



TITLE: 2023-24 Year-End Coding for All Schools with 12th Grade Students

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PURPOSE: This Reference Guide provides the due dates and instructions for entering the year-end flag (YEF) and leave reason codes in MiSiS for all 12th grade students. This data is used to determine the *preliminary* four-year cohort graduation rate for every comprehensive high school as well as collect final data submitted to the state to be used to determine the four-year ACGR for the class of 2024.

MAJOR CHANGES: This Reference Guide replaces REF-6501.9, dated April 24, 2023. To accommodate the earlier release of the California School Dashboard, the district must certify its End-of-Year (EOY) data earlier to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). Historically, the deadline for schools to finalize MiSiS updates was the end of August. However, due to the changes mentioned above, schools must finalize all updates by **August 9, 2024**. Students who are updated as graduates in MiSiS after August 9, 2024 *will not* be included in the four-year Adjusted Cohort Graduate Rate (ACGR).

BACKGROUND: Our District’s goal is to obtain 100% graduation rate. The District and the state calculate graduation rate based on the exit information schools enter in MiSiS. All schools with 12th grade students are accountable for entering accurate graduation, non-completion, and completion data in MiSiS. Schools should enter leave information according to each student’s status in completing the graduation requirements as of the last day the student was enrolled. Students meeting graduation requirements at the conclusion of summer school should be withdrawn as of the last day of the school’s 2023-2024 school calendar, June 11, 2024. To ensure that every graduate/completer is counted with the accurate leave reason code, a correct exit code must be entered for every 12th grade student.

Senate Bill 114 requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to release the California School Dashboard earlier in 2023-2024 and in each of the subsequent two years. To accommodate the earlier release of the Dashboard, LAUSD must certify its End-of-Year (EOY) data earlier to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS).

To meet this deadline, schools must complete *all* updates in MiSiS by **August 9, 2024**. The Mass Leave Reason Entry screen will be available to enter data when the final grading window opens on May 17, 2024 and will close two weeks after the last day of classes. When the Mass Leave Reason Entry screen closes, changes to 12th grade exit information must be updated by changing the withdrawal code and/or reason on the Withdrawal History screen in MiSiS.

Always use the appropriate leave reason for the student graduation status as of June 28, 2024, even if the student did not meet graduation requirements. Leave Reasons available on the Mass Leave Reason Screen are on pages 3-5. Any leave reason not currently an option on the Leave Reason Screen can be entered by student using the Withdrawal History screen. If the student returns in the Fall to complete coursework, the student must be re-enrolled, unless a Year-End flag was set for a returning student. See pages 5-6 for information regarding Year-End flags.

The Office of Data and Accountability will extract the 2023-2024 12th grade exit data from MiSiS to submit to CALPADS for purposes of calculating the four-year ACGR for students belonging to the class of 2024 cohort (initial 9th grade enrollment exactly four years earlier, from 2010-2021 school year).

INSTRUCTIONS I. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete all District course and non-course requirements according to BUL-079501.2 Graduation Requirements for Classes of 2024-2027, dated August 14, 2023.

School staff should refer to REF-6056.7 Issuance of Diplomas and Certificates of Completion for All Eligible Students with Disabilities, dated March 28, 2022, for information on which students with disabilities are eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion.

II. ENTERING YEAR-END FLAGS AND/OR LEAVE REASON CODES FOR ALL 12TH GRADE STUDENTS.

Schools must enter either a leave reason code on the MiSiS Mass Leave Reason Entry screen for all 12th grade students who will NOT be returning to an LAUSD school the next school year *or* a Year-End Flag (YEF) on the MiSiS Year-End Flag screen for students who will be returning.

MiSiS MASS LEAVE REASON ENTRY SCREEN

The Mass Leave Reason Entry Screen can be accessed by users with the following MiSiS roles: Office Manager, Principal, Scheduling Administrator, or Counselor.

The Mass Leave Reason Entry Screen will be used for recording leave reasons for all 12th grade students who will not be returning to school the following school year. The screen will become available when the final spring grading window opens and can be accessed via the Admin drop down menu. For directions, refer to the [Mass Leave Reason Entry Job Aid](#). The screen will list currently enrolled 12th grade students. The screen may be used to filter by specific groups (Grade, Grad Year, Grad Eligibility, Special Education or Projected Leave Reason) or by individual student.

The Mass Leave Reason Entry screen provides a projected leave code for all students with a graduation year of 2024. The MiSiS application will display a projected leave reason for each student based on the following educational criteria:

Graduation requirements met based on the MiSiS Graduation Eligibility Report.

IEP status of the student

Eligibility for a graduation exemption

The following leave reasons may be selected when using the Mass Leave Reason Screen:

LEAVE REASON	Description
Diploma	The student has passed all graduation requirements and is receiving a high school diploma.
SPED Certificate of Completion	The student is receiving Special Education services, has met the requirements for a Certificate of

	<p>Completion and will receive a Certificate of Completion. Student is not expected to return to the District next year. If the IEP ends before the year-end code is entered, this leave reason must be entered on the withdrawal screen. If services are extended, the Mass Leave Reason Screen can be used. <i>NOTE: It is District policy that these students should receive their Certificate of Completion at the conclusion of their 4th year and should be encouraged to return.</i></p>
Diploma, Exemption from LAUSD Graduation Requirements	<p>The student qualifies under Education Code (E.C.) sections 51225.1 and 51225.2. The school has determined the student is eligible and qualifies as a student in foster care, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school pupil, military family student, migratory student, or newcomer student, has completed the State of California graduation requirements, has a CDE waiver entered, and will receive a diploma under E.C. 51225.1 and 51225.2.</p>
Prior Completer	<p>The student is receiving Special Education services and returned for continuing education after receiving a Certificate of Completion in a prior year and is not expected to return next year.</p>
Did Not Meet Graduation Requirements	<p>The student has not completed graduation requirements and will not return; OR the student is receiving Special Education services and has not completed course requirements for a diploma or a Certificate of Completion and will not return.</p>
Adult School Diploma/ HiSET Program	<p>The student has not completed graduation requirements and will be enrolling in an Adult school to complete requirements for an Adult School</p>

	Diploma. The student must be 18 years old at the time of withdrawal.
Adult School Non-Diploma/ Non-HiSET Program	The student has not completed graduation requirements and will be enrolling in an Adult School to continue taking courses not resulting in a Diploma. The student must be 18 years old at the time of withdrawal.
College (working towards AA or BA)	The student has not completed graduation requirements and will be enrolling in a college working toward a degree. The student must be 18 years old at the time of withdrawal.

There are some newer leave codes and reasons that are not yet available on the Mass Leave Reason screen. For these other reasons, please use the Withdrawal Screen to update the student record.

For a student who, while in Grade 12, exited during the last 14 days of the current academic year because of summer break or year-end intersession, and is thought to be returning to the same school after the summer break or intersession to continue in Grade 12, use L-code *L1-Same School* and select the reason, *12th Grade Returning for an Additional Year*.

For students that will not be continuing at an alternative or independent study school and need to return to the home school to complete requirements, Use L-code *L2-Other LAUSD School*, and select reason, *Return to Home School from Options/Alternative School IS (59)*. Note, this leave reason is only available for Options/Alternative schools.

Please note that beginning this year, Reason code 93, *California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE)* now also includes passage of a test in the new California Proficiency Program (CPP). Based on Education Code 48412, the CHSPE has been replaced by the CPP. However, prior passage of the CHSPE remains valid for students opting to leave school before meeting graduation requirements.

YEAR-END FLAG (YEF) SCREEN FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

The YEF Screen will be used for Completers or first-time students who are earning a Certificate of Completion and returning to school next school year as well as for students who did not complete requirements and will be

returning to school next year to continue to work toward completion of the requirements.

Year-End Flags can be entered for students by group or individually by staff with the following MiSiS roles: Principal, Scheduling Administrator, Counselor, Counselor Plus, or Office Manager. The Year-End Flag Screen can be accessed in MiSiS through the Student Search Screen and selecting it from the Action menu for the student. This screen will be open in April once the MiSiS New Year Enrollment process begins. The second part of the Next Year Enrollment process (NYE2) will create a 2024-2025 enrollment at the same school for any 12th grade students who have any of the codes below entered on the YEF screen. The following codes may be selected when using the Year-End Flag Screen:

YEF	Title	Description
CR	Certificate of Completion (Returning)	Student receiving Special Education services has met the requirements for a Certificate of Completion, will receive a Certificate of Completion, and will return next year for continuing education in the district.
TR	Prior Completer (Returning)	Student receiving Special Education services returned for continuing education after receiving a Certificate of Completion in a prior year and is expected to return next year.
R	Returning/ Retained	The student will return next year in the same grade level. (Non-SpEd)

III. APPROPRIATE LEAVE REASON CODES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities must be coded based on the following two scenarios:

- A. Students with an IEP can graduate with a diploma under the following conditions:
 1. Student has completed all course and credit requirements; or

2. Has obtained waivers for applicable courses. The exit reason for this student should be Diploma.
- B. Students with an IEP can complete high school with a Certificate of Completion under the following conditions:
1. Satisfactory completion of 210 credits of a prescribed alternative course of study as identified on the student's IEP; or
 2. Satisfactory achievement of the student's IEP goals and objectives during high school as determined by the IEP team; or
 3. Satisfactory high school attendance, participation in the instruction prescribed in the student's IEP, and achievement of the objectives of the statement of transition services.

The YEF for students earning a Certificate of Completion is “CR” if the student is expected to return next year. If the student previously received a Certificate of Completion, has returned before, and will again be returning, enter the YEF “TR”. If the student is going to receive a Certificate of Completion and is *not returning*, no YEF should be entered; use the Mass Leave Reason Screen or Withdrawal History Screen instead to enter the exit reason code for Certificate of Completion.

IV. GRADUATION EXEMPTIONS

Refer to BUL 076310.2, Graduation Exemptions and Partial Credits, dated May 22, 2023. An eligible pupil in foster care, experiencing homelessness, a former juvenile court school pupil, a pupil who is a child of a military family, or a pupil who is a migratory child, as defined in BUL 076610.2, who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the pupil’s 2nd year of high school (equivalent of 4 semesters -periods of non-enrollment may count, earned 105 credits, or completed the equivalent of two years of coursework, whichever makes the pupil eligible) or a pupil participating in a newcomer program, as defined in BUL-076310.2, who is in the pupil’s 3rd or 4th year of high school qualifies for the exemption from all local coursework and other requirements adopted by the school district that are in addition to California coursework requirements for graduation, unless the District determines that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the local graduation requirements by the end of the student’s 4th year of high school.

If applicable, the graduation exemption should be flagged with the leave reason code of Diploma, Exemption from LAUSD Requirements.

V. VERIFYING ACCURACY OF YEAR END FLAGS FOR ALL 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Schools are accountable for the accuracy of the YEF and Leave Reason Entries entered for each 12th grade student. Regional Superintendents are responsible for ensuring that all schools have completed their leave reason entry coding and YEF coding in MiSiS.

The following MiSiS reports may assist schools with verifying the accuracy of graduation data:

- Graduation Eligibility Status for 2016 & Beyond
- IGP – Individual Graduation Plan

Instructions on how to access these MiSiS reports are provided in the Job Aids which can be found on the MiSiS Website, under [Job Aids for Graduation Standards \(https://www.lausd.org/Page/7158\)](https://www.lausd.org/Page/7158).

The following *Elevate Data Quality* Reports (previously known as *Certify*) also assist schools with data correction to verify student data is correct and ready for YEF coding/entry. Monitor these reports closely to ensure 12th grade data is complete and accurate:

- ATT 010-0600 Graduates and Grade 7-12 Drop Out, Four Year.
- ENR 020-0300 12th grade students missing leave reason codes or YEF
- SCH 070-0220 Monitoring 12th grade promotions
- ENR 020-0150 Students previously reported as graduates
- ENR 020-0270 Student with Special Education Alt Curriculum but not exited with an L7 92 or 95

Schools are responsible for developing an exit plan for 12th grade students who will not meet graduation requirements and will be enrolling in an adult school. After verifying the accuracy of the YEF and Leave Reason entries for each 12th grade student, school staff should update student withdrawal records to indicate which school the student intends to enroll in to complete graduation requirements. Instructions on how to edit a withdrawal record are available at <https://achieve.lausd.net/misisjobaids>.

RELATED RESOURCES:

MiSiS Job Aids – <https://achieve.lausd.net/misisjobaids>

Elevate Data Tool – <https://datatool.lausd.net> - For support with Elevate reports and system access, call 213-241-2081, Option 1.

REF-6452.7 Graduates, Completers, and Dropouts, dated March 22, 2024.

BUL-079501.2 Graduation Requirements for Classes of 2024-2027, dated August 14, 2023.

BUL-076310.2 Graduation Exemption and Partial Credits, dated May 22, 2023.

REF-6056.7 Issuance of Diplomas or Certificates of Completion for All Eligible Student with Disabilities, dated March 28, 2022.

BUL-4926.3 Enrollment, Attendance, and Withdrawal Policies and Procedures, Dated July 31, 2023.

BUL-2457.1 Physical Education Exemptions, dated June 19, 2009.

BUL-6257.1 High School “a-g” Graduation Requirements and Students with Disabilities, dated March 2017.

ASSISTANCE: For assistance or further information please contact [School Counseling Services](https://www.lausd.org/page/7778) (<https://www.lausd.org/page/7778>) regarding graduation requirements and graduation exemptions at 213-241-7510.

For assistance with MiSiS, contact MiSiS Support at 213- 241-4850.

For assistance with CALPADS, contact the State Reporting and Services Branch at 213-241-2450.

For assistance with Certificates of Completion, consult REF-6056.7 for contact information.

For assistance with the Foster Youth Achievement Program, contact Pupil Services at 213-241-3844.