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Static File v1.5

ADE Accountability will be publishing a Static File v1.5 in late June/early July. The new version will correct two bugs. The first bug used the incorrect date for the establishment of FAY status. The system was calculating FAY using enrollment through early April as opposed to May 3rd. Once this error is corrected, schools may see that the number of FAY students in the school has dropped. The second bug impacts enrollment and FAY for AOIs. AOIs may experience a change in the number of FAY students and potentially more students being captured.

We will notify the field when Static File v1.5 is available through ADEConnect. Thank you all for checking the static file and alerting us to these bugs.



Static File Inquiries and Data Correction Windows

There will be three more releases of the static file starting in early July. Each release serves a unique and distinct purpose. Please be sure to review the Grader, and any communication from Achieve, for announcements regarding these files and to not miss important dates. Please reach out to Achieve@azed.gov should you have any questions.

1. Static File Version 1.5 – Early July – This file will be the enrollment, program, and FAY validation/correction file with bugs fixed from Version 1
 - a. The following items detail what should be checked:

- i. The file should be carefully reviewed to ensure all students that a school expects to be included, based on enrollment dates, and none are missing from the file.
 - ii. The file should be carefully reviewed to ensure program enrollment is correct:
 1. Special Education is dependent upon October 1 status
 2. Income Eligibility is updated throughout the school year
 3. English Learner is dependent upon having an identified EL need
 - iii. FAY should be reviewed for accuracy
 1. Students are considered FAY if enrolled within the first ten calendar days and continuously enrolled through Monday, May 3. FAY status is used for ELA and Math Assessments and all calculations (except for EL, chronic absenteeism, and graduation)
 2. Students are considered AZELLA FAY if enrolled within the first ten days of the calendar year and continuously enrolled until the last day of the original EL testing window. AZELLA FAY is used for EL calculations
- b. All corrections to the file must be completed by **July 15** through a school/district/charter holder SIS to be accurately recorded and be reflected in future releases
2. Static File Version 2 – August – This file will include any student’s aligned assessment and growth data, and students who may have had corrections made in the school’s SIS
 - a. The following items detail what should be checked:
 - i. Only students that had valid assessments and were not left in any of the assessment correction applications will have assessments aligned to the student
 - ii. Only students that had a valid assessment from 2019 and were not left in any of the assessment correction applications will have previous assessments included
 - iii. Only students with assessments from i and ii will receive growth in the following grades/subjects:

Subject	Grade	Growth Variable
ELA	5-8, 10	SGPP_CCR
ELA	5-8, 10	SGP_PPCRG
Math	5-8, 10	SGPP_CCR
Math	5-8	SGP_PPCRG
EL	3-12	ELGrowth

- b. Any questions or concerns regarding missing assessments or data should be sent to Achieve@azed.gov. Accountability will work with Assessments to identify issues with the data and take corrective action if required.
3. Static File Version 3 – September – This will be the final file.



2021 Static File FAQ

Based on the responses Accountability received after releasing the initial version of the static file, we wanted to provide an FAQ page with some frequently asked questions from the field:

Where can this file be found?

The static file is found on the Accountability application on ADEConnect. To access the static file, after going to the Accountability application on ADEConnect, click on "A-F Letter Grades" under State and Federal Accountability:



On this page, you can download the A – F Static file by clicking the download link on the upper right corner:



If you do not have access to this page/application, you will need to contact your Entity Administrator by clicking on "Find Entity Administrator" on the upper right corner of your ADEConnect homepage. If you are the Entity Administrator and need support in assigning applicable permissions, please reach out to the Constituent Services team (Questions@azed.gov). They will be able to help you with this process.

Are there additional directions other than The Grader?

You can find some additional resources about the static file on our [Resources page](#). Under "Technical Manuals & Codebooks" you will find the Static File Codebook, which will help to explain all of the variables you see in the file. Under "Guides & FAQ" there are some How-To videos for using and understanding the static file.

Could you please tell me what role I need to pull the static file?

Please work with the Constituent Services Team (Questions@azed.gov) for all issues and questions regarding assigning permissions on ADEConnect.

Which students should be included in my static file? What are the criteria?

Students should be included in a school's static file if they meet any of the below criteria:

- Enrolled on the first day of the Spring AzSCI Field Test Window (3/22/2021)
- Enrolled on the first day of the Spring AzM2 State Testing Window (4/05/2021)

Not all students in the static file are "FAY" (Full Academic Year) students.

There is no data in any field between Subject Grade and SGT_SS_Target. Should there be any data in those fields?

Not in the initial release. We expect to have assessment data provided in the static file in version 2, which is scheduled to be released in August.



Graduation Report

The Cohort 2020 4-Year Graduation Rate Report is now available on our [Data](#) page. The Cohort 2020 5-Year Graduation Rate Report is scheduled for release in early Fall. We will be publishing the Cohort 2021 4-Year Graduation Report in late December or early January of 2022. All future 4-year graduation reports for the previous year will be published in late December or early January.

Reporting the 4-Year Graduation Rates in December will **not** change any part of A-F and Federal Accountability calculations.

School and district personal with access to the Accountability Portal on ADEConnect are always able to get the most up to date graduation data for their schools/districts.



Pupil Withdrawal Webpage

The Pupil Withdrawal Monitoring has helped focus, refine, and provide resources in improving the coding and calculations of Graduation, Dropout and Persistency. A new Pupil Withdrawal Form is available and can be found [here](#). We recognize that schools may have forms still available in a paper version. Please feel free to exhaust those forms. If needed, the new codes can just be written on the form. More supports/resources on the use of codes will be found on the new form. Based on feedback from the end-users, there are Withdrawal Code Update fields that can be utilized when applicable.

In addition to the updated Pupil Withdrawal Form and withdrawal codes, Accountability is excited to announce we have created a new page on our site specifically dedicated to Pupil Withdrawals. It is located under "Resources" on the website menu, and all resources regarding Pupil Withdrawals can be found there. These resources include:

- The updated Official Notice of Pupil Withdrawal Form for Fiscal Year 2022
 - **Note:** The withdrawal code for EL due to Special Education was removed from the new form as it is no longer applicable.
- The updated Withdrawal Code Cheat Sheet, which includes the new W41/S41 and W51/S51 codes

- The most recent version of the Graduation, Dropout, and Persistence Technical Manual
- Training Presentations for using withdrawal codes
- A new Accountability AzEDS Integrity Error Guide document, which includes information about Accountability related AzEDS integrity errors and how to troubleshoot them

You can access this page directly by clicking [here](#).

For any questions involving this page or Pupil Withdrawals, please email Achieve@azed.gov.



Timeline

Below are important dates and deadlines for accountability. Please check [The Examiner](#) (Assessment's newsletter) for the most up to date information on assessment data and corrections.

<p>June 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working with the Assessments department to correct any testing issues • Continue working on and submitting Self-Report Data for A-F • 6/30 AzM2 correction window closes • 6/30 AZELLA Placement correction window closes • Late June/Early July – Static File V1.5 Release
<p>July 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/15 Data inquiry and SIS correction closes • 7/15 AZELLA Reassessment correction window closes • 7/23 MSA A correction window closes • 7/30 2020-2021 A-F Self-Reporting Data application closes on ADEConnect
<p>August 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-August: Static File Release V2 – This file will contain assessment results, assessment corrections, and growth data. This file needs to be reviewed for any issues regarding assessments • Late-August: First release of school-level aggregated data available in ADEConnect
<p>September 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static File Release V3 – This is the final version that will contain all updated information • Potential updates to school-level aggregated data available in ADEConnect