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Re: Changes to Input File Specifications for the Registration Files

Dear Colleagues:

UCOP is requesting the addition of 1 new data element for student parenting status (H1007) in the Registration files (Student Enrollment Third Week 3WK and End of Term EOT).

UCOP requests this field to comply with Assembly Bill 2881 issued July 12, 2023. The statute requires the University of California to establish a data field to identify student parents (defined as students with one or more dependent children under the age of 18) by the 2026-27 academic year and to share this data field with the [Cradle to Career State Data System](#). The law uses the definition of a student parent in Education Code Section 66025.8, however UC recommends expanding the definition for the purpose of priority registration to include a broader definition described in this [GUEA guidance on AB 2881](#).

These changes are effective for the Summer Third Week Enrollment file which is due September 15, 2026.

Technical Specifications for Additional Data Element:

REF NO	ELEMENT NAME	LOC	LN	FMT	ERR LVL	VALID VALUES
H1007	Parenting Status	660	1	A	E	'Y' = Is a parent or guardian of one or more dependent children under the age of 18 [blank] = Not currently a parent or guardian of dependent children

Files Affected:

Effective Date: Summer Third Week 2026 Enrollment, due 9/15/26

CSS3WK (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring)
CSSEOT (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring)

New Record Length: This addition of the new field will require an increase in the record length.

The new record length will be 660 bytes.

The complete set of up-to-date file specifications may be downloaded from our website at <https://data.ucop.edu/file-submissions/file-specifications.html>. If you have any questions about the file specifications, please email irap@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,

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