AzEDS Program & Needs Setup

Introduction

Unlike SAIS, in AzEDS, programs and needs are independent. A program can exist without a need and a need can exist without a program. However, for an LEA to be funded for program-related services, a program must be associated with a need. For process continuity in AzEDS, an LEA can submit a program with a NOND (no need) code, but it is not required as it was with SAIS.

Context and Plans

As LEAs started submitting data in FY17 specific to programs, ADE received feedback that not having all programs available through the API was creating a more cumbersome process. Initially, only certain programs were rolled over from prior year and programs like Title I, which are approved and made available later in the school year, were not available. Based on this feedback, ADE is making changes short-term and taking into consideration based on additional LEA feedback how programs are handled long-term in AzEDS.

Short-Term Plan for Handling Program Setup in AzEDS

- Roll over ALL program codes at the beginning of the fiscal school year, including ALL programs an LEA was associated to in prior year *(Completed 8/16 for FY2017)*
    - This update will allow LEAs to submit student data associated with those programs. For instance, if your LEA was approved for Title 1 – Math in FY2016, you will be able to submit students associated with this program even before the FY2017 approval is complete.
- New integrity rules will be implemented to prevent ADE from using unapproved program data. Until an LEA receives an approval for a grants-related program, records associated with a program that is not yet approved will fail integrity and appear in the INTEG15 report. Once the system reflects that an LEA has received approval for the program, the related records will pass integrity. *(In progress as of 9/13/2016)*

Long-Term Proposal for Handling Program Setup in AzEDS

(This plan is under consideration and may be changed per LEA and program area feedback.)

- Enable LEAs to submit any program available within the state (no dependency on rollover)
- Extend integrity rules to cover all program approval / validity checks

How Program Setup in AzEDS Currently Works

Using the Rest API, a SIS vendor uses 'Get Program' to retrieve a list of programs for which the LEA *is approved to participate* in by ADE. This list of programs is used to create student program associations. Program approval varies by program area.

- Some ADE programs do not require approval and are available for LEAs to retrieve and submit data under on the first day of the fiscal year. Other programs, such as Title 1, require explicit approvals which are processed during the school year.
- Each ADE program area has their own calendar when approvals are completed.
- All Programs available to an LEA in prior fiscal year are now available in AzEDS *(as of 8/16)*
- When approvals are necessary, integrity rules will be used to validate the approval before the data can be used by downstream ADE applications and programs. It can take 1-2 days after approval is given for the program to pass integrity rules.
- If a new program is added for the LEA, it can take 1-2 days before the program appears in the program list returned by AzEDS

Needs Setup

- The Use Case document gives specifics for how data should be submitted for program and need data.
- If a student moves to a different school site – the school site changes for a student, the need would have to be exited from one reporting entity and started at the new reporting entity. AzEDS has a ReportingEntityID column tied to the need, its entry date and exit date. The school the student is leaving would update "Exit Date" and the school the student is moving to would send a Need with an "Entry Date."
- Example Need Setup
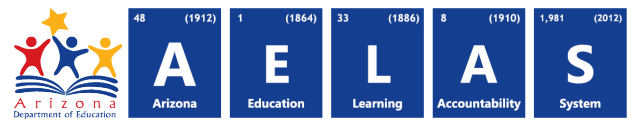
  A. Student starts in School A

  1. LEA sends a SPED Need record to AzEDS indicating the school is School A
  2. LEA sends a SPED Program Participation record to AzEDS indicating the school is School A

  B. Student moves to School B

  1. LEA sends an update to the original School A SPED Need record with a value in the Student Need Exit Date field to AzEDS
  2. LEA sends an update to the original School A SPED Program Participation record with a value in the End Date field to AzEDS
  3. LEA sends a SPED Need record to AzEDS indicating the school is School B
  4. LEA sends a SPED Program Participation record to AzEDS indicating the school is School B

FAQs

1. What if a program is missing from the list of programs?
   - If a program is missing in the list of programs, reach out to the appropriate program area to make sure the LEA is approved for program.

2. What if a student has a need, but is not participating in an approved program?
   - If a student has a "stand-alone" need, submit only the appropriate need with no program indicated.

3. If a student participates in Title I Math, should a Title I Math need be submitted to AzEDS?
   - Yes.

4. Is there any way to distinguish between specific support programs?
   - Yes, each support program has a different number identifier.

5. If a student participates in Title I Math and Title I Language Arts, should a need transaction be submitted for each?
   - Yes, please submit a need for both Title I Math and Title 1 Language Arts.

6. If a student participates in Title I Math and Title I Language Arts, can just one support program transaction be sent?
   - No, a math need can only be associated with a Title I math program. Similarly, a Language Arts need can only be associated with a Title1 Language Arts program. Other programs, such as 21st Century Program, can be associated with multiple needs.