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### SPED/MDCS Error Messages

Error Message	Translation
Invalid SPED Disability Code	Sped Code must be 01 – 13
Invalid SPED Need Level	Level of Need must equal Low, Moderate, High
Invalid SPED Related Services	Related Services must equal Yes or No
Invalid SPED Enrolled Private	Enrolled in Private must equal Yes or No
Invalid SPED Withdrawn Code	Withdrawn Code must equal Yes or No

### MDCS Error Messages

Error Message	Translation
888 school must have enrollment status (01-06)	An unknown school code cannot be reported for an enrolled student; 888000 can only be reported for a student being sent to a private school, collaborative or out of state school.
Alphachar Repeated	At that particular data element, an invalid character is repeated – usually hyphens, asterisks or spaces.
Bil. Ed. Prog inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then bilingual ed program must be 00-05.
Bil. Ed. Prog inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) bilingual ed program must be 00-05.
Bil. Ed. Prog status inv; refer to DOE011	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then bilingual ed program must = 00-05.
Bilingual education program status is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Career + Tech. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then CTE plans must be 01-14.
Career & Tech. Invalid for CT Grade	If grade level is CT then DOE035 must have a value of 01-14.
Career + Tech. inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then CTE plans must be 00-14.
Career and technical type of program is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
City of birth percentage for NA exceeded	Districts to use NA for city of birth if it's not immediately known; districts must try to be as accurate as possible.
City/Town of Residence is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
COB as state names percentage was exceeded	States are permitted for a specific percentage; districts must try to be as accurate as possible.
Country of Origin inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then country of origin must Appendix C code or 500, does not apply to student.



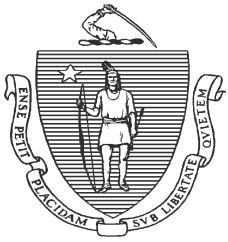
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Country of Origin inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then country of origin must = Appendix C code or 500, does not apply to student.
Country of Origin invalid; refer to DOE011	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then country of origin must = Appendix C code or 500, does not apply to student.
Country of origin is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Country Origin invalid; refer to Immigrant Status	If DOE022=01 (student is an immigrant) then the district must report a country from Appendix C codes.
Country Origin invalid; refer to Immigrant Status	If DOE022 not = 01 (student is not an immigrant) then country of origin is 500, does not apply to student.
Date of birth format is invalid	Dates of birth do not match date of birth format (DOE007) provided by district.
Date of Birth Format is not in the List	The district is not using one of the 3 acceptable DOB format.
Date of Birth is improper	May contain alphabetic characters instead of numerical.
Date of birth is out of range	The student is less than 3 years old or older than 22.
Date of Birth Number of Characters should be 10	D10 in DOB format must be 10 characters.
Date of Birth Number of Characters should be 8	D8M and D8Y must be 8 characters.
Days in Attend. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then days in attendance must be 0-261; not 555.
Days in Attend. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If DOE011=02 and DOE012=06 or 07 (sending to private school, out of state or collaborative) then days in attendance must be 0-261.
Days in Attend. invalid; refer to Reason for Rep	If DOE011=01 or 03 (educating) then days in attendance must be 0-261.
Days in Member. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then days in membership must be 0-261; not 555.
DaysMembership invalid; must be >or= DaysAttend	Days in membership must be more than days in attendance.
DaysMembership invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then days in membership must = 0-261.
DaysMembership invalid; refer to Reason for Rept.	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then days in membership cannot be 555.
DOE012 or DOE013 invalid; refer to DOE011	If DOE011=01 (district is fiscally and educationally responsible), then enrollment status (DOE012) must = 01-06 and DOE013 must = 01.
DOE013 invalid; refer to DOE011	If DOE011=02 and DOE012=07 then DOE013 must equal 02-03 or 05-10. DOE013 cannot be 01 (district can't be 'sending' to itself), 00 (left district) or 04 (districts do not report METCO students as sending).
DOE013 invalid; refer to DOE011 and DOE012	If DOE011=03 (receiving) then DOE012 must = 01-06 and DOE013 must = 02-05 or 08-10. Receiving cannot be 00 (moved), 01 (resident/member), 06 or 07 (private school or



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	collaborative.)
DOE035 invalid; refer to grade level	If student is not in high school (DOE016 not = 09-12) then CTE plans do not apply to the student so DOE035 must = 00.
Duplicate LASIDs found for district	The district has one or more students using the same LASID.
Duplicate SASIDs	<u>Within</u> the files sent by the district, either two different students have the same SASID or the same student is listed twice or the same student is in two different files.
Elements Less	At that particular line, there are less than 35 data elements in the file. Usually it means there's a comma in the field.
Ends with Hyphen	At that particular data element, the data element ends with a hyphen.
Enrollment status invalid; refer to DOE011	The district is an enrolling or receiving district (DOE011=01 or 03) so enrollment status must reflect 01-06, not 07 or 08 which are reserved for sending.
Enrollment status invalid; refer to DOE011	The district is sending a student to a private school, out of state or collaborative school (DOE011=02) so enrollment must be 07 or 08.
Enrollment status is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
First native language is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
First,last,and dob updates percentage was exceeded	The district has changed the characteristics of the student so much (FN, LN, and DOB) that the DOE can no longer be sure the student is unique. This generally happens when SASIDs have been imported incorrectly.
Hyphens Repeated	At that particular data element, there are consecutive hyphens.
Immigrant Status invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then immigrant status must = 00 or 01.
Immigrant Status invalid; refer to Reason for Rept	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then immigrant status must = 00 or 01.
Immigrant status is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Incorrect Size	At that particular data element, the length is too short or too long.
Invalid Chars	At that particular data element, there are invalid characters.
Invalid COB entered	District used US, USA, NA, Unknown, etc.
Invalid Datatype	The type of data is incorrect i.e. numbers in a name field or alphabetic characters in a number field.
Invalid date of birth	The date of birth contains invalid characters or sequence of numbers such as 14/45/3001.
Invalid Drop out code in DOE012	If grade level is below grade 6 then student cannot be reported as a dropout.
Invalid file - No records available in this file!	File is empty, it contains no information.
Invalid middle name entered	District used NA, N/A, Not Available, NMNM, No Middle Name, etc.
LASRW Read. invalid; refer to DOE011 +	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or



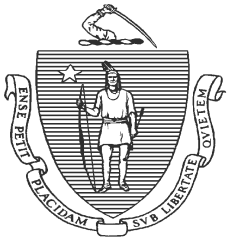
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DOE012	collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then LASRW Read. must be 0-100 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
LASRW Read. invalid; refer to DOE026(BILING.ED)	If the student is in a bilingual program (DOE026=01 or 03) then LASRW Read. Must be 0-100 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
LASRW Read. invalid; refer to DOE026(BILING.ED)	If the student is not in a bilingual program (DOE026=00, 02, 04, or 05) then LASRW Read. Must be 500; ESL students do not take bilingual tests.
LASRW Read. invalid; refer to Reason for Reporting	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then LASRW Read must be 0-100 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
LASRW Writing invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then LASRW Writ.. must be 0-100 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
LASRW Writing invalid; refer to DOE026(BILING.ED)	If the student is in a bilingual program (DOE026=01 or 03) then LASRW Writ. Must be 0-100 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
LASRW Writing invalid; refer to DOE026(BILING.ED)	If the student is not in a bilingual program (DOE026=00, 02, 04, or 05) then LASRW Writ. Must be 500.
LASRW Writing invalid; refer to Reason for Report	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then LASRW Writ. must be 0-100 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
Lim. Engl. Prof. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then limited english proficiency must be 00,01 or 500, does not apply to student.
Lim. Engl. Prof. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) limited english proficiency must be 00,01 or 500, does not apply to student.
Lim. Engl. Prof. invalid; refer to Reason for Rept	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then limited english proficiency must = 00, 01 or 500, does not apply to student.
Limited English proficiency is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Line No < > + Too many elements	At that particular line, there are more than 35 data elements in the file.
Line No < > + <element name> + Quotes Missing	At that particular line and data element, quotes are missing.
Line No < > + <element name> + must be entered	Missing/empty data element.
Line No < > + Invalid character(s) in this line	At that particular line, there are invalid characters. This could also mean that an end of file ascii character is at the end of the file after the last student's record.
Low income status is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
LowInc. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then low income must = 00 or 01; not 555.
LowInc. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then low income must = 00 or 01.



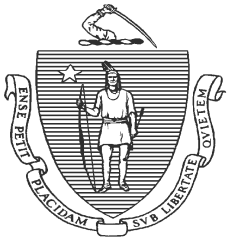
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LowInc. invalid; refer to Reason for Rept	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then low income must = 00 or 01.
METCO reported by receiving district only	If DOE013=04 (METCO) then DOE011 must = 03; METCO students are to be reported by receiving districts only.
Middle name percentage for NA exceeded	Districts try to use NA for middle name not applicable; must use NMN.
Middle name percentage for NMN exceeded	A specific percentage of middle names is allowed; districts are expected to get middle names/initials for all students.
Migrant Status invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then migrant status must = 00 or 01; not 555.
Migrant Status invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then migrant status must = 00 or 01.
Migrant Status invalid; refer to Reason for Rept	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then migrant status must = 00 or 01.
Migrant status is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Mismatch in Last name/First name/Date of Birth	Either the wrong SASID has been assigned to a student or all 3 characteristics for the student have changed and the student may no longer be uniquely assigned to a SASID.
Native Lang. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then native language must be one of the codes in Appendix B or 500, does not apply to student.
Native Lang. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then native language must = Appendix B code or 500, does not apply to student.
Native Lang. invalid; refer to Reason for Rept	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then native language must = Appendix B code or 500, does not apply to student.
NMN is not allowed in the first name field	NMN is only permissible in the middle name field
NMN is not allowed in the last name field	NMN is only permissible in the middle name field
Not a Public School in reporting district; DOE011	If DOE011 = 01 or 03 (educating) then the school code must be one of the schools in the reporting district or the district educating the student.
Number of days in attendance is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Number of days in membership is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Oral language proficiency category is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Perkins Low Inc. invalid; must = Low Income	If low income = 01 then Perkins must = 01. They are very similar data elements differing only in state ward students.
Perkins Low Inc. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then Perkins must = 00 or 01; not 555.
Perkins Low Inc. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then Perkins



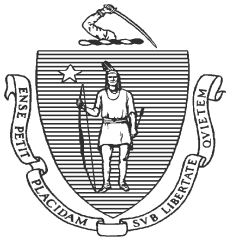
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	must = 00 or 01.
Perkins Low Inc. invalid; refer to Reason for Rept	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) then Perkins must = 00 or 01.
Perkins low income status is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Post Grad Plan invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then post grad plans must be 01-09 or 500 if they're not graduating seniors.
Post Grad Plan invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the student is graduating (DOE012=04) then post grad plans must = 01-09.
Post Grad Plan invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the student is not graduating (DOE012 not =04) then post grad plans must be 500.
Post Grad Plan invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then post grad plans must be 01-09 or 500 if they're not graduating seniors.
Post graduate plans are invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Post Graduate Plans is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Race entered is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Race invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	The district is sending a student to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013=07 or 08), race must = 01-05 or 99.
Race invalid; refer to Reason for Reporting	The district is an enrolling or receiving district (DOE011=01 or 03) so race must = 01-05 or 99.
Reas. for Enrollment invalid; refer to DOE012	If enrollment status is 08 (DOE012=08) then DOE013 must = 00 (was fiscally responsible during the year but student has moved from district).
Reas. for Enrollment. invalid; refer to DOE012	If Reason for enrollment is 06 or 07 then DOE011 cannot =01 because it can't be a private school or collaborative student that the districts is programmatically responsible for (DOE011=01).
Reas. for Enrollment. invalid; refer to DOE012	If DOE011=02 and DOE012=07 then DOE013 must equal 02-03 or 05-10. DOE013 cannot be 01 (district can't be 'sending' to itself), 00 (left district) or 04 (districts do not report METCO students as sending).
Reason for Enrollment is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
Reason for reporting is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
SASID not found in student directory	There is no SASID with that sequence of numbers in the student directory.
School id is invalid	School code is not one of the acceptable codes found in Appendix D or E or alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
School/Grade not found in reporting district	If DOE011 = 01 or 03 (educating) then the grade level must be



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	within that school's range of grades. In other words, if the school is grades K-6, a student cannot be reported with grade 7.
SPED placement info is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
SPED type invalid for AO	If grade level is AO then DOE034 must have a value of 01-70 or 90.
SPED type invalid for non-PK grade type	If grade level is not PK then DOE034 cannot have a value of 80.
SPED type invalid for PK grade type	If grade level is PK then DOE034 must have a value of 05 or 80.
SPED type invalid for SP	If grade level is SP then DOE034 must have a value of 01-70 or 90.
Starts with Hyphen	At that particular data element, the data element starts with a hyphen.
TBE # Years inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then number of years must reflect number of years or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
TBE # Years inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE026(BIL.ED)	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the students is in a bilingual program (DOE026=01 or 03) then TBE number of years must reflect number of years or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
TBE # Years inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE026(BIL.ED)	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the students is not in a bilingual program (DOE026=00, 02, 04, or 05) then TBE oral prof. must = 500; ESL students do not need number of years.
TBE Exit inv; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then TBE exit must be 01 or 02 or 500 if they're not in a bilingual program.
TBE Exit invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then TBE exit must be 01 or 02 or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
TBE Exit invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE026(BIL.ED)	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the students is in a bilingual program (DOE026=01) then TBE exit must be 01 or 02; it can't be 500 because TBE does apply to the student.
TBE Exit invalid; refer to DOE025 and DOE026	If the student has 'graduated' from the TBE program (DOE032=01) then the student used to be in a TBE program (DOE026=01).
TBE Exit invalid; refer to DOE026(BIL.ED)	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the students is not in a bilingual program (DOE026=00, 03-05) then TBE exit must = 500; ESL students do not need an exit code.
TBE Exit type is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
TBE LASRW reading score is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
TBE LASRW writing score is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
TBE Number of years in program is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.



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TBE Oral Language Proficiency Category is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
TBE oral language test code is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then TBE oral prof. must be a corresponding test number or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then TBE oral prof. must be a corresponding test number or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the students is in a bilingual program (DOE026=01 or 03) then TBE oral prof. must be a corresponding test number or 500 if it doesn't apply to the student.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to TBE-Oral Test	If BSM test was administered then oral prof. Must be 01-05, 6N, 6S or 500 if not yet given.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to TBE-Oral Test	If LASO test was administered then oral prof. Must be 01-06 or 500 if not yet given.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to TBE-Oral Test	If IDEA test was administered then oral prof. Must be A,B,C,D,E,F,M or 500 if not yet given.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to TBE-Oral Test	If MELA-O test was administered then oral prof. Must be 00-05, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55 or 500 if not yet given.
TBE Oral Prof. invalid; refer to TBE-Oral Test	If the student is not in a bilingual program (DOE026=00, 02,04 05) then TBE Oral. Prof. Must be 500. ESL students do not take bilingual tests.
TBE-Oral Language Test is invalid	Alphabetical characters are used rather than numerical, sequence of characters is incorrect (10 instead of 01), etc.
TBE-Oral Test invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE012	If DOE011=02 (sending) and DOE012=08 (was a member of district) then TBE oral must be 01-04 if they're in a bilingual program or 500 if they're not in a bilingual program.
TBE-Oral Test invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE013	If district is sending to a private school, out of state or collaborative (DOE011=02 & DOE013 = 06 or 07) then TBE oral must be 01-04 if they're in a bilingual program or 500 if they're not in a bilingual program.
TBE-Oral Test invalid; refer to DOE011 + DOE026	If district is educating (DOE011=01 or 03) and the students is in a bilingual program (DOE026=01 or 03) then TBE oral test must = 01-04 or 500 if the test hasn't been given yet.
Value out of Range	TBE Number of years in program is out of range, the field is less than 0 or greater than 20.0.