iPass

Release Notes

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APPLICATION ENHANCEMENTS

Application Improvements and Corrections:

SCS Improvement:

2019-2020 DOE SIF State Reporting changes to the SectionInfo Object. They have now added Attending School in the new Section Override section

iPass has had the ability to do Course SectionInfo Overrides for the past few months. The DESE has now added Attending School to that selection as well.

This allows for you to use one course for Dual Enrollment courses into several colleges making each section of the course a different school and subject as needed.

If Override Yes is selected then these fields are sent over for the section in SectionInfo.

Fill in Attending School field with the needed School Id.

STATE FIELDS			
Course Info Override:	No ▼	Override Course Code:	
Override State Course Code:		Override District Course Code:	
Override Subject Area:		Override Course Title:	
Override Instructional Level:	Use Course Value ▼	Override Course Credits:	
Override Course Credit Type:	Use Course Value ▼	Override Attending School:	

Notes from the DESE:

Background:
With the existing MA SIF profile setup, in order to report out of district courses in SCS, a SchoolCourseInfo and a SectionInfo SIF object is needed for each individual CLBR course.

What is the SchoolCourseInfo Override?
To facilitate a better method and to reduce the amount of duplicative data entry and data transmission, the MA SIF profile was updated for EOY2020 to introduce the concept of the SchoolCourseInfo Override. This is a new SIF element in the SectionInfo object that, if set to Y or Yes, will allow the course information to be reported within the SectionInfo object itself, eliminating the need for the SchoolCourseInfo object for that course.

Example: Your district has several students taking courses at a local community college. Each student is taking a different course. Prior to the override, in the SIS, the community college school course info would have to be set up multiple times – once for

each individual course. Now with the override, you can set it up once, and then enter each course section enrollment under that community college. When the SchoolCourseInfo is set to Y or Yes, we take several SCS elements from the SectionInfo instead of the SchoolCourseInfo.   Those elements are SCS03, SCS04, SCS05, SCS09 and SCS10. When the override field is set to N or is blank, we take these elements from the SchoolCourseInfo object as usual.

Current status of this change:
The SchoolCourseInfo override change was deployed last week, and the change introduced many errors into the SCS and EPIMS SIF error reports for some districts. This is because the IT department here is still working on this with a few of the SIS vendors, to make sure it was implemented as required, and that the SIF messages are being structured as expected. Some systems have had the override set to Y, but the data elements are not coming through in the SectionInfo object as expected.   While DESE and the vendors are working through this, we've disabled the affected data validations so that the error reports do not cause confusion or alarm. I will send an update when we've confirmed with all of the SIS vendors that things are working as they should. At that point, we will re-enable the validations that have been temporarily turned off.

Enhancements, Corrections and Minor Enhancements

The following items are included in this release.

Jira #	Description	Support Ticket #
IP-3701	Recommendation Configuration setting to automatically turn Recommendations to Requests is now working again	1699910
IP-3983	SIF > CourseSectionInfo > Added CourseCredit state changes in New Override Section	
IP-3984	SIF > StudentSpecialEducationSummary Object > students 3-5 with a DOE032 code of 05 are all now being sent in the object correctly	
IP-3990	SIF StaffEvaluation Objects at all sites are now being sent properly. We found at just a few sites the object was sending blank records	5072844
IP-4000	iPass 2019-2020 DOE SIF State Reporting changes SectionInfo Object Adding Attending School in the new Section Override section	
IP-4003	SIF SSDR Duplicate ID are no longer being sent by SIF Reporting	5082979