ECATS
Monday Message
November 22, 2021

Special Education Module

AU Eligibility Worksheet
The AU Eligibility Worksheet has been updated to reflect the correct formatting and is now live in ECATS.

December Child Count
The December Child Count captures federal reporting data on students receiving special education as of December 1, 2021. The December Child Count opens December 1, 2021 and must be certified by close of business December 20, 2021. It is expected that EC Directors/Coordinators certify the December Child Count by the due date. The integrity of the data is always at risk when the DPI must finalize the data for the district. So, it is imperative that the EC Director/Coordinator reviews and certifies the December Child Count data on time. If someone other than the EC Director/EC Coordinator certifies the December Child Count, the Child Count Verification form must be completed and submitted to Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware at Khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov. The December 2021 Child Count Verification Form is accessible from the ECATS Main Menu > Resources section > Federal Reporting tab.

Note: This message is a repeat of the November 15, 2021, Monday Message.
Federal Reporting Preparation
In preparation for upcoming federal reporting, the following reports are now available for ECATS users to check data each month for accuracy and address any possible errors that must be corrected prior to the certification schedule:
- Child Count – April 2022
- Indicator 7 – August 2022
- Exit Count – September 2022

These reports are accessible in ECATS from Reporting > Standard Reports > Special Ed tab.

For more information on Federal Reporting Preparation Tips, please review the November Federal Reporting Office Hours recorded session(s) and associated PowerPoint from the ECATS website > Federal Reporting Office Hours at https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/reporting/federal-reporting-office-hours.

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ECATS Data Manager Contact Directory

Please click this link to access the ECATS Data Manager Contact Directory. Review and update the ECATS Data Manager who serves as the point of contact for your LEA/Charter School/State Operated Program.

For previous issues of the ECATS Monday Message, please visit https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/monday-messages.