

**SIMS Validation Rules:**

**Error List — Version 20.9**

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This document is intended to assist you in diagnosing and fixing validation errors by expanding on the messages returned by the data collection system. The validations are ordered sequentially throughout the book and within that ordering they are grouped by SIF object and one of the data elements affected. The grouping is designed to keep like elements together; the reference to the SIF object may or may not be relevant to the error you may experience.

The number range for each group is intended to be consistent across four data collection applications, SIMS, SCS, EPIMS and SSDR.

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| **Object** | **Start** | **End** |
| LEAInfo | 2000 | 2099 |
| SchoolInfo | 2100 | 2299 |
| StudentPersonal | 2300 | 3799 |
| StaffPersonal | 3800 | 4499 |
| DisciplineIncident | 4500 | 5799 |
| EmploymentRecord | 5800 | 6299 |
| SchoolCourseInfo | 6300 | 6599 |
| StaffAssignment | 6600 | 7199 |
| StaffEvaluation | 7200 | 7599 |
| StudentSchoolEnrollment | 7600 | 8599 |
| StudentAttendanceSummary | 8600 | 8699 |
| StudentSpecialEducationSummary | 8700 | 8999 |
| TermInfo | 9000 | 9099 |
| SectionInfo | 9100 | 9199 |
| SectionMarkInfo | 9200 | 9299 |
| StudentSectionMarks | 9300 | 9399 |
| StaffSectionAssignment | 9400 | 9599 |
| StudentSectionEnrollment | 9600 | 9899 |
| Discontinued Elements | 9900 | 9999 |

When a district uploads data that contain any of the following errors, the data will not be moved to the staging table. These data will not be considered for the regular validations.

Student file: Invalid file - No records available in this file!

File is empty, it contains no information.

Student File: NULL value in file

One of the data elements is empty ("" or " " or ,,) or two data elements were combined by mistake ("500500").

Student record: Line No <> + Invalid character(s) in this line

At that particular line, there are invalid characters.

Student record: Line No < > + Too many elements

At this line (or at the record above), there are more than 52 data elements in the file. There is an additional comma in the file, most often in the last name or place of birth fields.

Student SASID duplicated

Within 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.

These errors give diagnostic information as to what a students enrollment data might be missing for a SIF submission.

SIMS100 - Enrolled student from previous collection not reported currently

It is not entirely clear why this enrollment is not appearing in SIMS. Contact the Data Collection Support team.

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SIMS101 - Enrolled student from previous collection not reported currently # Missing StudentSchoolEnrollment

A StudentSchoolEnrollment object is required to report a student’s enrollment. The object is missing for this student. Contact your SIS software vendor.

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS102 - Enrolled student from previous collection not reported currently # Missing SchoolInfo

A SchoolInfo object is required to report a student’s enrollment. The object is missing for this student. Contact your SIS software vendor.

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS103 - Enrolled student from previous collection not reported currently # Missing TermInfo

A TermInfo object is required for the school in which a student is enrolled to report a student’s enrollment. The object is missing for this student. Contact your SIS software vendor.

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS107 - Enrolled student from previous collection not reported currently # Missing StudentPersonal

A StudentPersonal object with the student’s SASID is required to report a student’s enrollment. The object is missing for this student. Contact your SIS software vendor.

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS1316 - Students reported with grade level KT must have a DOE013 value of 08 (Tuitioned in – paid by parent/guardian)

Kindergarten students whose parents pay tuition should be reported with DOE013 value of 08 and grade level KT

Elements affected: DOE013, DOE016

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2100 - Invalid School code (DOE015)

School code is not one of the acceptable codes found in School Profiles/Directory

DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2110 - An alternative education/Innovation program code is reported as a school code (DOE015)

A school code (DOE015) cannot be reported as an alternative education program (DOE027)

Elements affected: DOE015 - School code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2120 – DYS school code (DOE015 = 09200300) is for general education students only

School code 09200300 is for general education students in a DYS setting. Special education placement (DOE032 and DOE034) should be 00.

Elements affected: DOE032 – SPED Placement age 3-5, DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2130 - Institutional School (DOE015) requires an institutional SpEd placement (DOE032=45 or DOE034=90)

If student is in an institutional school (school code = 037000xx) then Sped Placement (DOE032) must = 45 for students age 3-5 or (DOE034) must = 90 for students age 6-21.

Elements affected: DOE032 – SPED Placement age 3-5, DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2140 - An Institutional School Code (DOE015) must accompany a SpEd institutional Placement (DOE032 or DOE034)

Students reported as being placed in a Public Residential Institution (DOE032=45 or DOE034=90) should report and Institutional school in DOE015.

Elements affected: DOE032, DOE034, DOE015

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2150 - PreSchool/HomeSchool (DOE015) is only valid for Services Only enrollment status

PreSchool/HomeSchool reported in DOE015 is only valid with enrollment status (DOE012 = 40 or 41). This DOE015 value is also valid with aged out or deceased statuses for former services only students.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2160 - Title I: status for the school is not available

The district has not yet responded to the ESE regarding Title I information.

DOE020 - Title I, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2170 - Public/Charter school not valid for report/enroll code

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) =02 and Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) =07, then school code (DOE015) must not be a public/charter school Elements affected: DOE011, DOE013, DOE015

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2180 - School Code (DOE015) is not consistent with Reason for Enrollment (DOE013)

If Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) =06 (out of state) and Reason for Reporting (DOE011) =02 (sending) then the school code (DOE015) must be an out of state school.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2200 - No students enrolled in school and/or grade level.

All opened schools within the district and all existing grades within the school are expected to report enrollment.

DOE015 - School Code, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2300 - Duplicate Lasids Not Allowed

The district has one or more students using the same LASID. Duplicate Lasids Not Allowed

Elements affected: DOE001 - LASID

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2310 - SASID (DOE002) not recorded in DESE student directory table

There is no SASID with that sequence of numbers in the student directory. Usually, it's a typo with one of the numbers.

Elements affected: DOE002 - SASID

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2320 - SASID has been deactivated in student directory. Please use the active SASID:

This student had been assigned two SASID numbers. We "deactivated" one of the numbers assigned so please use "active" number

Elements affected: DOE002 - SASID

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2330 - Student reported in prior period is missing (prior period elements displayed)

A SASID that in the prior collection is missing in the current collection. Any SASID reported must continue to be reported all year. (Not including summer grads, Reached Maximum Age or Deceased)

DOE002 - SASID

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2340 - FN: First Name does not match directory:

First Name reported does not match the First Name in the student directory (provided in the error message)

Elements affected: DOE003 - First Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2345 - Ch. 74 (“After Dark”) program (DOE043) not approved for this School

The reported school is not designated as offering the “After Dark” Chapter 74 program reported in DOE043.

Elements affected: DOE015, DOE035, DOE043

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2350 - FN: NMN is not allowed in the first name field

NMN is only permissible in the middle name field

DOE003 - First Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2360 - MN: Middle Name does not match directory:

Middle Name reported does not match the Middle Name in the student directory (provided in the error message)

Elements affected: DOE004 - Middle Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2370 – MN: Middle name=NMN percentage too high

More students than expected were reported with no middle name

Elements affected: DOE004 - Middle Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2380 – MN: Middle name=NA percentage too high

Districts try to use NA for students with no middle names; must use NMN.

Elements affected: DOE004 - Middle Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2390 - LN: Last Name does not match directory:

Last Name reported does not match the Last Name in the student directory (provided in the error message)

Elements affected: DOE005 - Last Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2400 - LN: NMN is not allowed in the last name field

NMN is only permissible in the middle name field

Elements affected: DOE005 - Last Name

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2410 - DOB does not match directory

DOB reported does not match the DOB in the student directory (provided in the error message)

Elements affected: DOE006 - DOB

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2420 - Invalid City of Birth (DOE008)

Certain names and abbreviations are not allowed for City of Birth (i.e. US, USA, America, etc.)

Elements affected: DOE008 - City/Town of Birth

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2430 - City of birth (COB)= NA percentage too high

Districts can use NA for city of birth if it is not immediately known for a small % of students.

Elements affected: DOE008 - City/Town of Birth

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2440 - City of birth (COB)=state name percentage too high

A large number of students were reported as having a state name as their city of birth rather than a specific city, town or location.

Elements affected: DOE008 - City/Town of Birth

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2450 - Gender does not match directory:

Gender reported does not match the Gender in the student directory (provided in the error message)

Elements affected: DOE009 – Gender

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2460 - Invalid Race code (DOE010)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE010 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE010 - Race

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2470 - Invalid City/Town of Residence code (DOE014)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE014 - Town of Residence in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2480 - METCO (DOE013 = 04) is only valid when Town of Residence (DOE014) is either Boston or Springfield

If reason for enrollment, DOE013 is 04, then the town of residence can only be 035 or 281 (Boston or Springfield).

Elements affected: DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2490 - Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) is not consistent with out-of-state students (DOE014=888)

Town of residence (DOE014) must be 888 for student living outside of MA (except for students receiving sped services).

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, Elements affected: DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2500 - Tuitioned in out-of-state enrollment (DOE013=06) requires out-of-state town code (DOE014=888)

Town of residence (DOE014) must be 888 for student living outside of MA.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, Elements affected: DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2510 - Town of Residence (DOE014) is not consistent with Resident Enrollment (DOE011=01)

If Reason for Reporting specifies resident status (DOE011 = 01) - then the Town of Residence code (DOE014) must be a member town of the district (except for students receiving sped services).

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2520 - Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) is not consistent with Sending Enrollment (DOE011=02) for an out-of-district student.

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011)=02 and Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) is reported as anything other than 02 or 04 then the Town of Residence code (DOE014) must be a member town of the district.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2526 - Student reported as English Learner (DOE025 = 01) must have an EL program type identified in DOE026

If a student has been identified as an English Learner, the type of EL program they are enrolled in must be identified in DOE026

Elements affected: DOE025, DOE026

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2530 - In district town (DOE014) is not consistent with School Choice or METCO Reason (DOE013 = 02 or 04)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) = 02 and Reason for Enrollment (DOE013)=02 or 04 then the Town of Residence code (DOE014) must not be a member town of the district.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2540 - Town of Residence (DOE014) is not consistent with Receiving Enrollment (DOE011=03)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011)=03 (non-resident), then the Town of Residence code must be a non-member town of the district

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE014 - Town of Residence

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2542 - ZIP Code is invalid.

The ZIP code reported in DOE051 should consist of five numeric characters.

Elements affected: DOE051 – ZIP Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2544 - ZIP Code is inconsistent with town.

If DOE014 indicates a Massachusetts town code, the ZIP code reported in DOE051 should be one of those within the town boundaries. Homeless students and students in residential Placements are excepted.  This validation only applies to active students (DOE012 = 01, 04, 10, 11 or 40)

Elements affected: DOE051 – ZIP Code, DOE014 - Town of Residence, DOE012 – Enrollment status

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2546 – Out of state student has in-state ZIP code

If DOE014 indicates out of state (888), then the ZIP code reported in DOE051 should not be in Massachusetts. Homeless students are excepted.  This validation only applies to active students (DOE012 = 01, 04, 10, 11 or 40)

Elements affected: DOE051 – ZIP Code, DOE014 - Town of Residence, DOE012 – Enrollment status

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2550 - Invalid Low income status code (DOE019)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE019 - Low Income in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE019 - Low Income

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2560 - Invalid Years in US for EL code (DOE021)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE021 - Years in US for EL in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE021 - Years in US for EL

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2570 - Students in Pre-K and SP must report 00 in DOE021

Students in Pre-K and SP may not be reported as EL students in their first year in US schools (DOE021).

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2572 - EL Student is not in first year of US schooling and so may not report 01 in DOE021

This student has been reported as being enrolled in a Massachusetts school for one or more years and so may not report as being in the first year of US schooling.

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2580 - EL in First Year code (DOE021) not consistent with EL code (DOE025)

For students in K through 12, if DOE021=01 or 02, then DOE025 (EL) must equal 01.

Elements affected: DOE025 - EL, DOE021 - Years in US for EL, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2590 - Invalid Immigrant status code (DOE022)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE022 - Immigrant Status in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE022 - Immigrant Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2600 - Student has spent more than 3 years in MA schools and so is not an immigrant by Federal standards.

Part of the federal definition of an immigrant student is that they not “have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more states for more than 3 full academic years.” This student was found to have been attending Massachusetts schools for three or more full academic years.

Elements affected: DOE022

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2610 - Foreign exchange students should not be reported as immigrant students in DOE022

Foreign exchange students should not be reported as immigrants. (DOE022 - Immigrant Status)

Elements affected: DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, DOE022 - Immigrant Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2620 - Invalid Country of origin code (DOE023)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE023 - Country of Origin in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE023 - Country of Origin

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2630 - Country of Origin cannot equal 500 for Immigrants and must equal 500 for Non-Immigrants

The country of origin code (DOE023) should only be reported for students who are immigrants. If a student is not an immigrant, then the country of origin must be 500.

Elements affected: DOE022 - Immigrant Status, DOE023 - Country of Origin

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2640 - Invalid First (native) language code (DOE024)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE024 - First (Native) Language in the SIMS Data Handbook. Latin (code 480/lat) is not valid first (native) language code.

Elements affected: DOE024 - First (Native) Language

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2650 - EL code (DOE025) not consistent with English reported as first language (DOE024)

If the student's native language is English (eng) then the EL code (DOE025) should equal 00.

Elements affected: DOE024 - First (Native) Language, DOE025 - English Learner

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2660 - Invalid English Learner code (DOE025)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE025 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE025 - English Learner

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2661 – Student has met ACCESS test score to exit English Learner status. DOE025 should be 00.

DOE025 should be 00 (not English Learner) for students who have met the automatic exit criteria of 4.2 overall and 3.9 literacy ACCESS scores.

Elements affected: DOE025 - English Learner

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2670 - EL Program code (DOE026) reported but student not reported as EL (DOE025)

Students in these EL programs (DOE026=01,03,04,05) should be English Learners (DOE025 = 01).

Elements affected: DOE025 – English Learner, DOE026 - English Language Program Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2680 - Invalid Military Family code (DOE029)

Refer to valid values for DOE029 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE029

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2690 - Invalid CVTE Competency Attainment code (DOE031)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE031 - CTE Competency Attainment in the SIMS

Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE031 - CTE Competency Attainment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2700 - CVTE Competency Attainment Code (DOE031) appropriate only for the students in grades 9-12 and SP

If student is not in grades 09-12 then CTE Competency Attainment (DOE031) must =500.

ELEMENTS AFFECTED: DOE016 - Grade Level, DOE031 - CTE Competency Attainment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2710 - CTE- The student should be reported with a CTE competency attainment (DOE031) as s/he was previously reported with a competency attainment

If a student was reported with a competency attainment in a previous period then s/he must continue to be reported with that competency attainment or, if applicable, a different competency attainment in the current period

Elements affected: DOE031 - CTE Technical Competency Attainment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2720 - Invalid High School Completer Plans code (DOE033)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE033 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE033 - High school completer plans

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2730 - Graduates: High school completer plans code (DOE033) invalid with enrollment status

If enrollment status (DOE012)=04, then High school completer plans (DOE033) must be 01-10. If enrollment status (DOE012)=10 or 11, then High school completer plans (DOE033) can be 01-10 and if enrollment status (DOE012) <> 04 (Graduate), then High school completer plans(DOE033) must be 500.

Elements affected: DOE033 - High school completer plans, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2740 - Graduates- High school completer plans=unknown, percentage too high

Specific plans must be reported for a minimum percentage of graduates

DOE033 - High school completer plans, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

EOY

SIMS2750 - Invalid Grad Core Curriculum code (DOE037)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE037 - Graduate, Completed Mass Core Curriculum in the SIMS Data Handbook. DOE037=00 is not valid for a graduate (DOE012=04).

Elements affected: DOE037 - Graduate, Completed Mass Core Curriculum, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2760 - Graduate, completed Mass core curriculum (DOE037) invalid for enrollment status(DOE012)

If DOE037= 01 or 02 then DOE012 must equal 04

Elements affected: DOE037 - Graduate, Completed Mass Core Curriculum, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2770 - Enrollment status (DOE012) invalid with graduate, completed Mass core curriculum (DOE037)

If DOE012 =04, then DOE037 must not equal 00

Elements affected: DOE037 - Graduate, Completed Mass Core Curriculum, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2780 - Invalid 504 Plan Status code (DOE039)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE039 - 504 Plan Status in the SIMS Data Handbook.

DOE039 - 504 Plan Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2790 - Student previously reported on 504 plan must continue to report as 504 plan

If a student was reported with a 504 plan in a prior period within the fiscal year, then s/he must continue to be reported with a 504 plan in the current period (except summer exits)

Elements affected: DOE039 - 504 Plan Status

MAR,EOY

SIMS2795 - Student previously reported as no longer on a 504 plan (DOE039) in EOY so current 504 plan status is not likely

If a student was reported as no longer on a 504 plan (DOE039=02) in both October and the previous end of year, it is likely that the data was carried forward from one school year to the next in error and needs to be corrected.

Elements affected: DOE039 - 504 Plan Status

OCT

SIMS2800 – Invalid SLIFE code (DOE041)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE041 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

DOE041 – EL Student with Limited or Interupted Formal Education (SLIFE)

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2810 - Only English Learners (DOE025) may report SLIFE (DOE041)

Only EL students (DOE025=01) may report as meeting SLIFE criteria.

Elements affected: DOE041

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2820 - Only students aged between 8 and 21 may report SLIFE.

Only students aged between 8 and 21 may report as meeting SLIFE criteria.

Elements affected: DOE041

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2830 - Invalid CVTE Special Populations code (DOE042)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE042 - CTE Special Populations in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE042 - CTE Special Populations

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2840 - CVTE Special Population Code (DOE042) requires being in a CVTE Program (DOE035)

If CVTE Special Populations code (DOE042)<>500 then CTE Program Type code (DOE035) must not = 00.

Elements affected: DOE035 - CTE Program Type, DOE042 - CTE Special Populations

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2850 - Invalid/Missing Industry Recognized Credential code (DOE047) code. Please only report Safety related IRC codes or 500 in DOE047.

## The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE047 - Industry Recognized Credential in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE047 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2860 - Invalid Industry Recognized Credential code (DOE048)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE048 - Industry Recognized Credential in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE048 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2880 - Invalid Industry Recognized Credential code (DOE049)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE049 - Industry Recognized Credential in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE049 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2890 - If DOE048 is N/A (500) then DOE049 cannot hold a significant value.

Multiple Credentials must be reported in sequence with the firsat in DOE047, the second in DOE048 and the third in DOE049.

Elements affected: DOE049 - Industry Recognized Credential, DOE048 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2900 - Industry Recognized Credentials are only valid for secondary students

Only students enrolled in grades 09,10,11,12 and SP may report an applicable value (not 500) in DOE047, DOE048 and DOE049

Elements affected: DOE049 - Industry Recognized Credential, DOE048 - Industry Recognized Credential, DOE047 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2910 - IRC previously reported in DOE047, must continue to be reported.

If in the prior collection, a significant value was reported in DOE047, then it must continue to be reported.

Elements affected: DOE047 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2920 - IRC previously reported in DOE048, must continue to be reported.

If in the prior collection, a significant value was reported in DOE048, then it must continue to be reported.

Elements affected: DOE048 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2930 - IRC previously reported in DOE049, must continue to be reported.

If in the prior collection, a significant value was reported in DOE049, then it must continue to be reported.

Elements affected: DOE049 - Industry Recognized Credential

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2940 - Invalid Early Childhood Experience code (DOE050)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE050 - Early Childhood Experience in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE050 - Early Childhood Experience

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS2950 - Early Childhood Experience (DOE050) is not valid for PK students.  Report 99 (N/A)

This element does not apply to Pre-K students. They should be reported as 99.

Elements affected: DOE050 - Early Childhood Experience, DOE016 – Grade Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2960 - Early Childhood Experience (DOE050) must be reported for Kindergarten students.

A significant value must be reported for kindergarten students (not 99).

Elements affected: DOE050 - Early Childhood Experience, DOE016 – Grade Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS2970 - Previously reported Early Childhood Experience (DOE050), if accurate,  must continue to be reported.

If in the previous collection, a significant value (not 99) was reported for this student, then the significant value must continue to be reported, if accurate.

## SIMS2980 - Duplicate SASIDs Not Allowed.

Duplciate SASIDs are not allowed.

## SIMS2990 - Invalid/Missing School Code value. School Code is required for summer exit/transfer students.

School code DOE015 field cannot be blank for summer exits.

## SIMS3000 - Invalid/Missing Gender (DOE009) value

Gender field must be M, F or N. Cannot be blank.

## SIMS3010 - Students with exit date prior to the report date cannot have DOE012 value as 01 or 40

If a student’s exit date is before report date, then the enrollment status DOE012 value should be an exit code.

## SIMS7510 - Innovation Pathway/Sector program (DOE046) not approved for this school

The enrolling school is not designated in Directory Administration as offering the Innovation Pathway reported in DOE046.

Elements affected: DOE046, DOE015

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7520 - Non-Ch. 74 program (DOE044) not approved for this School

The enrolling school is not designated in Directory Administration as offering the Non-Chapter 74 program reported in DOE044.

Elements affected: DOE044, DOE015

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7600 - Invalid Reason for Reporting code (DOE011)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE011 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7610 - Charter School (DOE15) must be reported with a Receiving Enrollment (DOE011=03)

If the school is a charter school then reason for reporting (DOE011) must = 03 except when enrollment is services only (DOE012=40 or 41)

Elements affected: DOE011- reason for reporting, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7620 - Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) is not consistent with Receiving Enrollment (DOE011=03)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) = 03 then the Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) must = 02-06, 08-12.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7630 - Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) is not consistent with Resident Enrollment (DOE011=01)

If Reason for Reporting = 01 (DOE011) then Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) must = 01, 08 or 11.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7640 - Resident Enrollment (DOE011=01) tuitioned-in reason (DOE013=08) is only valid for grades PK2, PK4, PK5 and KT (DOE016)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) = 01 and Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) =08, then Grade (DOE016) must be PK2, PK4, PK5 or KT.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment, DOE016 - Grade

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS7650 - School (DOE015) is not consistent with a Non-Sending Enrollment (DOE011 = 01 or 03)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) = 01 or 03, then the school must be a public or a charter school in own district.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7670 - Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) is not consistent with Sending Enrollment (DOE011=02)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011)= 02 then Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) must = 02, 06, 07, 09 or 12.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7680 - School (DOE015) is not consistent with a Sending Enrollment (DOE011 = 02)

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) = 02 then the reported school code must not be a public or a charter school.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7690 - Invalid Enrollment Status code (DOE012)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE012 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7700 - Certificate only for grades greater than 10

If Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 10 then the Grade Level (DOE016) must = 11, 12 or SP

Elements affected: DOE012-Enrollment Status, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7710 - Dropout code in DOE012 not valid for grade

Dropouts (DOE012=30-35) can only be reported in grades 6-12 (DOE015). DOE012 value of 36 can be reported for any grade level.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7720 - Enrolled student must be between 3:24 years old (Less than 25)

To be reported in SIMS, the student must be between 3-24 years of age.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE006 - Date of Birth

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7730 - Enrolled student must be between 3:24 years old (Not less than 3)

To be reported in SIMS, the student must be between 3-24 years of age.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE006 - Date of Birth

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7740 - Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 01 or 04 invalid when an SCS exception has been granted. Please verify the enrollment status and contact ESE if you need the exception removed

A student who has an SCS exception may not be reported as enrolled and retain that exception in a subsequent period.

Elements affected: DOE012

MAR,EOY

SIMS7760 - Services Only Enrollment (DOE012 = 40) is not consistent with SpEd Placement (DOE032 or DOE34)

When Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 40, then the SPED Placement should should have an active value (not 00 or 01)

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, D0E34 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE006 - DOB

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7770 - Reasons for Reporting and Enrollment (DOE11 and DOE013) are not consistent with students receiving services only (DOE012 = 40,41)

When Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 40 or 41 then reason for reporting (DOE011) and reason for enrollment (DOE013) must reflect either a resident (DOE011=01 & DOE013=01) or a “choiced in” (DOE011=03 & DOE013=02) enrollment. Elements affected: DOE013 – Reason for Enrollment, DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE011 - Reason for Reporting

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7810 - Enrollment Status (DOE012) can only be either 10 or 11 within district, not BOTH

Enrollment Status code (DOE012) can either be coded 10 or 11 within the same district. You cannot report DOE012=10 for one student and DOE012=11 for another student within the same school or across the schools within the same district.

DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7820 - Enrollment status (DOE012)=04 (graduate) not valid when student not passed MCAS

Students cannot be coded as graduated (DOE012=04) if they did not pass MCAS (do not have a competency determination ).

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7830 - Enrollment status (DOE012)=04, a graduate student not listed in MCAS file

Student coded as graduated (DOE012=04) is not listed on MCAS file as having attained a competency determination.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7840 - Enrollment status (DOE012)=10 or 11 (Certificate of attainment, high school completers) not valid when student passed MCAS

A student cannot be reported with a Certificate of attainment (DOE012=10) or as a high school completer (Elements affected: DOE012=11) when s/he has a competency determination (Student has passed MCAS)

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7850 - Enrollment status (DOE012)=11, not valid for Grade

If Enrollment status (DOE012) =11, then the Student must be in Grade 12 (DOE016-12).

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7870 - Graduates must be in grades 11, 12 or SP

Graduates can only be reported in grades 11, 12 and SP.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7890 - Private school (DOE015) is only consistent with Services Only Status (DOE012 = 40 or 41).

Enrollment Status code (DOE012) must not equal 01 if the school is a private or parochial school.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7900 - School (DOE015) is not consistent with Services Only Status (DOE012 = 40 or 41)

The school code (DOE015) for services only students and for transferred services only students (DOE012=40,41) , must be the code for the school they are enrolled in, not the school code where they receive services.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7910 - Reached maximum age must be 21 or older (Not less than 21 but less than 25)

If Enrollment Status (DOE12) = 09 then the student's age must be 21 and higher but less than 25

Elements affected: DOE006 - Date of Birth, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7920 - In district school (DOE015) is not consistent with Services Only status (DOE012 = 40 or 41)

The school code (DOE015) for services only students and for transferred services only students (DOE012=40 or 41) , must be the code for the school they are enrolled in, not the school code where they receive services.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7930 - Graduate percentage too low

At EOY, a minimum percentage of grade 12 students should be reported as graduates. Validation checks for less than 30%

DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE016 - Grade Level

EOY

SIMS7940 - Students previously reported as Summer exits must continue to be reported as such with Days of Attendance and Membership equal to 555

Students reported as Summer exits in October (DOE017=555), should not be reported in subsequent collections as still exited, but with no attendance (DOE017=0).

Elements affected: DOE017 – Days in Attendance, DOE018 –Day in Membership

MAR,EOY

SIMS7950 - Previous year graduates should not be reported this year.

If a student was reported as a graduate in EOY collection, s/he should not be reported in the current collection unless s/he is returning for SPED services.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7960 - Previous year graduates, Aged Out, Deceased should not be reported this year.

If a student was reported as Aged Out or Deceased in the EOY collection, s/he should not be reported at all in the current collection

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS7965 – Student reported as exited last year.  It is not likely that the student exited again.

If a student was reported as transferred or dropped out in the EOY collection, it is unlikely that s/he would return to then exit again.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT

SIMS7970 - Summer dropouts reported in Oct must be reported in March/EOY

Summer dropouts reported in October (DOE012=30's, DOE017=555, DOE018=555) must be reported in March/EOY.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership

MAR,EOY

SIMS7980 - Summer graduates,Aged Out, Deceased reported in October must not be reported in March/EOY

Summer graduates reported in October (DOE012=04, DOE017=555, DOE018=555) must not be reported in March/EOY

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership

MAR,EOY

SIMS7990 - Summer transfers reported in Oct must be reported in March/EOY

Summer transfers reported in October (DOE012=20's, DOE017=555, DOE018=555) must be reported in March/EOY.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership

MAR,EOY

SIMS8000 - Invalid Reason for Enrollment code (DOE013)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE013 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8010 - Non-Charter school (DOE015) is not consistent with Charter Reason for Enrollment (DOE013=03)

If reason for enrollment (DOE013)=03 and reason for reporting (DOE011) = 03, then the school (DOE015) must be a charter school.

Elements affected: DOE013-Reason for Enrollment, DOE011- reason for reporting, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8020 - Charter School (DOE015) is only consistent with Charter Reason for Enrollment (DOE013=03)

If the school is a charter school then reason for enrollment (DOE013) must = 03

Elements affected: DOE013- reason for enrollment, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8030 - Out of district foster care students (DOE013=12) in Vocational or Regional districts should be reported as in-district enrollments (DOE012-13 = 01,01,01)

Out of district foster care students (DOE013=12) in Vocational or Regional districts should be reported as in-district enrollments (DOE012-13 = 01,01,01) so that funding may be applied appropriately.

Elements affected: DOE013- reason for enrollment, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8040 - District does not offer choice. Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) = 02 is invalid

Only districts who are accepting school choice students may use a Reason for Enrollment =02 (school choice).

Elements affected: DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8050 - District does not offer METCO. Reason for Enrollment (DOE013) = 04 is invalid

Only districts accepting METCO students may use a Reason for Enrollment =04 (METCO).

Elements affected: DOE013 - Reason for Enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8080 - Invalid Grade code (DOE016)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE016 - Grade Level in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8090 - Private or Approved Sped Grade not listed in reported school

Student's grade (DOE016) not valid for the reported school (DOE015)

Elements affected: DOE016 - Grade, DOE015 - School code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8100 - Public or Charter School/Grade not in reporting district

If Reason for Reporting (DOE011) = 01 or 03, then the grade (DOE016) must be a grade within the reported school in the reporting district. (Exclude summer exits.)

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE015 - School Code, DOE016 - Grade Level, Elements affected: DOE018 - Days in Membership.

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8110 - Grade (DOE016) invalid when Alternative program reported

If an Alt Ed. Program is reported in DOE027, then the grade (DOE016) must be between 5-12 and SP.

Elements affected: doe027 - Alternative Education Program, DOE016 - Grade

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8120 - Grade invalid with School Code

Private preschool or Nursery school (DOE015=00000001) can only have grade PK or SP (DOE016 = PK1, PK2, PK3, PK4, PK5 or SP)

Elements affected: DOE016 - Grade Level, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8140 - Grade (DOE016=SP) requires an age greater than 15

Grade Level = SP indicates beyond grade 12 so the student must be 16-22 years old.

Elements affected: DOE016 - Grade Level, DOE006 - Date of Birth

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8150 - Grade (DOE016=SP) requires a SpEd Placement (DOE034)

If DOE016=SP then Sped Placement age 6-21 (DOE034) cannot equal 00.

Elements affected: DOE016 - Grade, DOE034, SPED Placement age 6-21

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8160 - Invalid Title I Participation code (DOE020)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE020 - Title I in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE020 - Title I

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8170 - Title I: School has no Title I. Students must be reported with DOE020=00 and DOE030=00

School is listed as not having Title I but the student is reported with a Title I participation code. If the school is not a Title I school, then Title I participation codes must be 00 (DOE020 & DOE030). (Exclude summer exits.)

Elements affected: DOE020 – Instructional Title I, DOE030 – Non-Instructional Title I, DOE018 - Days in Membership

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8180 – Title I: School has schoolwide Title I. Students must be reported with DOE020=01 and DOE030=00

School is listed as having School-Wide Title I but the students within that school are not listed as Instrucional Title I=01 (DOE020) and , Non-Instructional Title I=00 (DOE030). (Exclude summer exits.)

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE020 - Title I, DOE030 – Non-Instructional Title I, DOE018 - Days in Membership, Elements affected: DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8190 – Title I: Student must not have Title I Code = 01 (SW)

School is not approved for school-wide Title I services. Only schools that are Title I school-wide (SW) may submit students as Title I=01 (DOE020). (Exclude summer exits.)

DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE020 - Title I, DOE018 - Days in Membership, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8200 - Title I Code applies only to Public/Charter

Title I Code applies only to Public or Charter schools.

DOE020 – Instructional Title I, DOE030 – Non-Instructional Title I, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8210 - Title I Targeted Assistance must have at least one TA and one non-Title I student

Title I Targeted Assistance school must have at least one TA and one non-Title I student

DOE020 - Title I, DOE030 – Non-Instructional Title I, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8220 - Invalid English Learners Program Status code (DOE026)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE026- English Language Learners Program status in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE026- English Language Learners Program status.

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8230 - Invalid Alternative Education/Innovation Program code (DOE027)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE027 - Alternative Education Program in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE027 - Alternative Education Program

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8240 - Alternative Education/Innovation Program code is invalid for the reporting district (DOE027)

District is not allowed to report this alternative education program (DOE027)

Elements affected: DOE027 - Alternative Education Program

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8250 – Invalid Non-Instructional Title I Targeted Assistance Services code (DOE030)

Non-Instructional Title I code code is not one of the acceptable codes found in the SIMS Data Handbook

DOE030 - Non-Instructional Title I code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8260 - Invalid CVTE Program Type code (DOE035)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE035 - CTE Program Type in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE035 - CTE Program Type

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8270 - Outplacement school (DOE015) not approved for CVTE Program Type code (DOE035)

Career and Tech Ed. (DOE035) Students cannot be reported as Sending (DOE011 = '02').

Elements affected: DOE035 - CTE Program code, DOE011 - Reason for Reporting

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8280 - Student reported in Non-Ch. 74 program (DOE035) and so needs a Non-Ch. 74 program code (DOE044)

If Career & Technical Program = 14 then a non-Ch. 74 program code (DOE044) must be reported.

Elements affected: DOE035 - CTE Program Type, DOE044 - Non Ch. 74 Program Participation

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8290 Student reported as tuitioned in for Ch. 74 (DOE013) and so needs to report participation in a Ch. 74 program (DOE035)

CTE Program type code (DOE035) =02 or 04 is valid only for a student with reason for enrollment (DOE013)=05 (Tuitioned-inChapter74 student).

Elements affected: DOE035 - CTE Program Type, DOE013- reason for enrollment

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8300 - Student reported in Ch. 74 program (DOE035) and so needs a Ch. 74 program code (DOE043)

If CTE Program type code (DOE035)=02 or 04 then CTE Program Participation (DOE043) must have a Ch. 74 program code and cannot be 500.

Elements affected: DOE035-CTE Program Type, DOE043 - Ch. 74 Program Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8310 - Student not reported in a Ch. 74 program (DOE035) and so should report N/A (500) in the Ch. 74 Program code (DOE043)

If CTE Program type (DOE035) is other than 02 or 04, then CTE Program Participation code (DOE043) must be 500.

Elements affected: DOE035-CTE Program Type, DOE043 - Ch. 74 Program Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8320 - CVTE Program Type code (DOE035) valid only for grades 9-12 and SP

If student is not in grades 09-12 then CTE Program Type code (DOE035) must = 00.

Elements affected: DOE016 - Grade Level, DOE035 - CTE Program Type

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8330 - Student not reported in a Non-Ch. 74 program (DOE035) and so should report N/A (500) in the Non-Ch. 74 Program code (DOE044)

If DOE035 - CTE Program Type code <> 14, then DOE044 - Non Ch. 74 Program Participation code must be 500.

Elements affected: DOE035 - CTE Program Type, DOE044 - Non Ch. 74 Program Participation

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8340 - Student previously reported with a CVTE Program Type code (DOE035) and should continue to be reported with one

A student (SASID) who is a summer exit, reported with an Enrollment Status of Graduate, Certificate of Attainment or Completed Grade 12 and District approved program (DOE-12 = 04, 9 or 10) and who in the immediately prior period was reported as enrolled in a CVTE program (DOE035<>00) must continue to be reported in the current period as being enrolled in a CVTE program.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE035 - CTE Program code

OCT

SIMS8350 - Ch. 74 program (DOE043) not approved for this LEA

The 6-digit code in DOE043 is not approved for the district.

Elements affected: DOE043 - Ch. 74 Program Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8360 - Invalid Non-Ch. 74 Prog Partic. code (DOE044)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE044 - Non Ch. 74 Program Participation in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE044 - Non Ch. 74 Program Participation

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8370 - Invalid Seal of Biliteracy code (DOE028)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE028 - Seal of Biliteracy in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE028 - Seal of Biliteracy

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8380 - Seal of Biliteracy code is only valid for graduates

A Seal of Biliteracy may only be given to graduates (DOE012=04).

Elements affected: DOE028 - Seal of Biliteracy , DOE12 Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8385 - Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction is not valid for prior-year graduates

Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction may not be awarded to student graduating before the 2020 school year.

Elements affected: DOE028 - Seal of Biliteracy , DOE12 Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY (2020 only)

SIMS8390 - Invalid HQCCP program Type code (DOE045)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE045 - HQCP Program Type in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE045 - HQCP Program Type

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8395 – HQCCP Program Type (DOE045) is not offered in student’s school

The student’s enrolling school is not designated as offering the type of program reported in DOE045.

Elements affected: DOE045 - HQCCP Program Type, DOE015 -School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8396 – School offers Innovation Pathways HQCP program but no students are reported participating.

The enrolling school (DOE015) offers an Innovation Pathway program, but no students have been reported as enrolled (DOE045=01).

Elements affected: DOE045 - HQCP Program Type , DOE015 - School

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8397 – School offers Early College HQCP program but no students are reported participating.

The enrolling school (DOE015) offers an Early College program, but no students have been reported as enrolled (DOE045=02).

Elements affected: DOE045 - HQCP Program Type, DOE015 - School

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8400 - Invalid Early College Partnership code (DOE046)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE046 - Early College Partnership in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE046 Participation

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8420 – Early College Partership is limited to secondary students (grades 9-12 or SP)

Only students enrolled in grades 09,10,11,12 and SP may report a significant value (not 500) in DOE046.

Elements affected: DOE016, DOE046 Participation

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8430 – Students reported as Innovation Career Pathway (DOE045 = 01 or 04) must have a valid two-digit Innovation Career Pathway sector identified in DOE057

If a student is enrolled in an Innovation Career Pathway program, a specific industry sector concentration must be identified in DOE057

Elements affected: DOE045, DOE057

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8440 – Students reported as Early College (DOE045 = 02,03,04) must have a four-digit Early College Partnership identified in DOE046

If a student is enrolled in an Early College program, the specific higher ed institution partnership must be identified in DOE046

Elements affected: DOE045, DOE046

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8450 – Invalid/missing DOE056 value. Only acceptable values are 00 or 01.

DOE056 value must be either 00 or 01.

Elements affected: DOE056

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8460 – More than 10 students identified as supplemental low-income (DOE056 = 01). Please reach out to your support specialist.

The school district has to have collected Supplemental Low-Income forms from families in order to code a student as 01 in this field. If more than 10 forms were collected, please ask your support specialist for an exception for this error.

Elements affected: DOE056

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8500 – Invalid/Missing Innovation Career Pathway Sector code (DOE057)

DOE057 cannot be blank, and must be one of the acceptable values in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE057

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8600 - Invalid Days In Attendance (DOE017) - must be between 0 and 261

Days in attendance must not be less than 0 or greater than 261.

Elements affected: DOE017 - Days in Attendance

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8640 - Days in Attendance exceeds maximum for collection period

In October, the number of Days of Attendance (DOE017) cannot exceed 65, in March: 170 & EOY: 261

Elements affected: DOE017 - Days in Attendance

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8650 - Days In Membership=555 valid only with Days in Attendance=555 and vice versa.

When Days In Membership=555, Days in Attendance should =555 and vice versa.

Elements affected: DOE017 - Days in Attendance, DOE018 - Days in Membership

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8660 - Days in attendance- Perfect attendance for entire school not likely (Oct)

Attendance cannot equal membership for all students in a given school within the district

Elements affected: DOE017 - Days in Attendance, DOE016 - Grade Level

OCT

## SIMS8670 - Days in attendance- Perfect attendance for entire grade not likely (March)

Attendance value cannot equal membership value for all students in a given grade in a given school within the district

DOE017 - Days in Attendance, DOE016 - Grade Level, DOE015 - School Code

MAR

## SIMS8680 - Days in attendance- Perfect attendance for entire grade not likely (EOY)

Attendance cannot equal membership for all students in a given grade in a given school within the district

Elements affected: DOE017 - Days in Attendance, DOE016 - Grade Level, DOE015 - School Code

EOY

## SIMS8690 - Invalid Days In Membership (DOE018) - must be less than 262 days

Days in membership cannot be greater than 261 days. Do not count weekends or holidays for residential Placements.

Elements affected: DOE018 - Days in Membership

EOY

## SIMS8700 - Days in Membership exceeds maximum for collection period

In October, the number of Days of Membership (DOE018) cannot exceed 65, in March: 170 & EOY: 261

Elements affected: DOE018 - Days in Membership

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8710 - Invalid Days In Membership (DOE018) - must not equal 0

Days in membership can never equal 0.

Elements affected: DOE018 - Days in Membership

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8730 - Days in Membership invalid for Enrollment status code (Oct)

Days in membership (DOE018) must be 555 for summer exit (graduates, Certificate of attainment, Completed grade 12) students reported in October (DOE012=04,10,11).

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership

OCT

## SIMS8740 - Days in Membership invalid for Enrollment status code (March,EOY)

Days in membership = 555 can only be used for transfers and dropouts (DOE012= 20-36) in March and EOY.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership

MAR,EOY

## SIMS8750 - Days in membership=555 not valid with Enrollment status

Enrolled students (DOE012=01, 40) cannot have 555 for Days in Membership.

Elements affected: DOE018 - Days in Membership, DOE012 - Enrollment Status

OCT,MAR,EOY

## SIMS8770 - Days in Attendance/Membership=555 invalid for students already submitted in EOY with 555

A student cannot be reported in October as a summer exit (DOE19=555) if the student was reported in the previous EOY collection with as a summer exit.

Elements affected: DOE017 - Days in Attendance, DOE018 - Days in Membership

OCT

## SIMS8780 - Days in Membership cannot accrue for unenrolled students

If Reason for Reporting=02 and Enrollment Status=06,20,21,22,23,24,30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 or 36 (died, transferred or dropped out) for the reporting period, then days in membership for the reporting period cannot be greater than days in membership for the previous period.

Elements affected: DOE011 - Reason for Reporting, DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership

MAR,EOY

## SIMS8790 - Days in Membership (DOE018) must accrue for enrolled students

If a student is not reported as a summer exit (DOE0 18=555) and is reported as DOE012=01 or 40 in March or end of year, then days in membership (DOE018) must increase from period to period.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE018 - Days in Membership.

MAR,EOY

## SIMS8800 - District must have at least one student with an unexcused absence

The total of all unexcused absences for a district (DOE52) must be greater than 0

Elements affected: DOE052 - Unexcused Student Absences

EOY

## SIMS8900 - Invalid Sped Placement Age 3:5 code (DOE032)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE032 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE032 - SPED Placement age 3-5

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## SIMS8905 - SPED data elements not needed for non:SPED student

If Sped Placement age 6-21 (DOE034) = 00 and Sped Placement age 3-5 (DOE032) = 00, 05 then all other special education data elements must be 500.

(DOE036 should be 500, DOE038 should be 500 and DOE040 should be (00 or 02 or 08 or 09)).

Elements affected: DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE032 - SPED Placement age 3-5, DOE036-Primary Disability, DOE038-Level of Need, DOE040-SPED Evaluation Results

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## SIMS8910 - SpEd Placement must be either 3-5 (DOE032) or 6-21 (DOE034), not both

A significant value (not 00) has been reported for both DOE032 and DOE034. One of these two elements must equal 00

Elements affected: DOE032, DOE034- SPED Placement Information

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SIMS8925 - SpEd Placement (DOE032<>00) is only consistent with 3 to 5 year olds

A student aged less than 3 or greater than 5 on the report date may not be reported with a significant value in DOE032 (SpEd Placement Ages 3-5)

Elements affected: DOE032 - SPED Placement age 3-5, DOE006 - DOB

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SIMS8930 - SpEd Placement (DOE032 and DOE034) requires supporting SpEd elements (DOE036 and DOE038)

Student reporting special education status in DOE032 or DOE034 must have supporting data in DOE036, DOE038 and DOE040.

Elements affected: DOE036

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8935 - Invalid SPED Placement Age 6:21 code (DOE034)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE034 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE015 - School Code

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8937 - SPED Placement age 6:21 (DOE034) contains a DOE032 value. Student will be 6 by report date and Placement code will need to be updated.

This warning advises when the Special Education Placement code will need to be updated for the coming collection because the student will have turned age 6 by report date.

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SIMS8945 - SpEd Placement (DOE034<>00) is not consistent with student being less than 6 years old

If the student is less than 6 years old then the SpEd environment should be reported in DOE032, not DOE34.

Elements affected: DOE034, DOE006

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS8950 - Reason for enrollment is not consistent with SpEd Placement (DOE032 or DOE034)

If the SpEd Placement is either a Private Separate Day or Residential school, then the DOE013 value must be 02, 06, 07 or 09.

Elements affected: DOE034, DOE032 and DOE013

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SIMS8955 - Reason for reporting (DOE011) is not consistent with SpEd Placement (DOE032 or DOE034)

If the SpEd Placement is either a Private Separate Day or Residential school, then the Reason for Reporting must be sending (DOE011=02).

Elements affected: DOE034, DOE032, DOE011

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SIMS8960 - Current or Former SPED (DOE032 or DOE034) must report current SpEd Placement or exit code (01)

If a student was reported in a Special Education Placement in a prior SIMS submission, in the school year the student must continue to be reported as special education or previously special education.

Elements affected: DOE032, DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21

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SIMS8965 - Invalid SPED Primary Disability code (DOE036)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE036 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE036

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SIMS8970 - Developmental delay (DOE036=13) is valid for 3-9 year olds only (Less than 10)

Current students receiving special education services may not be reported with a Primary Disability of Developmental Delay (DOE36 =13) if they are not between 3 and 9 years old.

Elements affected: DOE036 - Nature of Primary Disability, DOE006 - Date of Birth, ELEMENTS AFFECTED: DOE012 - Enrollment Status

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SIMS8980 - Invalid SPED Level of Need code (DOE038)

If there is a Sped Placement code in DOE032, then DOE034 must equal 00 and vice versa.

Elements affected: DOE034 - Sped Placement age 6-21, DOE032 - Sped Placement age 3-5

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SIMS8985 - Services Only (DOE012 = 40) requires a SpEd Level of Need (DOE038)

SPED Level of Need Code (DOE038) cannot be 500 when Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 40 or 41.

Elements affected: DOE012 - Enrollment Status, DOE038 - SPED Level of Need Code

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SIMS8990 - No students with disabilities reported. This is not likely.

Almost all schools in the Commonwealth have at least one student with a disability. This warning is to alert an LEA that there may be something missing in the data.

Elements affected: DOE038 – SpEd Level of Need

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SIMS8995 - Invalid SPED Evaluation Results code (DOE040)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE032 - SPED Placement age 3-5 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE032 - SPED Placement age 3-5

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SIMS9005 - SpEd Placement (DOE032 or DOE034) is not consistent with Evaluation Result (DOE040=03)

If Sped Evaluation Result Code indicates that a re-evaluation found the student no longer eligible for SpEd services (DOE040 = 03) then the SpEd Placement must indicate the same (DOE032 or DOE034 = 01).

Elements affected: DOE040 - SPED Evaluation Results, DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE032

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SIMS9015 - SpEd Evaluation Result (DOE040) is not consistent with SpEd Placement (DOE032 or DOE034)

If Sped Placement is inactive (DOE032 or DOE034 = 00,01 or 05 then the Evaluation Results (DOE040) cannot indicate an eligibility for services. Conversely, if an active Placement is reported, the evaluation results must indicate an eligibility for services.

Elements affected: DOE032, DOE034, DOE040

OCT, MAR, EOY

SIMS9025 - Sped Services are declined (DOE040=09) so both SpEd Placement elements (DOE032 and DOE034) should show no current activity.

When DOE040=09, DOE034 and DOE032 must equal 00 or 01

Elements affected: DOE040 - SPED Evaluation Results, DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21

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SIMS9030 - Student reported as no longer receiving special education services (DOE032 or DOE034) in EOY. Reporting this again is not required.

If a student is reported as no longer receiving special education services in October (DOE032=01 or DOE034=01) and was also reported this way in the previous EOY collection, then, it is likely that this data was carried over from the prior aschool year in error and needs to be corrected.

Elements affected: DOE034 - SPED Placement age 6-21, DOE032 - SPED Placement age 3-5

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SIMS9040 - Students reported as School Choice in DOE013 cannot be reported as Public Residential Institutional Facilities in DOE034

If a student is school choice, the DOE034 value should be other than 90.

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SIMS9050 – Student reported as outplaced (DOE011 = 02) should have a corresponding special education placement setting value in DOE034

If a student is reported as outplaced to a collaborative or special education school, the special education placement setting code in DOE034 should be 41, 50 or 60 depending on which setting they’re in.

Elements affected: DOE011, DOE034

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SIMS9060 – Students in Grade level (DOE016) PK through 06 from Town of Residence (DOE014) 053 or 129 must be reported as school choice (DOE011= 03 and DOE013 = 02)

This validation is specific to org code 0717.

Elements affected: DOE011, DOE013, DOE014,DOE016

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SIMS9600 – Invalid Days Attended Remote (DOE54)- must be between 0 and 261

Days Attended Remote (DOE054) must be between 0 and 261

Elements affected: DOE054

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SIMS9610 - Having no Days in Attendance (D0E017) and no Days Attended Remote (DOE054) is not likely with reported days in membership (DOE018)

If student has days of membership (DOE018), there should be some attendance recorded in DOE17 and/or DOE054

Elements affected: DOE017, DOE018, DOE054

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS9620 - Days in Attendance and Days Attended Remote cannot both equal 0 for enrolled outplaced student(s)

Days in Attendance (DOE017) and Days Attended Remote (DOE054) cannot both equal 0 for enrolled outplaced student(s)

Elements affected: DOE017, DOE018, DOE054, DOE015

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS9630 - Days total: DaysAttendance+DaysAttendedRemote+DaysAbsentRemote Greater than Days in membership

Days Attendance + DaysAttendedRemote + Days Absent Remote should be less than or equal to total days in membership

Elements affected: DOE017, DOE018, DOE054 and DOE055

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SIMS9640 - Sum of Days in Attendance (DOE017) and Days Attended Remote (DOE054) exceeds maximum for collection period

Sum of Days in Attendance (DOE017) and Days Attended Remote (DOE054) exceeds maximum for collection period

Elements affected: DOE017, DOE054

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS9660 - Perfect attendance (Days in Attendance + Days Attended Remote) for entire school not likely (Oct)

Perfect attendance (Days in Attendance + Days Attended Remote) for entire school not likely

Elements affected: DOE017, DOE054

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SIMS9720 - Days In Membership must be greater or equal to (Days in Attendance + Days Attended Remote)

Days In Membership must be greater or equal to (Days in Attendance + Days Attended Remote)

Elements affected: DOE017, DOE018, DOE054

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS9900 - Invalid DOB format (DOE007)

The code entered is invalid. Refer to valid values for DOE007 in the SIMS Data Handbook.

Elements affected: DOE007 - Date of Birth Format.

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SIMS9950 - Invalid Civics Project code (DOE053)

Civics Project (DOE053) must be 500,00 or 01

Elements affected: DOE053

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SIMS9960 - Civics Project code (DOE053) must be 500 for grades 7 and below, must be not 500 for grades 8 and above

Civics Project is not applicable to grades 7 and below, and should be 500 (n/a). Civics Project applies to grades 8 and above, and must not be 500 for those grade levels.

Elements affected: DOE016,DOE053

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SIMS9970 - Student who is age 5 in kindergarten should have a SpEd placement code in DOE034

Student who is age 5 in kindergarten should have a SpEd placement code in DOE034

Elements affected: DOE016, DOE034

OCT,MAR,EOY

SIMS9980 - More than 50 students are reported as transfer to homeschool (DOE012 value of 23). Homeschool programming must be approved by superintendent or school committee. Please confirm the data is accurate and request an exception if needed

Elements affected: DOE012

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SIMS9990 - District is not designated as offering a Non-Chapter 74 program

Record is reported with DOE035 value of 14, but district is not designated as offering a Non-Chapter 74 program in Directory Administration

Elements Affected: DOE035, DOE044

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**SIF Validations**

In addition to the SIMS validations mentioned, LEAs submitting their SIMS data via SIF will have their data validated with some enhanced rules. These are designed to assist in diagnosing the cause of certain errors as well enhance the quality of the data by utilizing data elements which are unavailable to those submitting via flat file.

SIF1001 - Student LASID has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** LocalId

The LocalId element contains invalid characters and/or is longer than 32 characters.

## SIF1002 - Student LASID is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal

Element: LocalId

A value is missing in the LocalId element.

## SIF1004 - Student SASID is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** StateProvinceId

A value is missing in the StateProvinceId element.

## SIF1005 - First Name has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Name/FirstName

The FirstName element contains invalid characters and/or is longer than 32 characters.

## SIF1006 - First Name is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Name/FirstName

A value is missing in the FirstName element.

## SIF1007 - Last Name has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Name/LastName

The LastName element contains invalid characters and/or is longer than 50 characters.

## SIF1008 - Last Name is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Name/LastName

A value is missing in the LastName element.

## SIF1009 - Middle Name has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Name/MiddleName

The MiddleName element contains invalid characters and/or is longer than 32 characters.

SIF1010 - Middle Name is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Name/MiddleName

A value is missing in the MiddleName element.

## SIF1011 - DOB has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/BirthDate

The BirthDate element has an invalid format. It should be YYYY-MM-DD.

## SIF1012 - DOB is Missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/BirthDate

A value is missing in the BirthDate element.

## SIF1013 - PlaceOfBirth has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/PlaceOfBirth

The PlaceOfBirth element contains invalid characters and/or is longer than 50 characters.

## SIF1014 - PlaceOfBirth is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/PlaceOfBirth

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1015 - Gender has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/Gender

The Gender element does not have a value of 'M','F' or 'N'

## SIF1016 - Gender has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/Gender

The Gender element is not alphabetic or is not one character.

## SIF1017 - Gender is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/Gender

A value is missing for the element.

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## SIF1018 - Race code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/RaceList/Race/Code

The element does not have a SIF compliant value

## SIF1020 - City/Town of Residence has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** CityofResidence

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1021 - City/Town of Residence is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** CityofResidence

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1022 - Low income status code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** LowIncomeStatus

The element is not numeric or is not two characters long

## SIF1024 - Title I Participation code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** TitleIParticipation

The element is not numeric or is not two characters long

## SIF1025 - Title I Participation code is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** TitleIParticipation

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1026 - Years in US for EL student code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** LEPStudentsInTheirFirstYearInUSSchools

The element is not numeric or is not two characters long

## SIF1027 - Years in US for EL student code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** LEPStudentsInTheirFirstYearInUSSchools

A value is missing for the element.

SIF1028 - Immigrant status code has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Immigrant

The element does not have a SIF compliant value

SIF1029 - Immigrant status code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Immigrant

The element does not have a SIF compliant value

## SIF1030 - Immigrant status code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Immigrant

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1031 - Country of origin code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** CountryOfOrigin

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1032 - Country of origin code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** CountryOfOrigin

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1034 - First (native) language code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/LanguageList/Language/Code

The element does not have a SIF compliant value

## SIF1036 - First (native) language code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Demographics/LanguageList/Language/Code

A value is missing for the element. LanguageType must be 1038

## SIF1037 - EL: English Learners Program code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** ELLProgramStatus

The format of the data is not correct.

SIF1038 - EL: English Learners Program code is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** ELLProgramStatus

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1039 - English Learner code has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal

**Element:** Demographics/EnglishProficiency/Code

The code does not a value in the list of approved NCES English proficiency codes. (See SIF profile)

## SIF1040 – English Learner code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal

**Element:** Demographics/EnglishProficiency/Code

The code does is not numeric or is longer than 4 characters. (See SIF profile)

SIF1041 - English Learner code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal

**Element:** Demographics/EnglishProficiency/Code

The element is either blank or null.

## SIF1042 - Alternative Education/Innovation Program code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** AlternativeEducationProgram

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1043 - Alternative Education/Innovation Program code is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** AlternativeEducationProgram

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1044 - Invalid MA Former 504 value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** MAFormerSection504

If the current Section 504 value is “No” then the Former 504 value must be either “Yes” or “No”.

## SIF1046 - Military Family has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** MemberofMilitaryFamily

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1047 - Military Family is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** MemberofMilitaryFamily

A value is missing for the element.

SIF1048 - Military Family has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** MemberofMilitaryFamily

The element does not have one of the valid values found in the SIMS Data Handbook for DOE029.

## SIF1049 - CTE: CTE competency attainment code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** VocTechEdAttainment

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1050 - CTE: CTE competency attainment code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** VocTechEdAttainment

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1051 - Graduates: High school completer plans code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** HighSchoolCompleterPlans

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1052 - Graduates: High school completer plans code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** HighSchoolCompleterPlans

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1053 - CTE: Career and technical type of program has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** VocTechEdProgramType

The element does not have one of the valid values found in the SIMS Data Handbook for DOE035.

## SIF1054 - CTE: Career and technical type of program is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** VocTechEdProgramType

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1055 - Graduate, Completed MA Core Curriculum has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** Graduate

The format of the data is not correct.

SIF1056 - Graduate, Completed MA Core Curriculum has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** Graduate

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1057 - Graduate, Completed MA Core Curriculum is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonalE  
**Extended Element:** Graduate

A value is missing for the element or the element holds an invalid value.

## SIF1058 - 504 Plan Status has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Section504

The element does not have a SIF compliant value

SIF1059 - 504 Plan Status is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Element:** Section504

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1060 - 504 Plan Status has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
The element does not have a SIF compliant value

## SIF1061 - CTE: CTE Special Populations Type has invalid value

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** VocTecSPEDPopulation

The element does not have one of the valid values found in the SIMS Data Handbook for DOE042.

## SIF1062 - CTE: CTE Special Populations Type has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** VocTecSPEDPopulation

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1063 - CTE: CTE Special Populations Type is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal  
**Extended Element:** VocTecSPEDPopulation

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1064 - CTE: Chapter 74 program has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** VocTecEdCh74

The element does not have one of the valid values found in the SIMS Data Handbook for DOE043.

SIF1065 - CTE: Chapter 74 program is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** VocTecEdCh74

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1066 - CTE: Non:Chapter:74 Prog Partic. Code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** VocTecEdNonCh74

The element does not have one of the valid values found in the SIMS Data Handbook for DOE044.

SIF1067 - CTE: Non:Chapter:74 Prog Partic. Code is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Extended Element:** VocTecEdNonCh74

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1070 - Reason for Reporting code is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** ResidencyStatus/OtherCodeList/OtherCode

The element is either blank or null.

## SIF1076 - Grade code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Element:** GradeLevel/Code and/or GradeLevel/OtherCodeList/OtherCode (Codeset =”StateProvince”)

The Code and/or the OtherCode is not formatted in a SIF compliant fashion.

## SIF1078 - Non-Instructional Title I Targeted Assistance Services has invalid value

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** MATitleINonInstructional

The element does not have one of the valid values found in the SIMS Data Handbook for DOE030.

## SIF1079 - Non-Instructional Title I Targeted Assistance Services has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
**Extended Element:** MATitleINonInstructional

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1081 - SPED Placement has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

**Element:** StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData /ProgramType/OtherCodeList/OtherCode (Codeset=” StateProvince”)

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1085 - SPED Level of Need code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary  
**Extended Element:** SpEdLevelofNeed

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1087 - SPED Evaluation Results code has invalid format

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

**Element:** StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData /ProgramStatus/OtherCodeList/OtherCode (Codeset=”Other”)

The format of the data is not correct.

## SIF1088 - SPED Evaluation Results code is missing

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

**Element:** StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData /ProgramStatus/OtherCodeList/OtherCode (Codeset=”Other”)

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1089 - Days in Attendance has invalid format

**Object:** StudentAttendanceSummary  
**Element:** DaysAttended

The element is not numeric or does not represent a number between 0 and 261 inclusive.

## SIF1090 - Days in Attendance is missing

**Object:** StudentAttendanceSummary  
**Element:** DaysAttended

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1091 - Days in Membership has invalid format

**Object:** StudentAttendanceSummary  
**Element:** DaysInMembership

The element is not numeric or does not represent a number between 0 and 261 inclusive.

## SIF1092 - Days in Membership is missing

**Object:** StudentAttendanceSummary  
**Element:** DaysInMembership

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1093 - Unexcused absences has invalid format

**Object:** StudentAttendanceSummary  
**Element:** UnexcusedAbsences

The element is not numeric or does not represent a number between 0 and 261 inclusive.

SIF1094 - Unexcused absences is missing

**Object:** StudentAttendanceSummary  
**Element:** UnexcusedAbsences

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1096 - Missing Student School Enrollment

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
No Home StudentSchoolEnrollment object can be found for this StudentPersonal object.

## SIF1103 - Race code is missing

**Object:** StudentPersonal

**Element:** Demographics/RaceList/Race/OtherCodeList/OtherCode

The code is blank or null.

## SIF1107 - StudentSchoolEnrollment SchoolInfoRefId is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** SchoolInfoRefId

The mandatory element SchoolInfoRefId has not been provided.

## SIF1108 - StudentSchoolEnrollment SchoolInfoRefId is unknown

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** SchoolInfoRefId

The the object to which the element SchoolInfoRefId refers has not been provided.

SIF1109 - StudentSchoolEnrollment but the associated TermInfo is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** none

A Terminfo object with the same SchoolInfoRefId as that in the StudentSchoolEnrollment cannot be found.

SIF1110 - StudentSchoolEnrollment StudentPersonalRefId is missing

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** StudentPersonalRefId

A StudentPersonal object with the RefId referenced in a StudentSchoolEnrollment cannot be found.

## SIF1111 - StudentSchoolEnrollment with Services Only flag set but no SpecialEducationSummary.

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Extended Element:** ServicesOnly

The enrollment record for a student indicates that they are receiving special education services, but their StudentSpecialEducationSummary cannot be found.

SIF1113 - StudentSchoolEnrollment with exit date before the report date but no exit code.

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Elements:** ExitDate & ExitType/OtherCodeList/OtherCode

An exit date prior to the report date has been reported, but no exit code has been reported so the student’s enrollment status is ambiguous.

## SIF1117 - SchoolInfo LeaInfoRefId is missing

**Object:** SchoolInfo  
**Element:** LeaInfoRefId

A value is missing for the element.

## SIF1118 - SchoolInfo LeaInfoRefId is unknown

**Object:** SchoolInfo

**Element:** LeaInfoRefId

The LEAInfo object to which the element refers is missing.

## SIF1119 - TermInfo SchoolInfoRefId is missing

**Object:** TermInfo

**Element:** SchoolInfoRefId

A value is missing for the element

## SIF1120 - TermInfo SchoolInfoRefId is unknown

**Object:** SchoolInfo

**Element:** SchoolInfoRefId

The SchoolInfo object to which the element refers is missing

## SIF1123 - StudentSchoolEnrollment Enrolled student with exit date

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** ExitType/OtherCodeList/OtherCode (Codeset =”Text”) and ExitDate

The most recent StudentSchoolEnrollment object shows the student as exited on ExitDate, but the exit code reports them as enrolled (DOE012=01 or 40)

## SIF1124 - SLIFE (DOE041) has invalid format

**Object:** StudentPersonal

**Extended Element:** SLIFE

The value provided in the element is not recognized as a valid value.

## SIF1133 - Invalid CPPI Funded Status value. Valid values are Yes or No.

**Object:** StudentPersonal

**Extended Element:** CPPIFundedStudent

The value provided in the element is not recognized as a valid value.

## SIF1158 - StudentSchoolEnrollment with no matching StudentSectionEnrollment

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** N/A

An active general education enrollment record for a student has been received, but no section enrollments have been.

## SIF1171 - Multiple SpecialEducationSummary found

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

**Element:** N/A

The student has more than one SpecialEducationSummary object. Contact your SIS software vendor.

## SIF1172 - SchoolInfo missing TermInfo

**Object:** TermInfo

**Element:** SchoolInfoRefId

A SchoolInfo object has been received, but no TermInfo objects have been for this school.

## SIF1174 - StudentPersonal with no StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

**Element:** StudentPersonalRefId

A StudentPersonal object has been received, but no StudentSchoolEnrollment objects have been for the student.

SIF1185 - Evaluation has been completed during this school year. Select a different value for DOE040

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

Elements: StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData/EvaluationDate & StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData/ProgramStatus/OtherCodeList/OtherCode

The evaluation date reported is during the school year, but the value reported in the OtherCode (DOE040 = 00,01 or 08) implies that the evaluation was not done in the current year and the student’s status is not clear. The data reported is ambiguous so either the date or the DOE040 value is incorrect.

SIF1186 - Evaluation was not completed during this school year. If the student is not receiving special education services, do not report this data

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

Elements: StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData/EvaluationDate & StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData/ProgramStatus/OtherCodeList/OtherCode

The evaluation date reported is prior to the school year, but the value reported in the OtherCode (DOE040 = 02,03 or 09) implies that the evaluation was done in the current year and the student is not receiving services. The data reported is ambiguous so either the date or the DOE040 value is incorrect.

SIF1187 - Evaluation was completed prior to this school year. If the student is receiving special education services, report 01 in DOE040

**Object:** StudentSpecialEducationSummary

Elements: StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData/EvaluationDate & StudentParticipationList/StudentParticipationData/ProgramStatus/OtherCodeList/OtherCode

The evaluation date reported is prior to the school year, but the value reported in the OtherCode (DOE040 = 04,05,06 or 07) implies that the evaluation was done in the current year and the student is receiving services. The data reported is ambiguous so either the date or the DOE040 value is incorrect.

SIF1190 – Invalid SASID for active enrollment

**Object:** StudentPersonal

Element: SASID

SIF1198 – Duplicate REFIDs in Student Personal

**Object:** StudentPersonal

Element: SASID

SIF1230 – Invalid/Missing value for Instruction Mode. Must be 01 (in-person), 02 (hybrid), or 03 (remote)

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

Element: InstructionMode

SIF1231 – If Instruction Mode is in-person only, Days in Attendance (DOE017) cannot be 0

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

Element: InstructionMode

SIF1251 – If Instruction Mode is remote only, Days Attended Remote (DOE054) cannot be 0

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

Element: InstructionMode

SIF1321 – Missing EnrollmentOfferDate. When SiblingPreference is Yes, EnrollmentOfferDate cannot be blank

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

Element: EnrollmentOfferDate

SIF1322 – Invalid/Missing values in SiblingPreference or EnrollmentOfferDate element(s)

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment

Element: SiblingPreference, EnrollmentOfferDate

SIF1520 - Title I: School has no Title I. Students must be reported with DOE020=00 and DOE030=00

**Object:** StudentSchoolEnrollment  
This is a substitution to SIMS1520 for SIF districts which serves to allow homeless students to be reported as receiving Title I funding even though they attend a non-Title I school.

School is listed as not having Title I but the non-homeless student is reported with a Title I participation code. If the school is not a Title I school, then Title I participation codes must be 00 (DOE020 & DOE030). (Exclude summer exits.)

| **Version** | **Date Posted** | **Date of Change** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 20.9 |  | 10/15/2024 | Updated description for 7640, 8400, 8420 |
| 20.8 |  | 10/1/2024 | Added 2661 and 8430 |
| 20.6 |  | 10/1/2023 | Updated for 2023-24 |
| 20.5 |  | 10/3/2022 | Added 9050 and 9060 |
| 20.4 |  | 3/1/2022 | Added 7510 and 7520, SIF1230, SIF1231, SIF1251, SIF1321, SIF1322 |
| 20.3 |  | 10/1/21 | Added 2345 |
| 20.1 |  | 03/01/20 | Updated assorted text.  Added 1190, 8395  Removed 2170, 2190, 7660, 7780, 7860, 7880, 8060, 8070, 8915, 7750, 8385, 8920, 9000, 9010, 9020, 8940, 8130, 8975 |
| 20.00 |  | 08/01/19 | Added 8385, 2542,2544, 2546 |
| 10.06 |  | 02/15/19 | Added 100-107, 8396 & 8397, SIF1171  2910 Removed obsolete references to October 2018  Removed: SIF1086 |
| 10.05 |  | 01/09/19 | Added [8937](#SIMS8937) |
| 10.04 |  | 12/10/18 | Added [2970](#SIMS2970) |
| 10.03 |  | 10/10/18 | Added SIF SIMS section. Documented most popular SIF validations. |
| 10.02 |  | 09/12/18 | Added SIMS2305, SIMS2795, SIMS7695 & SIMS9030 |
| 10.01 |  | 09/10/18 | Updated text of many validations for clarity and consistency. |
| 10.00 |  | 08/17/18 | Rolled to 2019  Added 8370, 8380, 8390, 8400, 8410, 8420, 2850, 2860, 2870, 2880, 2890, 2900, 2910, 2920, 2930, 2940, 2950, 2960  Updated 9910, 2670, 2150  Deprecated 9930, 9940 |
| 9.01 |  | 02/23/18 | Deprecated 7790 & 7800 |
| 9.0 |  | 11/27/17 | Renumbered all validations. Added appendix A and index. |
| 8.01 |  | 9/18/17 | Corrected miscellaneous typos. |
| 8.0 |  | 9/01/17 | Updated: [1480](#SIMS1480), [1660](#SIMS1660), [1680](#SIMS1680), [1681](#SIMS1681)  Added: [1505](#SIMS1505), [1529](#SIMS1529), [4830](#SIMS4830), [7055](#SIMS7055), [9326](#SIMS9326), [9575](#SIMS9575)  Removed: 101574, 21480,21482,21484,31480 |
| 7.00 |  | 9/01/16 | Added validations for SLIFE (DOE041) [0785](#SIMS0785), [1706](#SIMS1706), [1708](#SIMS1708) |
| 6.01 |  |  | Updated message for [1518](#_1518_–_Title) & [1520](#_1520_-_Title) |
| 6.00 |  | 09/01/15 | Added [0575](#_0575_–_Non-Instructional) for DOE030  Updated [1516](#_1516_-_Title), [1518](#_1518_–_Title), [1520](#_1520_-_Title) & [3](#_3_-_Title) to accommodate DOE030 |
| 5.20 |  | 05/15/15 | Removed validations 22 and 220  Updated [1660](#SIMS1660) to exclude PK and SP  Added [2305](#SIMS2305)  Updated [41525](#SIMS41525) to allow transfers and other exits  Clarified [101502](#SIMS101502) as regards exiting services only students. |
| 5.10 |  | 02/04/15 | Combined and enhanced SIMS111433 & SIM121433 into SIMS131433  SIMS 21436 – updated description  SIMS1366 – New validation added |
| 5.00 |  | 08/28/14 | Converted document from MS excel  Deleted duplicate and added missing validations  25, 11507, 201345 Modified  26 Added  1670 Deleted |
| 2013-1.0 |  | 09/30/12 | 1700 - Data elements discontinued (DOE047, DOE048, DOE049, DOE050, DOE051), should be 500 - New validation to check that 500 is reported in any of the 5 AP fields |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1394 - AP courses for grades 9-12 only (A) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1412 - Adv Placement Course 1 is repeated - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1413 - Adv Placement Course 2 is repeated - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1414 - Adv Placement Course 3 is repeated - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1415 - Adv Placement Course 4 is repeated - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1416 - Adv Placement Course 5 is repeated - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 101355 - Adv Placement Course 1 is invalid(A) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 101356 - Adv Placement Course 2 is invalid(A) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 101357 - Adv Placement Course 3 is invalid(A) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 101358 - Adv Placement Course 4 is invalid(A) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 101359 - Adv Placement Course 5 is invalid(A) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 111355 - Adv Placement Course 1 is invalid(B) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 111356 - Adv Placement Course 2 is invalid(B) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 111357 - Adv Placement Course 3 is invalid(B) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 111358 - Adv Placement Course 4 is invalid(B) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 111359 - Adv Placement Course 5 is invalid(B) - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1445 - Number of In School Suspensions is invalid - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1446 - Number of Out School Suspensions is invalid - Expired as data element has been deprecated |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1701 - Data element discontinued (DOE045), should be 0 - New validation to check that 0 is reported in in\_school suspension |
|  |  | 09/30/12 | 1702 - Data element discontinued (DOE046), should be 0 - New validation to check that 0 is reported in out of school suspension |
| 2012-1.2 |  | 05/30/12 | 1593 - Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 01 or 04 invalid when an SCS exception has been granted. Please verify the enrollment status and contact ESE if you need the exception removed - To be deployed for EOY |
|  |  | 05/16/12 | Misc - Translations updated - To be deployed for EOY |
| 2012-1.1 |  | 02/28/12 | 220 - Days in Attendance/Membership=555 invalid for students not reported in the previous period. - Added (to be deployed 3/1/12) |
|  |  | 02/28/12 | 1583 - Enrollment Status (DOE012) = 01 invalid when an SCS exception has been granted. Please verify the enrolment status and contact ESE if you need the exception removed - Added (to be deployed 3/1/12) |
| 2012-1.0 |  | 01/17/12 | 310 - CTE: The student should be reported with a CTE competency attainment (DOE031) as s/he was previously reported with a competency attainment - Changed description and text on production 10/20/11 |
|  |  | 01/17/12 | 1474 - CTE: Special Population Code (DOE042) requires being in a CTE Program (DOE035) - Added to production 10/20/11 |
|  |  | 01/17/12 | 1475 - CTE: Competency Attainment Code (DOE031) is not appropriate for the student’s grade level (DOE016). - Added to production 10/20/11 |
|  |  | 01/17/12 | 21479 - Alternative Education/Innovation Program code is invalid (DOE027) - Text change on production 11/20/11 |
|  |  | 01/17/12 | 31479 - Alternative Education/Innovation Program code is invalid for the reporting district(DOE027) - Text change on production 11/20/11 |
|  |  | 01/17/12 | 41479 - Grade (DOE016) invalid when Alternative program reported - Will not run for Innovation schools (SQL change) on production 11/20/11 |
|  |  | 01/17/12 | 51479 - An alternative education/Innovation program code is reported as a school code (DOE015) - Text change on production 11/20/11 |