



Monday Message

January 3, 2022

Special Education Module

Federal Reporting Office Hours

As a reminder, the Federal Reporting Office Hours are open at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware at khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions. To join in and ask any questions about upcoming federal reporting, please use the following link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/khalilah.ofarrow>.

ECATS Data Manager Contact Directory

Please click the following link to access the ECATS Data Manager Contact Directory:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tQFdgqV1kqhMXN9PIGR38JrYbvR8UuZ/edit?rtf=true>

Be sure to review and update the ECATS Data Manager who serves as the point of contact for your LEA/Charter School/State Operated Program. Thank you for your attention to this.

Note: This message is a repeat of the December 17, 2021, ECATS Updates Message.

Update: "Per Reporting Period"

On August 4, 2021, the EC Division provided a statewide memo outlining the sunset of "Per Reporting Period" (PRP) as a description for the frequency of specially designed instruction or related services. This action was scheduled to occur on January 31, 2022; however, has now been delayed until July 1, 2022. "Per Reporting Period" will continue to be an option available in ECATS.

The technical assistance and professional development necessary to support this transition require more time. The EC Division continually reviews and revises its statewide activities given the circumstances present in the public school units, the time needed to implement a proposed change, and ongoing feedback from the field. Please continue to do the same locally, as appropriate documentation of service delivery remains a priority to ensure consistent implementation of IEPs. Local practices may require adjustment because of the focus on PRP; therefore, the extra time is also intended to support these activities. We appreciate your patience with this change in plans.

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ECATS Early Warning System

Due to ongoing, widespread data issues in the ECATS Early Warning System, only the attendance indicator is visible in the ECATS EWS. The indicators and alerts for behavior, academics, literacy, and math have been hidden until system-wide problems are addressed by the vendor. Behavior, academics, literacy, and math data remain available in the student profile. Districts using iReady and Istation will also see these data in the student profile. Grouping and intervention plans remain active during this change.

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>.