

EMIS Change 24-32: Public Comments & Responses

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All public comments received the same response as provided in public comment #1.

[Public Comment #1](#)

From: EDU EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 9:15 AM

To: redacted

Subject: RE: 24-32 SSID

Thank you for your interest in EMIS and public comment about the SSID guidance updates. We are currently working with IBM on SSID system improvements and data clean up. A lot of the items you have listed are being considered in this project. Your feedback will also be shared directly with IBM.

Thanks,

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From: redacted

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:42 PM

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Subject: 24-32 SSID

Hi,

From various LEA's and continuous discussions about duplicate SSID theories and issues and pain points...

Can there be an audit or reporting violation process of IRN's that create SSID's with incomplete or incorrect data in a reoccurring fashion?

- Seems to be a pattern with early childhood providers in recent years
- Seems to be a pattern with some community schools new to reporting or new staff due to staff changes
- Seems to be a pattern with ODJFS

- Create a process where LEA's may create a ticket to ODE, via their ITC, when there are repeat offenders are noticed so ODE reach out and offer proper training of the SSID processes
 - For example, one student had several SSID's created during the 22-23 school year that needed to be reconciled down to ONE SSID

Entities should not be able to create SSID's

- without a valid documented middle name or an *
- without a validated birth place city from the birth certificate (some are using a local city for ALL new SSID creations)
- require district IRN value when SSID's are created, all service providers and LEA's

Can the process to create SSID's be locked down so LEA's have to report ALL the required data and missing fields would NOT yield an SSID to be created

Can the name on official documents be emphasized (first, last, middle)

- how important spelling is
- how to handle special characters in the name fields

Can a section be added about legal name change SSID IBM database management processes

- for a legal name change, errors or adoption, be sure to update the same fields in the SSID website as they are updated in the Student Software System
- ODE requires the source SSID system to be updated with changes as soon as changes occur or new information is known, like a name change.

Part of the EMIS manual:

- highlight this area of the manual or bold and modify wording ...instead of please - it is required to report this exactly as it appears on the...

Birthplace Name. “Place/Name” for the geographic location where the student was born as it appears on the birth certificate (or via parent/guardian if student is foreign born). The Birthplace Name will typically be a city. If no city is available, Birthplace Name should be the most specific information that appears on the birth certificate or other documentation (e.g., county, hospital name). Please report this exactly as it appears on the birth certificate, including misspellings. The Department does not receive this data. It is required only to obtain an SSID.

Ethnicity and Native language fields are usually not maintained or random default values are entered. Often does not match enrollment data that parents/guardians fill out.

- Could be that some are ‘defaulting these values’ which prevents other LEA’s from using these data points for obtaining a unique SSID.

In areas of the SSID section where it says...the Department does not receive this data, can a clause be noted that the data does still need to be accurate and complete? The department is not permitted to access student identifiable information, however the SSID related data on the SSID website and the SSID’s processes need to be accurate and verifiable data. Some new wording that emphasizes that although the department does not see the detailed data, the related SSID data fields need to be accurate, based on authorized documentation, like a birth certificate.

Can SSID IBM data be audited for accuracy since the SSID drives funding?

When this change becomes official – can a newsflash be sent to ALL LEA’s Superintendents, EMIS Coordinator roles and ODDEX roles to bring to their attention to read this part of the EMIS manual and review for clarification on SSID best practices and protocols.

- Let’s start off the FY24 school year right!
- Early August or mid-July would be a good time to remind ALL LEA’s of quality SSID processes
- Fresh reminders – best practices – read the updated SSID clarification section of the manual!!

As we all know, unique SSID's are the foundation of so many data processes, systems and EMIS data accuracy (longitudinal data tracking) – we need new staff or new LEA's to follow the rules!!

Thank you ODE for clarifying the expectations in the EMIS manual. We hope LEA's comply and understand how challenging two or more SSID's are and the affects on the data quality and LRC data!

Duplicate SSID's has been very challenging this school year due to incomplete data used to create SSID's, several incomplete or incorrect data.

Public Comment #2

From: redacted

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:00 AM

To: EDU EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #24-32, Public Comment

It would be helpful to have a softer search in the SSID system to find matches. The constraints are too tight when looking for existing SSID's and result in multiple SSIDs being created erroneously.

Public Comment #3

From: redacted

Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 1:38 PM

To: EDU EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change %2324-32, Public Comment

Greetings,

These would land under software updates.

Date format: mmdyyyyy- no slashes would make life easier.

Names: We have many students that have an apostrophe in their name. Some Districts use it others do not. Example:

Pepe' LePew or Pepe Lepew

Even though the DOB, Gender, and Race are the same the system will generate two SSID's. Can we have a list of possible matches? This definitely would cut down on the duplicates.

When a student has duplicate SSID's the date it was created is shown.

Can the date of creation be shown on a single SSID?

Students with hyphenated last names: See Pepe Lepew or Pepe Le-Pew.

A comments section: Students do get adopted and we change the name per documentation. Having a comment section would be nice.

[Public Comment #4](#)

From: redacted

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:51 PM

To: EDU EMISPublicComments <EMISPublicComments@education.ohio.gov>

Subject: EMIS Change #24-32, Public Comment

SSID's seem to be created by Early childhood programs that are missing punctuation in the student's names. Then we do not get a match in the batch process, and the system creates a new one.

I understand these are supposed to be kept private, but we could really use a soft search to find student SSID's that are potential matches. Punctuation is the real issue.