

Virtual Schools, Developmental Kindergarten and New Training Materials



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Virtual Schools

In order to better identify schools that provide full-time and part-time instruction to pupils through online learning, CEPI has modified the "Virtual" Educational Setting as follows:

- 100% Virtual School – Use this educational setting to identify a virtual school that is providing full-time instruction to pupils through online learning to the entire population of students.
- Less than 100% Virtual – Use this educational setting to identify a virtual school that is providing anything less than full-time instruction to pupils through online learning.

All entities that were previously identified with an educational setting of "Virtual" will now be identified as "Less than 100% Virtual". If the correct educational setting should be "100% Virtual School," please make the necessary changes in the EEM.

Developmental Kindergarten

To resolve a reporting difficulty in differentiating between students in a two-year developmental kindergarten program from those who repeat their kindergarten year, CEPI and the Michigan Department of Education will no longer use the term "retention kindergarten." Instead, we will use "developmental kindergarten" to refer to a defined two-year kindergarten program that precedes entry into first grade. To reflect this change, the "Retention K Full Day" and "Retention K Part Day" grade settings have been changed in the EEM and will now display as "Developmental K Full Day" and "Developmental K Part Day."

To report students in the first year of a planned two-year kindergarten program, report "Developmental Kindergarten" for the first year of the program and "Kindergarten" for the second year of the program. Students who attend a standard one-year kindergarten program, but then are retained in that grade for an additional year, will simply be shown in the same grade for two years (Kindergarten), just as a student who repeats any other grade.

New Training Materials

Three new step-by-step guides in PDF format have been posted to the [CEPI EEM Web page](#) under the heading "EEM Training Tools."

- How to Add or Remove a Grade in the EEM
- How to Add or Remove an Educational Setting in the EEM
- How to Add, Remove or Edit a Contact in the EEM

If you have questions about the EEM, please send an email message to CEPI@michigan.gov or call 517-335-0505  and select option 3. Please provide your name, district code and district name (if applicable), the CEPI application name, your telephone number (including area code and extension), your email address and your specific questions.

Thank you,

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