

Michigan Ed-Fi Data v3.1 - Sections

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This educational entity represents a setting in which organized instruction of course content is provided to one or more students for a given period of time. A course may be offered to more than one class/section. Instruction, provided by one or more teachers or other staff members, may be delivered in person or via a different medium.

Object Triggering Logic

This table describes logic for triggering syncing of this object.

Action	Trigger
Post	When a section is created and saved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section Placement is required in order for the section to send. 1 record will report for each Section and Term Type combination. Do not send records if the Calendar Exclude check box is checked. Do not send records if the course is marked inactive or State Exclude. Do not send if the School Exclude check box is checked. Section must be tied to a course that has SCED Code = NOT NUILL.
Post	When Section Placement is changed and saved on a section.
Post	When the Local Course Number or Term type Override is changed.
Put	When any fields listed below are changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the SCED Seq Number is changed and saved on the Course edit. When the Instructional Setting is changed and saved on a section. When the Credit field is changed and saved on a Grading Task assigned to the course. Change to Virtual Method (mediumOfInstructionDescriptor) . Change to MSIX Course Section ID .
Delete	When a section is deleted.
Delete	When Section Placement is changed or removed and saved on a section.
Delete	When the Local Course Number or Term type Override is changed.

School Exclude, Calendar Exclude, Resource Toggle and Resync Logic

This table describes the School Exclude, Calendar Exclude, Resource Toggle and Resync logic of this object.

Action	Trigger
None	If a resource is toggled to 'OFF' after data has sent, all sent data will remain in the ODS but no new data will send.
Delete	If a resource is toggled to 'OFF' after data has sent and an action is performed that would trigger a delete, that data will remain in the ODS until a resync is done.
Resync	If a record is in the Ed-Fi Identity Mapping table and not in the ODS, it will be deleted from the Ed-Fi Identity Mapping table.
Resync	If a record is in the ODS and it does not have a matching record in Campus or the Ed-Fi Identity Mapping table, it will be deleted from the ODS.
Resync	If a mapping is changed in Resource Preferences, a resync will need to be done to reflect the changes.

Natural Key Changes, Cascading Updates, and Deletes Logic

This table describes the Natural Key Changes/Cascading Updates and Deletes logic of this object.

Action	Trigger
Post/Delete	Natural Key Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the School ID changes, all data will remain under the old number and a resync will need to be completed to populate data under the new number. The delete tool would need to be used to remove all data from the old School ID.
Post/Delete	If any of the following changes in the Course Offerings resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Course Code Session Name
Post/Delete	If the natural key changes all dependent data will delete/post.
Dependent Resources	Staff Section Associations, Student Section Associations, Student Section Attendance Events, Grades.

Scope Year Logic

This table describes scope year logic of this object.

Logic
Sections will report to the configured year to which they are aligned.
Data will only send for years that have valid configuration.

Resource Preferences

This table describes the Resource Preferences of this object.

Data Element Label	Mapping Needed
Instructional Setting	Educational Environment Types
Virtual Method	Medium of Instruction
MSIX Course Section ID	MSIX Course Section Descriptors

Event Queue Detail

This table describes the Event Queue Detail of this object.

Campus Table	Ed-Fi Action	Fields
section	Post/Put/Delete	The primary table used for sending data for this resource.
course	Put	Educational Environment Descriptor Sequence of Course
gradingTaskCredit	Put	Available Credits

Object Data Elements

This table describes data elements sent within the Sections resource.

Data Element Label	Business Requirement	Business Rules	M, C or O	Data Source GUI Path	Database Field
id	The unique identifier of the resource.		M		
sectionIdentifier	The local identifier assigned to a section.	1. Reports the section ID of the section being reported.	M	Course > Section	section.sectionID
courseOfferingReference	A reference to the related CourseOffering resource.	1. Reports the fields that are part of the Natural Key for the Course Offering resource.	M		
locationReference	A reference to the related Location resource.	1. Reports the fields that are part of the Natural Key for the Locations resource.	O		
locationSchoolReference	A reference to the related School resource.	1. Reports the fields that are part of the Natural Key for the School resource.	M		
availableCreditConversion	Conversion factor that when multiplied by the number of credits is equivalent to Carnegie units.	1. This is optional, does not report.	O		

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availableCredits	Credits or units of value awarded for the completion of a course.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sum the total number of credits from the Grading Tasks on the course. 2. Divide by the number of terms the course section occurs. 	O	Course>Grading Tasks>Credit	gradingTaskCredit.Cre
availableCreditTypeDescriptor	The type of credits or units of value awarded for the completion of a course.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is optional, does not report. 	O		
characteristics	This descriptor defines characteristics of a section, such as whether attendance is taken and the section is graded.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is optional, does not report. 	O		
classPeriods	The class period during which the Section meets.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See array section for logic. 	O		
courseLevelCharacteristics	The type of specific program or designation with which the section is associated (e.g., AP, IB, Dual Credit, CTE). This collection should only be populated if it differs from the Course Level Characteristics identified at the Course Offering level.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is optional, does not report. 	O		

Data Element Label	Business Requirement	Business Rules	M, C or O	Data Source GUI Path	Database Field
educationalEnvironmentDescriptor	The setting in which a child receives education and related services; for example: Center-based instruction Home-based instruction Hospital class Mainstream Residential care and treatment facility.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report the Ed-Fi Code value from the mapped Instructional Setting selected on the course section being reported. If NULL, do not report. 	O	Course > Section > Instructional Setting	section.instructionalSe
instructionLanguageDescriptor	The primary language of instruction, if omitted English is assumed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This is optional, does not report. 	O		
mediumOfInstructionDescriptor	The media through which teachers provide instruction to students and students and teachers communicate about instructional matters; for example: Technology-based instruction in classroom Correspondence instruction Face-to-face instruction Virtual/On-line Distance learning Center-based instruction ...	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report mapped Ed-Fi Code from Virtual Method (Override). If NULL, report from Virtual Method. 	O	Course > Virtual Method Course > Section > Virtual Method (Override)	Course.distanceCode
msixCourseSectionDescriptor	(MI-EXT) This characteristic is required when reporting migrant students by educating entities when the Local Course ID cannot uniquely identify a given course.	Report mapped Ed-Fi Code from MSIX Course Section ID on section. If NULL, report from MSIX Course Section ID on course.	O	Course > MSIX Course Section ID Course > Section > MSIX Course Section ID	Course.msixCode

Data Element Label	Business Requirement	Business Rules	M, C or O	Data Source GUI Path	Database Field
offeredGradeLevels	The grade levels in which the section is offered. This collection should only be populated if it differs from the Offered Grade Levels identified at the Course Offering level.	1. This is optional, does not report.	O		
populationServedDescriptor	The population for which the course was designed; for example: Bilingual students Remedial education students Gifted and talented students Career and Technical Education students Special education students.	1. This is optional, does not report.	O		
programs	An unordered collection of sectionPrograms. This educational entity represents a setting in which organized instruction of course content is provided to one or more students for a given period of time. A course may be offered to more than one class/section. Instruction, provided by one or more teachers or other staff members, may be delivered in person or via a different medium.	1. This is optional, does not report.	O		

Data Element Label	Business Requirement	Business Rules	M, C or O	Data Source GUI Path	Database Field
sequenceOfCourse	When a section is part of a sequence of parts for a course, the number of the sequence. If the course has only one part, the value of this section attribute should be 1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report the value selected in the SCED Sequence "Part n" field. If NULL, report '1'. 	M		
etag	A unique system-generated value that identifies the version of the resource.	1. This is optional, does not report.	O		

Arrays

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Class Periods

Data Element Label	Business Requirement	Business Rules	M, C or O	Data Source GUI Path	Database Field
classPeriodReference	Reports the natural key of the Class Periods resource.		M		