

FY2020 Student Class End-of-Year Data Collection

STUDENT CLASS UPDATE:

To reduce the data reporting burden placed upon school districts at the end of the school year, we will not be collecting Student Class in its entirety. Course completion data is needed for federal reporting purposes and therefore we will collect final grade data for middle and high schools (grades 6 - 12) only. We have already spoken to each of the SIS vendors and they have confirmed that the best and easiest way to handle this is by utilizing the current Student Class file layout. Also, please note that the SIS vendors asked that this modified Student Class collection be completed before end-of-year rollover.

The adjusted timeline for this reporting will be **May 18, 2020** and sign-off required by **June 19, 2020**.

What we need: This Student Class file format has been modified to indicate all the data elements that will be validated and you will be happy to know that this modified SC collection has eliminated over 70% of the business rules that are normally applied to this data collection. Many of the Student Class reports have been deactivated due to the modified collection. We are asking that you extract and upload the SC file layout as you would normally.

This is for the regularly scheduled courses for the 2019-2020 school year.

Validations with FTE Survey: Updates to FTE Survey are not required for this collection. A final grade of 'P' (Passing) will be allowed for all Middle School students. Therefore, you do not need to modify your Grades Data in FTE Survey. The school calendar as well as the Marking Period end dates will not be used for validations in this data collection.

What we will validate: This layout is the same as the layout used in the first two Student Class collections this year, FY20-1 (October 2019) and FY20-2 (March 2020). The SIS vendors have not modified the data extract and the file generated by the SIS will look the same. The difference in this data collection is that once the SC file is uploaded to DOE, only some of the records will be validated and stored in our database.

- The Student Class, Modified End-of-Year Grades data collection is required only for Grades 6-12.
- ALPHA GRADE of 'P' (Pass) is accepted for grade levels 6-8 without any changes to the FTE Survey alpha grade definitions.
- Districts can extract K-12 without any issues, but only grades 6-12 will be displayed for errors and reports. K – 5 SC records will be ignored if they are uploaded.
- Reports that will be populated are:
 - A – Student Report – SC012 Student Duplication Report
 - B – Grade Report – SC022 Final Grade Report
 - C – Dual Enrollment Report – SC008 Dual Enrollment Report
 - D – Student Class Delivery Model Report – SC053 Gifted Delivery Model Report
- The Student Class, Modified End-of-Year Grades for 6-12 data Reporting Dates:
 - **Modified End-of-Year SC-3 Cycle**
 - Monday, May 18, 2020 Transmission for Student Class
 - Monday, May 25, 2020 Initial Transmission Deadline

- Friday, June 19, 2020 Sign Off Date for Student Class End of Year Cycle

Deadline for Superintendent's sign-off

- Student Class Modified Layout is posted inside the Student Class Portal.
- The Transmission Dates document has been updated to reflect Modified End of Year Student Class Cycle 3 and is posted to the Data Collection Website under Student Class Resources.
- <https://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/Data-Collections/Pages/FY2020-Student-Class-Resources.aspx>

FAQs

1. **Q:** Do I need to add a letter grade of 'P' to my district's letter grade definitions in the FTE Survey?
A: No, the Alpha grade of 'P' will be allowed without having to change anything in the FTE Survey.
2. **Q:** Colleges are awarding the students a grade of 'I' for incomplete and said that they could finish during the Summer if they wanted. Can we change the incomplete to a 'Z'?
A: If the college issued grade of 'I' it should stay an 'I' for incomplete. Incomplete means they can finish the class and 'Z' mean they will not get a grade at all for the class.
3. **Q:** For the SC Modified End-Of-Year collection are we supposed to upload to Student Class 2020-A?
A: Yes
4. **Q:** Will the Student Class Sign Off report be different.
A: The format will be the same, but only the data elements we are collecting will be displayed. For example, under the Sub-Populations header, there will not be a separate record count for ESOL, Special Ed or EIP students and totals listed. There will not be a count of records with Additional Teachers, a count of PK records, or a count of records with Delivery Models of EIP, Special Ed, and ESOL because these data elements are not being collected, validated, and stored.
5. **Q:** We are getting E918 -The valid NUMERIC GRADE range is '0' - '110', or blank. We have students with numeric grades of 112, 115 etc. Can this be relieved?
A: No, for state reporting purposes please use GaDOE grading scale of '0'-'110'.
6. **Q:** Can I use the alpha grade of 'S' for Satisfactory?
A: No, please see the Student Class Data Element Detail for Alpha Grading scale. For middle school student only, if you are using the 'S' then you would need to convert it to the appropriate Alpha Grade or P. The only letter grades allowable for HS course are 'I' (incomplete) and 'Z' (no grade will be given).
7. **Q:** Where can I find the layout for this modified, end-of-year SC collection.
A: The layout is posted in the Portal, in the SC data collection.