

## Addition of PowerSchool Occupational Course of Study Flag

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DPI has created a student Occupational Course of Study (OCS) Flag in PowerSchool, a “yes-no” flag. It is located on a new student page in PowerSchool called DPI\_ACADEMIC. In PowerSchool, this page is available once a high school student is selected on the screen in the left-most vertical block of links/pages.

### CURRENT INTENDED PURPOSE:

This flag will be used by Career and Technical Education (CTE) to make decisions about testing. It will also be tracked by the Exceptional Children division.

### DETAILS:

**Note:** If this flag is set to “yes”, the date this action was taken is recorded. If the flag is set to “yes” and the user changes it to “no”, the date this action was taken is recorded. Once the “yes-no” value is set, it will not change through any programmatic process like EOY, for example.

**Important:** This information will transfer with the student from school to school. It will NOT transfer from LEA to LEA.

### LOGIC:

If a student is not considered to be classified as OCS, no user action is needed. Any programmatic logic that uses this flag will assume that the flag is set to “yes” to indicate an OCS student; otherwise, the logic assumes that this is not an OCS student.

### SETTING THIS FLAG:

#### User Action/Tools

If a student is not instructed on the OCS Pathway, no user action is needed.

#### Initialization Script

To assist the LEAs, DPI will execute a one-time script on May 1 that considers every “current” high school student and the courses they are enrolled in this year. If any of those courses have a ‘B’ in the fifth character, this flag will be set to “yes” for that student.

*It is the responsibility of the LEA/School to update the flag for any students who are instructed on the OCS Pathway and do not fit these conditions, or to update the flag for any students who are taking one of these courses (with a ‘B’ in the fifth character of the course code) and are not to be instructed on the OCS pathway.*

*Again, this is a one-time script. Going forward the LEA/School is responsible for updating the flag to “yes” as appropriate.*

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A search is added to the start-page so that the users can view a list of students who have been classified as OCS. See below:

### Details for searching OCS students with Function List

Click on "View Function List" hyperlink.

**Start Page**

Students Staff Parents

☐ Advanced [View Field List](#) [View Function List](#) [?]

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PowerSchool Function List	
*fee.id=nocourse	Search for students who are not related to a course fee record
*fee.fee_balance=partial	Search for students that have at least 1 fee with a partial balance
*fee_balance.balance=partial	Search for students that have a partial global balance
*fee_balance.balance=0	Search for students that have a global balance of 0
*fee_balance.balance=null	Search for students who have no fee balance record
Sched_YearOfGraduation#2014;grade_level=12	Search for students who do not have the correct graduation year.
/exitdate>7/1/13;exitdate<6/14/14;grade_level>9;exitcode in W4,W6	Search for students who are Mid Year or Summer School Graduates.
Sched_NextYearGrade=null	Search for students who are missing Next Year Grade.
Next_School=null	Search for students who are missing Next School.
S_NC_MILITARY.CONNECTED_MILITARY=1	Search for students who are Military Connected.
S_NC_MILITARY.CONNECTED_MILITARY=null	Search for students who have not been set to Not Military Connected.
/S_NC_MILITARY.CONNECTED_MILITARY=null;enroll_status#0	Search for inactive students who have not been set to Not Military Connected.
S_NC_ACADEMIC.OCS_STATUS=1	Search for currently enrolled OCS students.
/S_NC_ACADEMIC.OCS_STATUS=1	Search for all OCS students.

Click on search icon.

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