

Legislative Update

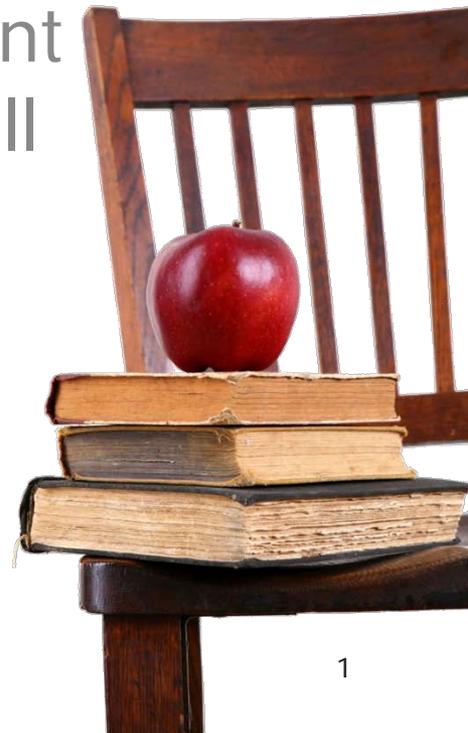
SB 178

What constitutes part time?

How much release time can a student have while still being declared in full membership?

Other membership issues.

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SB 178 1st Sub *(eff. May 08, 2012)*

I. Part-time enrollment

- 🍎 Rescinded entry of EHS into the SOEP program; reinstated “definition” of home-school contained in EHS statute (*reference: part-time*).
- 🍎 Changed definition of the school of record for SOEP students (*reference: part time students*).

II. Reporting of Release Time

- 🍎 Changed rules regarding reporting of Release Time (*reference: release time*).

III. Membership Reporting Overall

- 🍎 Allows Credit Recovery and Credit Extension without report of membership/funding (*reference: membership reporting*).
- 🍎 Changed nature of data collected regarding Provider LEAs (*reference: membership reporting*).

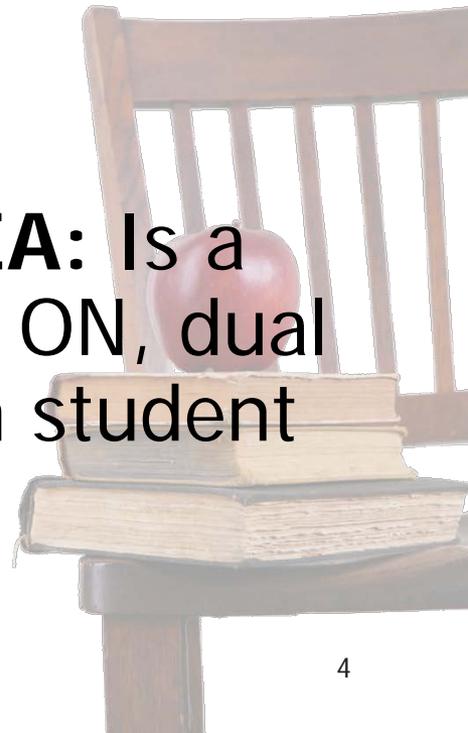


I. Part Time Enrollment?

- 🍎 FOR REPORTING PURPOSES, students are not considered to be “Part Time,” unless they are home-schoolers excused from compulsory education; attend a private school and a public school (dually enrolled), or are permitted by the LEA to attend less than 1.0 FTE but are stably enrolled throughout the year.
- 🍎 While some Providers call SOEP or other online/dually enrolled students “Part-time,” these students are really just being declared in membership for less than 1.0 FTE.
- 🍎 “Public Online” or “Online” (Instructional Setting = OP or ON) students or dually-enrolled students may be enrolled in an LEA for less than one FTE.

What data specialists are thinking of as “part time” may be the result of:

- 🍎 **Home School:** Is the student a part time home-schooled registered for online or traditional courses at a public school or schools? How is this reflected in student records?
- 🍎 **Enrollment at more than one LEA:** Is a student is enrolled at two LEAs (OP, ON, dual enrollment)? How is this reflected in student records?



EHS statutes define a home schooled student (53A-15-1002(3)):

A "Home-schooled student"

- 🍎 Attends a home school;
- 🍎 Is exempt from school attendance pursuant to Section 53A-11-102 ; and
- 🍎 Attends no more than two regularly scheduled classes or courses in a public school per semester.

S1:

Labeling a student as **h (part-time - home school)** explains why a student is registered for less than a full course load.

Labeling a student as **HSC** ("home-schooled") in the School Membership Code field results in NO FUNDING for the student.

Is “part-time” being used to designate a school that is not the school of record?

A student *is not* a part-time student unless they:

- (a) are a home-schooled student, and credits remain at or below 2.
- (b) Split enrollment between both a public and a private school.
- (c) Attend less than a Full Day Equivalent, but are otherwise stably enrolled for the entire school year.

RELATED QUESTION:
Which School is the School of Record
(the Primary LEA)?

- 🍎 **OP:** 53A-15-1202 (5) "Primary LEA of enrollment" means the LEA in which an eligible student is enrolled for courses other than online courses offered through the Statewide Online Education Program.
- 🍎 **ON or other dual enrollment:** R277-419-1(Z) (BB) "School of enrollment" means the school where a student takes a majority of his classes and the school that maintains the student's cumulative file, enrollment information and transcript; the school designated to receive the Oct. 1 enrollment count, unless otherwise required by law.

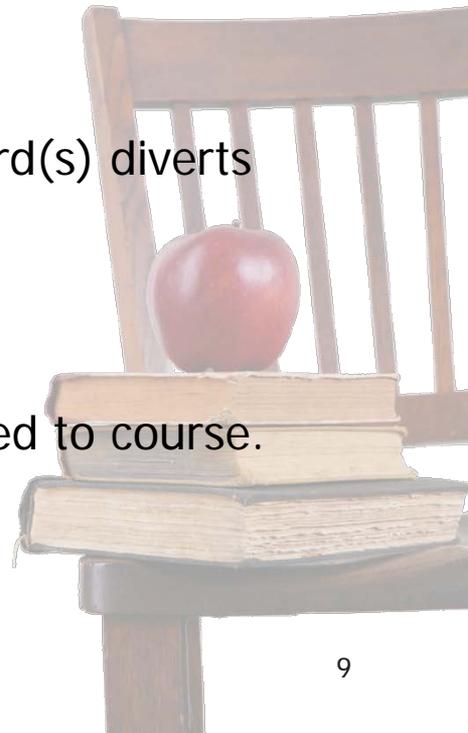


Dually Enrolled Students (includes Online and in Person)

- 🍎 **Dually enrolled (partial membership reported through two or more LEAs)** – Both LEAs report a percentage of enrollment implied by courses that they are actually supplying to the student; both LEAs mark the student Part time (S) and mark school of record yes.
- 🍎 **Full Membership reported at Primary LEA** – funding accomplished through report of membership by primary only. The second LEA is paid privately by the primary.
 - The primary LEA can report all the students classes but use the where taught field to distinguish location (in this case, the primary LEA is responsible for any CRTs).
 - Both LEAs report student data: The secondary LEA reports the classes, but marks school of record no. Both LEAs then mark student part time stable. (In this case, the provider LEA is responsible for those CRTs).

OP Students

- Full Membership reported at Primary LEA, resulting in funding of only the Primary LEA.
- Online Provider is paid through the CCA process which diverts funds from Primary LEA "MSP allotment."
- Provider LEA puts "N" in school of record field.
- Testing – SOEP Provider: Correct assignment in course record(s) diverts testing pre-prints to Provider.
- Accountability 160 days or SOEP Completion.
- Provider must have highly qualified teacher o record assigned to course.



II. Release Time?

SB 178 defines Release Time (53A-15-1202(6)):

- 🍎 "Released-time": a period of time during the regular school day when a student is excused from school at the request of the student's parent or guardian pursuant to rules of the State Board of Education.
- 🍎 R277-419 allows LEAs to count a student in membership for the equivalent in hours of up to **one period** each school day, if the student has been released by school upon parent's request during the school day for **religious instruction** or **individual learning activity consistent with the student's SEOP**.
- 🍎 SOEP, UCAT, Concurrent Enrollment, EHS are not Release Time.

SB 178 also limits reporting of release time (53A-15-1209):

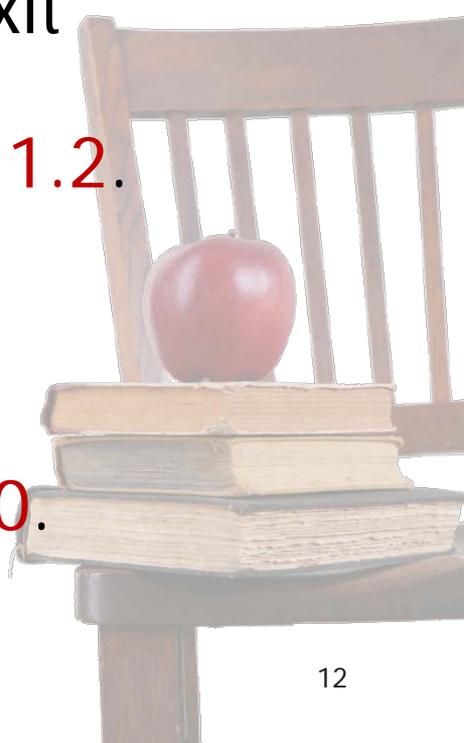
- 🍎 A student who enrolls in an online course may not be counted in membership for a released-time class, if counting the student in membership for a released-time class would result in the student being counted as more than one FTE.



III. Membership Reporting Overall

(SB 178 Membership Clarifications)

- 🍎 Students may only be counted in membership for more than 1.0 FTE if he/she they intend to complete graduation requirements and exit high school early, as evidenced by the student's SEOP. Membership limit is then **1.2**.
- 🍎 Students may be enrolled for additional courses for which the LEA will not report membership. Membership limit is then **1.0**.



Changes to reports required in statute

(53A-15-1211 and 53A-15-1212)

Must include:

- 🍎 Pupil-teacher ratio for the combined online courses of the online course provider.
- 🍎 Provider's pupil-teacher ratio for the online courses combined.

Old statute: "*the pupil-teacher ratio of the online course provider.*"