

Dropout Reporting Guidance

(version 1.4)

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Introduction

Students who fail to graduate from high school face lifelong consequences including fewer job opportunities and lower wages. To simplify dropout reporting and better aid districts' efforts to flag and recover potential student dropouts, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) has introduced a new dropout reporting tab in the Accountability Reporting application in Single Sign-On.

The dropout reporting tab processes up-to-date enrollment data submitted to the Wave by your Student Information System (SIS). Thus, you will be able to identify in real-time any students who have exited your school and, based on their exit code or absence of a subsequent enrollment, may be considered a dropout for that school year, allowing ample time for dropout recovery efforts.

This real-time application allows both districts and OSDE to accurately account for students that meet the federal definition of a dropout. This dropout reporting tab is the source data for the annual dropout report to the U.S. Department of Education.

This tool allows districts to:

- Review the dropout status of all students (see the [FAQs](#) for the definition of dropouts);
- Easily identify and resolve data conflicts;
- Create Data Verification Requests (DVR) for any additional students whose dropout records need to be adjusted after enrollment from the previous school year has been finalized.

The dropout reporting tab is designed to function similarly to and work with the enrollment graduations tab. Thus, any changes made on this report will automatically be applied, if applicable, to the graduation report, and vice versa.



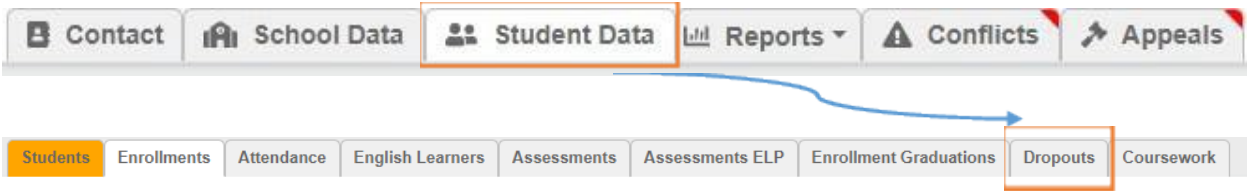
Accessing the Dropouts Tab

The dropouts tab displays the dropout status for all students whose last enrollment record in the Wave during the reporting period is at your school (i.e., students who have a confirmed transfer will not show on the report). The dropout reporting period runs from October 1st of the current school year to September 30th of the following school year. For example, the school year 2025 dropout reporting period runs from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. The dropout tab will remain open throughout the school year for the submission of conflict resolutions or DVRs when applicable. However, the deadline for any changes to be included in the federal and state dropout report is given by the Dropout Report DVR window submission deadline.

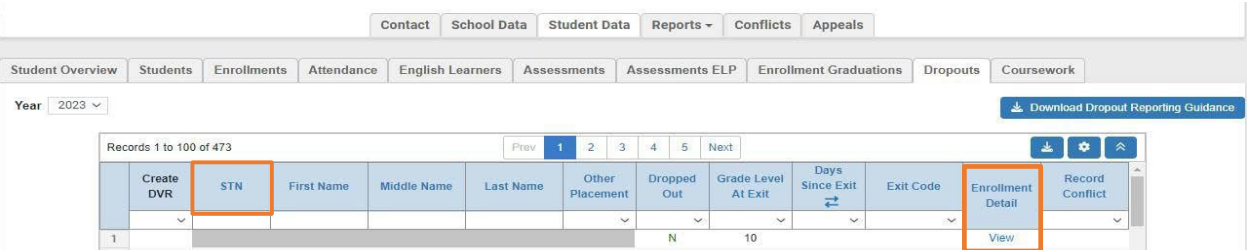
The dropouts tab can be accessed by signing into your Single Sign-On account and choosing *Accountability Reporting*. If you are a district user, you will then need to select a specific school.



From Accountability Reporting, click on *Student Data* and then click the tab *Dropouts*.



This will open a table that displays all student records included in the given school year's dropout report.



Click on a student's *STN* (Student Testing Number) to access additional student-level data including enrollment history, attendance history, demographics, assessments history, and coursework. You can also click on *View* in the *Enrollment Detail* column to open a window that displays details about the student's most current enrollment. Click to close the window and return to your dropout table.

How to Complete the Dropout Report

1. Resolve all required conflicts

First, resolve all the required conflicts under the **Dropouts** tab. You can identify these records by filtering the Record Conflict column to 'R-Required'. Any record with a required conflict needing attention has an orange box around the value causing the conflict.

The screenshot shows the 'Dropouts' tab in the reporting system. The 'Record Conflict' column is filtered to 'R-Required'. An orange box highlights the 'R-Required' value in the first row, with a tooltip showing 'R - Required' and a close button.

Clicking the value in the box will take you to the DVR screen where you can type a message and submit documentation.

The screenshot shows the 'STUDENT ENROLLMENT DROPOUT EXIT CODE CONFLICT APPEAL 178981' screen. The 'Exit Code' is highlighted in yellow. The 'Messages' tab is selected, showing a text input field for a request and a 'Send' button. A red box highlights the 'Messages' tab.

Once you have sent your message and uploaded documentation, click the submit button. The submit button will turn blue when all submission criteria have been met.



Documentation is required for any DVR or conflict resolution that would change a student's dropout status from 'yes' to 'no'. If applicable, any documentation that is provided in a Dropout DVR will be automatically applied to graduation reporting during the appropriate cohort year. It will also remain available to you to download in that student's appeals history.

Documentation may include a withdrawal form signed/dated by a parent/guardian, a records request from the receiving school, a signed/dated enrollment verification form, obituary, military orders, foreign exchange program acceptance letter or enrollment form, or an email from a parent or the receiving school with verifiable information.

Students coded as transferring to another public school in Oklahoma (such as exit codes 01907, 01908, 01919, and 03508) but who do not have a subsequent enrollment at another public school in Oklahoma are considered dropouts.

However, if the school that requested records confirms the student is enrolled and the student is still showing as a dropout, the receiving school may have enrolled the student under a different STN. Please provide the student's second STN in the DVR message if possible. If the student is found under a different STN, we can merge the records and the student will be removed from your dropout report.

2. Review remaining dropout records

Once all conflicts have been resolved, you will be able to review and submit DVRs for the remaining student dropout record. You can filter the **Dropped Out** column to **Y** to review records and request updates for any remaining students that should not be flagged as a dropout. You can also filter by exit code, grade level at exit, and/or days since exit.

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| | Create DVR | STN | First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Other Placement | Dropped Out | Grade Level At Exit | Days Since Exit | Exit Code | Enrollment Detail | Record Conflict |
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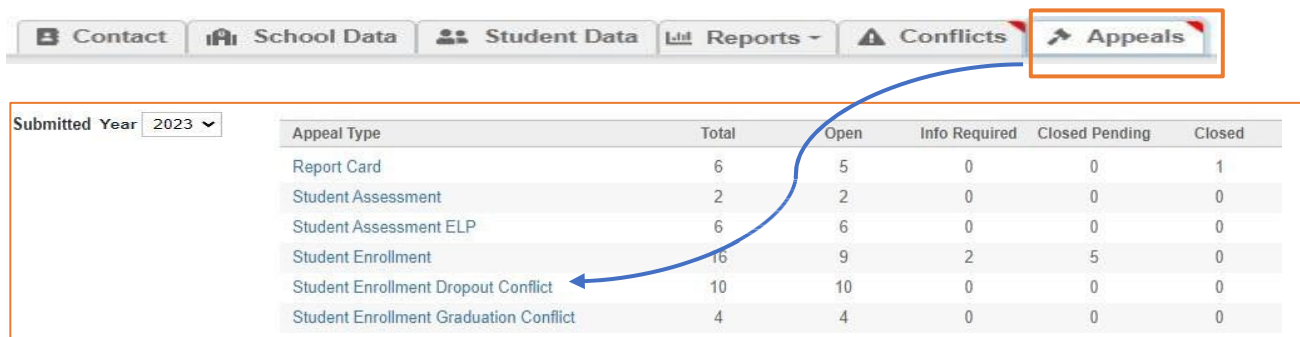
Clicking the **Create DVR** button will open a window that allows you to explain your request and upload any supporting documentation. Please be as detailed as possible in your initial request so the OSDE staff know what updates to the enrollment are required. Once again, the **Submit button** will turn blue after all submission criteria have been met.

Common scenarios wherein you would need to create and submit a Data Verification Request (DVR) for review:

| Scenario | Request and Documentation |
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| The student exits your school in the current school year (e.g., 2022 – 2023 for the 2023 dropout reporting period). District receives further information about the student's exit status prior to Oct. 1 of the following school year (e.g., records request from another school, email from parent, contact and information from family or guardian, request from Job Corps, notification of receiving a GED). | <p>Explain the change in dropout status in your request, and provide a date if applicable (e.g., student enrolled in Kansas on 08/24/2023; student received GED on 9/30/2023).</p> <p>Documentation should support both the change in dropout status and the date.</p> |
| The exit code on the enrollment record is incorrect (click on the view link under enrollment detail to see what the current exit code is). | Explain what the correct exit status should be and upload supporting documentation, (i.e., “student transferred out of state instead of discontinued schooling. Please update exit code to 1909”). |



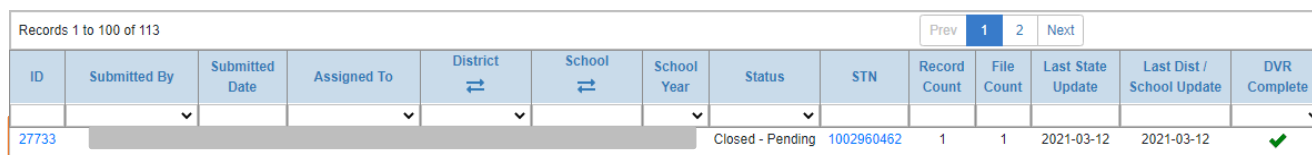
All DVRs are reviewed and researched by an OSDE subject matter expert. This person may contact you via a message within the appeal if additional information is needed. A resolution for each DVR will be provided in the **Appeals** tab as shown below:



| Submitted Year | 2023 | Appeal Type | Total | Open | Info Required | Closed Pending | Closed |
|----------------|------|--|-------|------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| | | Report Card | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | Student Assessment | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Student Assessment ELP | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Student Enrollment | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| | | Student Enrollment Dropout Conflict | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Student Enrollment Graduation Conflict | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

You can review your appeals by clicking on the link for the desired appeal type to see all the appeals submitted by your school or district. You can filter and sort by any column in the table, including DVR ID, submitted date, status, STN, etc.

If you need to update an existing DVR (e.g., to respond to a request for more information), click on the DVR ID, as shown below in the first column.



| ID | Submitted By | Submitted Date | Assigned To | District | School | School Year | Status | STN | Record Count | File Count | Last State Update | Last Dist / School Update | DVR Complete |
|-------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 27733 | | | | | | | Closed - Pending | 1002960462 | 1 | 1 | 2021-03-12 | 2021-03-12 | ✓ |

3. Monitor Appeals

You will receive an e-mail any time there is a status change for a DVR you submitted. If the new status is “information required,” then that means that either your original request was not detailed enough or OSDE has further questions about the student record. Please review the appeal (*as described at the end of the previous step*) to determine what is needed. If the status is “closed – pending update” or “closed,” you can review the resolution and see what, if any, updates were applied.

4. Relax, you’re done!



Frequently Asked Questions

General overview and definitions

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1) How will the data be used?

In addition to aiding schools in identifying which students may have dropped out, state statute (70 O.S. § 35 E) requires each accredited Oklahoma school with students in any of the grades 7 - 12 to report dropouts to the Oklahoma State Department of Education on an annual basis. For each academic year, the Oklahoma State Department of Education creates and publicly publishes a [dropout report](#) of school dropout rates. Oklahoma is also required to report annually the total number of dropouts to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE).

2) What is the definition of “dropout?”

State law (70 O.S. § 35 E) defines a dropout as “any student who is under the age of 19 and has not graduated from high school and is not attending any public or private



school or is otherwise receiving an education pursuant to law for the full term of the school district in which he/she resides are in session.”

USDE further defines a dropout as an individual who:

- 1) was enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, was not enrolled the following school year, but was expected to be in membership;
- 2) did not graduate from high school;
- 3) did not complete a state or district-approved educational program;
- 4) did not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions;
 - a) transfer to another public school district, private school, or state-or district-approved educational program
 - b) temporary school-recognized absence due to suspension or illness
 - c) death

For purposes of dropout reporting, the school year is defined as the period from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. USDE previously required a strict cutoff on October 1, such that any student not enrolled on that date was considered a dropout. However, we recognize students who transfer to another school around that October 1 date but are not enrolled at their new school by October 1 should not automatically be considered dropouts. Therefore, if students exit your school within 10 school days of the October 1 deadline, they will not count as a dropout until the 10th day.

For example, a student who leaves an Oklahoma public school on September 26 and transferred to another Oklahoma public school on October 3 would not be considered a dropout under this 10-day grace period. However, that student would show up in the dropout tab as a dropout until OSDE has record of the student’s enrollment from their new district.

The following chart summarizes which exit codes are considered dropouts and what documentation is typically submitted for specific exit codes:

| Category | Exit Code | Code Description | Dropout? | Action in Dropout Report |
|---|-----------|--|----------|---|
| In-state transfer to another public school | 01907 | Student enters a different public school in the same Local Education | No | Student will be flagged as a dropout if OSDE does not find a subsequent enrollment at another Oklahoma public school. If the student did enroll at another Oklahoma public school, |



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| | | Agency (LEA) | | please specify which school or district the student transferred to and on what date. |
| | 01908 | Transferred to a public school in a different LEA in the same state | | |
| | 01919 | Transferred to a charter school | | |
| | 03508 | Student is in a charter school managed by the same LEA | | |
| Out-of-state transfer | 01909 | Transferred to a public school in a different state | No | <p>Specify which state the student transferred to and on what date.</p> <p>Typical documentation includes a records request or parent signed/dated withdrawal form.</p> <p>If a DVR with documentation is approved by OSDE, the student will also be removed from their four-year graduation cohort.</p> |
| | 01912 | Transferred to a private non-religiously-affiliated school in a different state | | |
| | 01915 | Transferred to a private, religiously-affiliated school in a different state | | |



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| In-state transfer to a private school | 01910 | Transferred to a private non-religiously-affiliated school in the same LEA | No | <p>Specify which school the student transferred to and on what date.</p> <p>Typical documentation includes a records request or signed/dated withdrawal form by parent.</p> <p>If a DVR with documentation is approved by OSDE, the student will also be removed from their four-year graduation cohort.</p> |
| | 01911 | Transferred to a private, non-religiously-affiliated school in a different LEA in the same state | | |
| | 01913 | Transferred to a private, religiously-affiliated school in the same LEA | | |
| | 01914 | Transferred to a private, religiously-affiliated school in a different LEA in the same state | | |
| Emigrated | 01916 | Transferred to a school outside of the country | No | Specify which country the student transferred to and on what date. |



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| | | | | <p>Typical documentation includes a signed/dated withdrawal form or a note from the student's legal guardian.</p> <p>If a DVR with documentation is approved by OSDE, the student will also be removed from their four-year graduation cohort.</p> |
| Transfer to institution | 01917 | Transferred to an institution | Depends | <p>A student who transfers to an institution that does not offer a secondary education program will be considered a dropout.</p> <p>If the institution does offer a secondary education program, the student is not a dropout. Please specify which institution the student transferred to and on what date.</p> |
| Home schooling | 01918 | Transferred to home schooling | No | <p>Home schooled students are not dropouts but are also not considered graduates.</p> <p>See FAQ #13</p> |
| Graduate | 01921 | Graduated with regular, advanced, International Baccalaureate, or other type of diploma | No | <p>If a student is showing up as a dropout but actually graduated, submit the student's transcript that includes their graduation date.</p> |
| Completed school, non-graduate | 01922 | Completed school with other credentials | Yes | <p>Students who receive their High School Equivalency (HSE) (e.g. GED or HiSET) by September 30 of the reporting year are not</p> |



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| | 01928 | Completed grade 12, but did not meet all graduation requirements | | <p>dropouts but are also not considered graduates.</p> <p>Exit code 1928 will not be flagged as a dropout if OSDE finds a subsequent enrollment.</p> |
| | 03509 | Completed a state-recognized equivalency certificate | No | |
| Died | 73064 | Died or is permanently incapacitated | No | <p>Typical documentation includes an obituary or death notice.</p> <p>If a DVR with documentation is approved by OSDE, the student will also be removed from their four-year graduation cohort.</p> |
| Illness | 01924 | Withdrawn due to illness | No | |
| Expelled | 01925 | Expelled or involuntarily withdrawn | Yes | |
| Aged out | 01926 | Reached maximum age for services | Yes | |
| Dropout | 01927 | Discontinued schooling | Yes | |



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| Exited | 01931 | Not enrolled, unknown status | No | Student will be flagged as a dropout if OSDE does not find a subsequent enrollment and one was expected. |
| | 03502 | Not enrolled, eligible to return | | |
| | 03505 | Administratively exited, will be reenrolled in the same LEA with new entry date. | | |
| Early admission postsecondary | 01930 | Enrolled in a postsecondary early admission program, eligible to return | No | Typical documentation includes an admissions letter or course schedule. |
| Adult education | 73060 | Enrolled in an adult education or training program | Yes | USDE defines that students who enroll in an adult education are counted as dropouts unless the elementary/secondary school system remains responsible for the student (i.e., is enrolled in membership). |
| Vocational program | 73061 | The student officially withdrew and enrolled in a workforce training program | Yes | |



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| Foreign exchange | 03503 | The student exited from membership in the educational institution and is enrolled in a foreign exchange program. | No | <p>Specify the student is enrolled in a foreign exchange program and when they are expected to return.</p> <p>Typical documentation includes a signed/dated withdrawal form.</p> <p>If a DVR with documentation is approved by OSDE, the student will also be removed from their four-year graduation cohort.</p> |
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3) How was the data and information populated in the Dropout table used for this report?

The Dropout table was populated using enrollment data submitted to The Wave by your local Student Information System (SIS) utilizing the entry and exit codes as outlined [here](#). Therefore, it is important for districts to assign students an exit code at the end of the school year.

4) What does it mean when you say the application is in real-time?

Once the deadline to submit dropout DVRs has passed, the dropout tab will begin reporting data from the current school year. If a student exits your school, they will show up on the report within 24 hours if they do not re-enter elsewhere. This will enable you to verify the student's status or, in the case of a dropout, attempt to recover the student long before they count as a dropout on the report. Additionally, if an exit code for an enrollment in the current school year is incorrect, you will be able to fix it directly in your SIS.



5) My student transferred. Why are they being counted as a dropout?

A student who has transferred may incorrectly be listed as a dropout because OSDE does not have record of a subsequent enrollment and corroborating documentation of the student's transfer has not been provided.

If your exit code indicates they transferred to another public school in Oklahoma, but OSDE did not receive another enrollment through the Wave, then the student may also be counted as a dropout. In these cases, submitting a DVR that indicates at which school the student was supposed to enroll and on what date will allow OSDE to research the student. If we find an enrollment record of the student, we will remove the student from your dropout report.

Additionally, your student may have transferred to another school after initially enrolling at your school at the beginning of the following year (e.g., the beginning of the 2023 – 2024 school year for the 2023 dropout reporting period). If, due to an enrollment lapse, the student was not enrolled at a new school until after October 1, the student will be retained in your dropout cohort.

The dropout report is in real-time, so if a student exits your school and we do not receive an enrollment from another Oklahoma public school within 24 hours, the student will be flagged as a potential dropout. Sometimes students do not enroll at their new school for several days. Therefore, a transfer may initially show up as a potential dropout, but once OSDE receives a new enrollment record for the student at their new school, the student will no longer show up on your dropout tab. We flag students as potential dropouts within 24 hours of them leaving a school to best inform districts about where their students are and to aid in potential dropout recovery efforts. However, if a student intended to transfer to another public school in Oklahoma, districts are encouraged to wait a week before submitting a DVR to change the student's dropout status as the student may just be delayed several days in enrolling at their new school.

6) Why aren't all the students enrolled at my school during the reporting period included in the report?

The dropout report includes all students whose last enrollment record we have is at your school. Therefore, a student who was enrolled at your school but who transferred to another Oklahoma public school before the end of the reporting period (September 30) would not be included in your school's report.

7) If I complete a DVR for a high school student in this report, will I have to request another DVR during the Enrollment Graduation Date Review window?

If you submit a DVR that includes documentation, and it is approved by OSDE staff, the student's enrollment history will be updated. You do not need to submit



another request unless you receive additional information that would require the student's enrollment history be changed again or if the student re-enters and re-exits.

Dropout DVRs that do not include documentation cannot be used to remove the student from their four-year graduation cohort. For these students, districts will be required to submit another DVR with documentation during the Enrollment Graduation Review Window to remove this student. If you submit documentation now you will **not** need to submit another DVR for graduation.

For example, if you provide documentation that shows a student transferred out-of-state and that enrollment is verified by OSDE, the student's enrollment history will be updated, and the student will be excluded from their four-year graduation cohort.

8) My DVR status changed to Information Required or Closed Pending-District Update status. What do I do?

OSDE will request additional information only if the request is unclear or incomplete. If a DVR is put in Information Required or Closed Pending-District Update status, the user who created the DVR will receive an email stating more information is needed or district action is required on the specified appeal. Please access the DVR and provide the requested information, documentation or local Student Information System update.

9) Why are elementary students showing up as dropouts?

While elementary students (PK-6th grade) are not included as part of the annual dropout report mandated by state statute, it is important for schools to monitor the enrollment of elementary students – particularly those with high degrees of mobility – to help ensure they receive requisite education services.

Thus, students in all grades will show up in the dropouts tab if their final enrollment is at your school. If they meet the criteria, they will be flagged as dropouts so you can easily identify them. If an elementary student's record indicates they transferred to another public school in Oklahoma and OSDE does not have record of a subsequent enrollment, please indicate which school or district the student transferred to and on what date.



10) How can a student be a dropout two years in a row?

If a student drops out and does not have any subsequent enrollments, that student will only be counted as a dropout for the reporting period during which they dropped out. If a student drops out during one reporting period but then has a subsequent enrollment during the next dropout reporting period and proceeds to dropout again, that student would be counted as a dropout for both years.

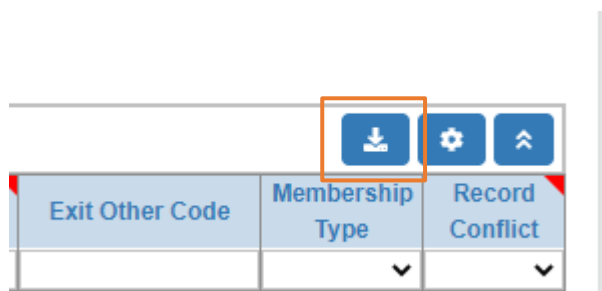
11) Why is a student who was previously not listed as a dropout now showing up as a dropout?

As mentioned previously, the dropout tab displays real-time data, so if a student is enrolled at your school one day and the next day exits your school and has an exit code that indicates the student may be a dropout, the student's value in the *Dropped Out* column in the dropout tab will change from "N" to "Y" and changing the student's dropout status will require a DVR.

Districts are encouraged to review the dropout tab periodically throughout the year as a way to monitor for students who may have dropped out. However, districts should review the dropout tab shortly after October 1 to ensure all students who exited your school in August or September are being reported as expected.

12) How can I download my list of dropouts to present to my local school board?

In the dropout tab, click the download button highlighted in the picture below to download a CSV file of your school's dropouts. This file can be imported into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that can be used to create pivot charts or tables as needed. Aggregations and other visualizations are planned for future iterations of the Accountability Reporting application.



13) What if my student transfers to homeschooling?

When a student transfers to home schooling, they are removed from the school dropout report, but will not be removed from the graduation cohort without documentation verifying transfer to an accredited diploma-issuing institution.

Contact Information

For any questions regarding the Dropout Window, please e-mail us at Accountability@sde.ok.gov or call us at 405-522-5169.

Version History

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