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Section 23a Dropout Recovery Legislation Update
MSDS Reporting Guidance
SY 2025-26 Process

Background

Districts participating in Section 23a Dropout Recovery submit a Section 23a claim via the MSDS Student Record Maintenance Collection for each month a student is enrolled in the program and in full attendance. Districts now have an additional option to submit multiple monthly claims for a student who successfully completes more than one course within a month.

The following scenarios illustrate how to submit Section 23a claims in MSDS under the original claim option and the new 2026 additional claim options.

Original Claim Option

Scenario: Student was enrolled and in full attendance during the month of January.

1. District submits an SRM Collection in February, including the Section 23a Component.
2. Verify one claim is shown on the Section 23a Summary Report for the UIC with Month Claimed equal to January.

Section 23a FTE = 0.08 for claiming month of January

New Additional Claim Options

Scenario 1: Student successfully completed **one** course in January.

1. District submits an SRM Collection in February, including the Section 23a Component claiming the month of January for **course 1**.
2. Verify one claim is shown on the Section 23a Summary report for the same UIC with Month Claimed equal to January.

Section 23a FTE = 0.08 for claiming month of January

Scenario 2: Student successfully completed **four courses**, two during October and two in November.

1. District submits an SRM Collection in July, including the Section 23a Component for **course 1** claiming month of June. Certify the collection.
2. District submits an SRM Collection in July, including the Section 23a Component for **course 2** claiming month of June. Certify the collection.

3. District submits an SRM Collection in July, including the Section 23a Component for **course 3** claiming month of June. Certify the collection.
4. District submits an SRM Collection in July, including the Section 23a Component for **course 4** claiming month of June. Certify the collection.
5. Verify all four claims are shown on the Section 23a Summary report for the same UIC with the Month Claimed equal to June.

Section 23a FTE = 0.32 for claiming month of June (0.08 multiplied by number of claims submitted)

NOTE: The claiming month of June will capture courses completed in October through December (to clear any outstanding claims since the legislation was passed) as well as any courses completed in June (see example of June claims below).

Scenario 3: Student successfully completed **two courses** in June.

1. District submits an SRM Collection in July, including the Section 23a Component for **course 1** claiming month of June. Certify the collection.
2. District submits an SRM Collection in July, including the Section 23a Component for **course 2** claiming month of June. Certify the collection.
3. Verify both claims are shown on the Section 23a Summary report for the same UIC with Month Claimed equal to June.

Section 23a FTE = 0.16 for claiming month of June