Graduation Type Code & Diploma Pathway

Graduation Type Codes

A **Graduation Type Code** is required for all students graduating from a school district. Within SAM, a student is marked as Graduated by setting the **Year-End Status** to "Graduated". This can be done individually within each student's folder or in mass:

- **End Of Year > Utilities > Set Student EOY Status**

Students marked as "Graduated" within SAM will have their **Graduation Type Code** included on the MSD. There are four (4) different Graduation Type Codes accepted by MSIS:

- Diploma ("T")
- GED ("G")
- Other Completers ("O")
- Occupational Diploma ("OD")

Diploma Pathways

A **Diploma Pathway** is required for all students receiving a "Diploma" Graduation Type Code. There are three (3) different Diploma Pathways accepted by MSIS:

- Traditional ("T")
- Career ("C")
- District ("D")

SAM allows districts to further define a list of Diploma Pathways. However, each of the **User-Defined Diploma Pathways** must correlate to one of the three MSIS-Defined Diploma Pathways. As many User-Defined Diploma Pathways can be created as a desired.

- **Enrollment > Graduation Settings > User-Defined Pathway**

MSIS Reporting

- **State Reporting > MS State Reports > Create State Files > MSD**

A Graduation Type Code will be included within the MSD if the student is marked as Graduating. This means that in most cases, only "completers" and Graduating seniors will have a "**GRADCODE**" tag within the MSD.

However, MSIS mandates that all students within ADA Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 that are given a Graduation Type Code of "Diploma" have a Diploma Pathway submitted within the MSD "**PATHWAY**". This means that all students within the aforementioned ADA Grade Levels must have a Graduation Type Code set within SAM, even though the Graduation Type Code won't be sent to MSIS until the end of the student's High School Career. The Diploma Pathway will be submitted for all ADA Reporting Periods 01 through 09.

The MSD's Data Check will ensure 2 things regarding these topics:

- All students marked with a **Year-End Status** of "Graduated" will have a valid **Graduation Type Code** set.
- All students marked with a **Graduation Type Code** of "Diploma" will have a **Diploma Pathway** set.