

Updates and Reminders for SIRS Reporting for 2022

Discontinuation of FRPL Eligibility Type Codes

Beginning with the 2021-22 School Year, NYSED will be discontinuing the collection of FRPL eligibility type codes in SIRS (Program Fact fields 28-33). During the month of October, Level 0 and Level 2 will remove the validations requiring an eligibility type code to report a FRPL record. FRPL data reported prior to those changes will still require an eligibility type code. Following those changes, no eligibility type codes would be required. If vendors are unable to make the changes immediately, NYSED will purge data in these fields when reported, allowing the FRPL records to move. This does not change the requirement to report FRPL records, only the reason for eligibility (type) as outlined above.

P-Tech Program Duration Increased to 8

Program Fact (Field 20). Each year a one-digit value from “1” to “8” is entered to identify the current year of the program (regardless of the grade in which the student is enrolled).

Student Addresses Required in Student Lite

These should not include PO Boxes.

New Nonbinary Gender Code = X

Student Lite (Field 11) and Staff Snapshot (Field 20).

Staff Tenure Area Code OTHER (OTH).

Staff Tenure Snapshot (Field 4).

Student Class Entry Exit Used for Average Class Size Calculations

Districts should report unique sections within buildings as this information is used to report average class sizes. Average class size is computed for the [courses mapped to a State assessment](#). If districts are splitting grades K-2 into subject area courses, they should use the PRE-K-2 course codes (73029, 73030, 73031, 73032) and schedule a homeroom to allow for the calculation of an average class size at these grade levels. **Districts should not report multiple sections of the same course with the same students.** For grade 3-8 Math and ELA courses, if districts have been extracting both the Reading and Writing components of ELA with the same course code, they should suppress one or map the writing portion of the course to a Prior-to-Secondary writing course.

See the [NYS Comprehensive Course Catalog Workbook](#) for a listing of all valid course codes for the 2021-22 SY

Student Digital Resources (Equity)

Refer to the [vendor page](#) for eScholar template business rules and the SIRS Code Change document.

State Course Code for U.S. History

Course code 04101 should be deleted and replaced with [04101F](#) U.S. History and Government (Framework) in 2022.

Assessment Fact

The Regents US History & Government Framework exam is the only one that is available for January and the only score/standard achieved code allowed is the exemption (E/86).

Student Attendance Codes and Descriptions

Code	Description
PRSNT-IN	Present In School
PRSNT-OUT	Present Out Of School
E	Excused
ISS	In-School Suspension
OSS	Out-of-School Suspension
T-IN	Tardy In School
T-OUT	Tardy Out Of School
U	Unexcused

NYSITELL is being Extended

The timeline for the one-time special administration of the New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL) is being extended to include the month of October 2021. The previous timeline included only August and September 2021. This one-time special administration of the NYSITELL is being given to address the adverse impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for English language learners (ELLs) and provisionally-identified ELLs who were unable to participate in the Spring 2021 New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT).

For additional information on the original announcement, please visit

<http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/news/covid-19-related-special-administration-new-york-state-identification-test-english>

The SIRS Manual will be updated to reflect these changes.