The NC WISE Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users during the week. The bulletin also features late-breaking and recurring news about NC WISE. In this issue:

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1. Credit Recovery Course Codes and EOC Assessments - Correction

The following message was sent Tuesday, September 4 concerning Credit Recovery Course Codes and EOC Assessments. Please make note of a correction to the message highlighted in bold letters.

The new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and English Language Arts and the North Carolina Essential Standards (ES) for Science are being implemented effective with the 2012-13 school year. As a result, new end-of-course (EOC) summative assessments were developed to assess the new standards. The new EOC assessments will be administered for the first time during the 2012-13 school year.

Credit recovery courses aligned to the old standards are still available to students who failed a course aligned to the old standards before the 2012-13 school year. EOC assessments aligned to the old standards were eliminated on August 15, 2012 and are no longer available. Therefore, students enrolled in credit recovery courses aligned to the old standards must not be administered an EOC assessment at the completion of the course.

During this transition, a school may simultaneously offer credit recovery courses aligned to the old standards and credit recovery courses aligned to the new standards. In order to differentiate between the two, the credit recovery course end code identifier must be different. Effective with the 2012–13 school year and beyond, credit recovery courses offering instruction aligned to the new CCSS or ES will be identified in eSIS with the end code “XR”. All credit recovery courses offering instruction aligned to the old standards will continue to be identified with the end code “CR”. This adjustment is necessary to ensure students are scheduled for and receive the appropriate credit recovery instruction. This will also ensure that EOC assessments are not required for credit recovery courses aligned to the old standards.

**It is the responsibility of each LEA and charter to add “XR” or “CR” to their courses’ long titles and course codes.** Schools with students currently enrolled in credit recovery courses aligned to the new standards must make the necessary corrections to change any “CR” end codes to “XR” immediately.

If you have questions or need further clarification on this matter, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk by emailing ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.
2. RPG Reports are Available for Verification and Approval

The Retention/Promotion/Graduation (RPG) reports are available for verification and approval in WebApps. Please remember, students promoting to grade 13 will need the P/Promotion code populated on the Homeroom History screen. Presently, they are showing as “None” which is a fatal error. All “None” categories must populate as “0”.

The due date for the RPG is Monday, September 10. Please take the time to review and approve your RPG by this date.

LEAs and charters may reference the RPG Guide located on the NC WISE website at http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training_group/docs/UERS/WISE_RPT_UERS_RPG_2012.pdf and the RPG Refresher webinar located at http://www.ncwise.org/training_recordings.html for assistance. Users may also contact the NCDPI Service Desk by emailing ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

3. Limited NCDPI Service Desk Coverage, Monday, Sept. 10

Due to an NCDPI All Agency Meeting, the NCDPI Service Desk will be operating with extremely limited staffing Monday, September 10. Please use the auto-gen email addresses listed below to submit a ticket when requesting help with any of our NCDPI applications. All issues will be addressed in the order they are received.

NC WISE – ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov
CECAS – cecas.incidents@its.nc.gov
HRMS – hrms.incidents@its.nc.gov
DPI – dpi.incidents@its.nc.gov
BSIP – bsip.incidents@its.nc.gov
CIMS – cte-ims.incidents@its.nc.gov

You may refer to the NCDPI Service Desk support page located on the NC WISE website for assistance in submitting your tickets: http://www.ncwise.org/service_desk2.html.

We thank you in advance for your compliance with this request.

4. Upcoming Training for September

**Dropout Report Refresher Webinar – September 11, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.**
This 2 hour online refresher will review the process of determining and entering Dropout Report data in eSIS.

September 11, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/612627929

**Alternative Learning Schools/Alternative Learning Programs (ALS/ALP) Refresher Webinar – September 12, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.**
This hour and a half online event will discuss best practices for handling Alternative Learning Programs (ALP) and Alternative Learning School (ALS) student information in eSIS (NC WISE). Topics for this session will include admission and withdrawal processes for students attending alternative schools and alternative learning programs and recording ALP/ALS information in the eSIS Program Assignment screen.

September 12, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/386649129

Principals Monthly Report (PMR) Refresher Webinar – Sept. 13, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.
This online session will review the process of reviewing and approving the PMR Report in UERS.

Registration Links:
September 13, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/437343929

Incidents in eSIS Refresher Webinar – Sept. 14, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
This two hour refresher provides reminders regarding how to enter discipline data correctly in NC WISE. Attendees will learn tips and techniques, as well as best practices.

September 14, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/146669601

This five day hands-on session is a basic class that covers the functional aspects of the NC WISE integrated solution. Each of the subsystems is explained with examples and exercises to reinforce the lecture. This session is designed to cover basic topics like Navigation, School Information, General Student information such as Demographics and Testing, working with the Student Course Selections, Marks and an introduction to WebApps/UERS.

Registration Link:

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