

Special Education Module

Note: This message is a repeat of the September 15, 2021, Director's Weekly Message.

New Resource - ECATS: Onboarding for New EC Staff

This resource is intended to provide an overview and the location of several ECATS resources produced and posted by the EC Division. This may be especially helpful for onboarding new staff and locating materials since the transition to the new EC Division website. Special thanks to Dr. Karen Little, Monitoring Consultant, for curating and hyperlinking these items. [ATTACHED]

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Exit Count

September captures end-of-year reporting data on students exiting special education during the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 fiscal year. The Exit Count opens September 15, 2021 and is due by close of business September 30, 2021. In preparation for the Exit Count, the Exit Count report is currently available to all LEAs, Charter Schools and State Operated Programs on ECATS production under Reports>Standard Reports>Special Education. The Exit Count training video and resources are also available in ECATS under Main Menu > Resources > Federal Reporting.

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Indicator 8 Reminder

For the select districts who have been notified, please be sure to get the Indicator 8 surveys out to the parents.

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2020-2021 End of Year Data Submission for Indicator 11

All Public-School Units are responsible for certifying Indicator 11 - Child Find in ECATS. The Indicator 11 count captures the percent of students for whom a referral was received, and placement determined within 90 days and is based on data from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The Indicator 11 Count opens October 1, 2021



and is due by close of business October 29, 2021. The training video, ECATS Webinar – Indicator 11 Reporting, along with additional reference handouts are posted in each district's ECATS instance on the main page under Resources > Federal Reporting. Please submit any questions or student level data corrections directly to ZenDesk to ensure that problems with data are corrected efficiently.

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2020-2021 End of Year Data Submission for Indicator 12

Indicator 12 captures data on students who received Part C services and were referred to Part B during the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 fiscal year. All students must have an IEP developed within 90 days of the referral and receive services by their 3rd birthday. Indicator 12 will be submitted on spreadsheets by all PSUs and can be accessed by clicking this link: Indicator 12 Spreadsheet or by going to the ECATS site under Resources (https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/resources). The spreadsheet has a tab with helpful clarifications to assist PSUs on entering their data and can be submitted at any time prior to the due date of October 29, 2021. Charter Schools do not need to submit an Indicator 12 spreadsheet this year. Please email all Indicator 12 spreadsheets to ecindicators@dpi.nc.gov.

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Important Federal Reporting Reminder: Submission Timeliness

If your district does not certify the data required for Indicators by the due date, your data may be certified by state staff. The integrity of the data is always at risk when the Department of Public Instruction has to finalize the data for your district. There will be penalties when data is not submitted in a timely manner.

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

