Dual Credit Courses Using Ontario Curriculum and Existing Ministry Defined Course Codes

Dual Credit courses using Ontario curriculum and existing Ministry Defined Course Codes will be collected in the same way that all other credits are collected using the Class Enrolment screen beginning with the October 2007 submission. The following new Course Delivery Type codes have been added to identify and collect these courses:

- Code 10 - Dual credit: advanced standing college courses;
- Code 11 - Dual credit: advanced standing apprenticeship programs;
- Code 12 - Dual credit: team-taught college courses;
- Code 13 - Dual credit: team-taught apprenticeship programs.

2. College-Delivered Dual Credit Courses

New course codes, developed by the Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch and the Information Management Branch, were distributed to boards and vendors to be used for college-delivered courses and programs in approved dual credit projects. These course codes begin with the letter “Y” for college courses and “O” for apprenticeship programs, and end with “4T”. Vendors and boards already have these course codes in their systems and are using them for scheduling students as well as for reporting achievement on the Provincial Report Card and on the Ontario Student Transcript. An updated list of these new course codes will be communicated to boards and vendors when they become available.

These codes are not currently submitted to OnSIS. In March 2008, these course codes will be collected using the new “Other Credits” screen. Two new Other Credits types will be added to identify and accurately collect these courses:

- Code 3 - Dual credit: college-delivered college courses;
- Code 4 - Dual credit: college-delivered apprenticeship programs.

3. Specialist High Skills Major Data

The collection of Specialist High Skills Major data will begin in OnSIS in the October 2008 submission. Further communication regarding this collection will be distributed to boards and vendors as details become available.