FY2023 Frequently Asked Questions for Dexter Mosely Participating Student Frequently Asked Questions



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1. Are students participating in public school through the provisions of the Dexter Mosely Act (DMA) considered enrolled?

The state does not consider these students enrolled. They are homeschooled students that are participating in an extracurricular activity and a class. These students will need to be entered in the school's student information system (SIS). Districts can use the term 'enrolled' or 'entered' in the SIS.

2. Will these students be in Student Record (SR), Student Class (SC), or only FTE?

DMA students will only be in FTE and SC in the October and March collections, not SR and SC at the end of the year collection in June. If they switch to a full-time student, then we would expect them to be in SR and SC in June also.

3. How do we tell the difference between a student entering full-time from homeschool with a SCHOOL ENTRY CODE 'A' (Admitted from homeschool) and a DMA student with a SCHOOL ENTRY CODE 'A'?

There is a separate data element called **DEXTER MOSELY** that has to be marked for a DMA student.

4. Will a school be required to exit a DMA student at the end of the year and re-enter if the student returns the next year?

No, they don't have to withdraw a DMA student each year (they won't send an SR-Enrollment record or any SR record) but they do have to have a **SCHOOL ENTRY CODE** of 'A' each year for the DMA students. That will take effort on the school's part because at the end of a school year, if a student is not withdrawn, the **SCHOOL ENTRY CODE** would likely be automatically changed to 'C', continuing in the same school, in the end of year rollover process. We will remind the school of this requirement by generating an error if the **DEXTER MOSELY** element is 'Y' and the **SCHOOL ENTRY CODE** is anything but 'A'.

- 5. Is there a DMA element? Yes, called **DEXTER MOSELY**.
- 6. If there is an element, is there a cross-check of a student with fewer than 3 classes without DMA marked?

No, a part-time student, like a 5th year senior, can have less than 3 classes. But there will be an error if a DMA student has more than 2 classes.

- 7. Can a DMA student also be a Child Find student? Yes, a homeschooled student who is in grade 6-12, can be a Child Find student (has an IEP) and a DMA participating student. See the chart of data elements for reporting DMA students in the <u>FY2023 FTE</u> <u>General Information.pdf (gadoe.org)</u> on the Data Collections website.
- 8. What happens at the end of the year for a final grade?

DMA students are not required to complete the class that they are required to take. The district can give the student the 'Z' (which means no grade is expected) grade as a final grade. If the student does complete the class, the district may create and store a final grade on a transcript. In either case, no grade is sent in SC-June, and therefore no grade is sent to Accountability.

9. Can a DMA student take an online class from the district to fulfill the one-class requirement? Yes, report the online class the same as any other online class.

10. We have a Dexter Mosley student who is taking an online course that is facilitated through our school. How is attendance determined since the student will completing the online program at home and not on campus? How attendance is taken in an online class is determined by the district. Attendance must be taken for

How attendance is taken in an online class is determined by the district. Attendance must be taken for the 10-day period prior to the FTE count days. The GaDOE guidance on virtual attendance taking is posted <u>here</u>.

- 11. If a student was a DMA-participating student in my district last year and is no longer participating in DMA this year, do I have to report him as withdrawn or a no-show. It does not matter why the student did not return this year. Report that student in FTE-1 this year with a WITHDRAWAL CODE = '8' (No longer participating in DEXTER MOSELY). If the date the student withdrew is known, use that date. If the DMA student was a 'no-show', the 0616yyyy date can be used.
- 12. Can a student participate in a district Magnet School instead of his resident school? Yes. The area of residence for a magnet school is the entire LEA. The LEA can require that the student go through a competitive entry process to enroll in the Magnet School, if that is the process for all students enrolling in that Magnet School.