



ECATS

Monday Message

December 5, 2022

Special Education Module

December Child Count

The December Child Count captures federal reporting data on students receiving special education as of December 1, 2022. The December Child Count certification window opened on December 1st and must be certified by close of business on December 20th. It is expected for the EC Director to certify the December Child Count by the due date. The integrity of the data is always at risk when the Department of Public Instruction must finalize the data for any PSU. So, it is imperative that the EC Director reviews and certifies the December Child Count data on time. If someone other than the EC Director certifies the December Child Count in ECATS, the Child Count Verification form must be completed and submitted to Khalilah O’Farrow-Boulware at Khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov. The December 2022 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 30, 2022 Director’s Weekly Message.

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 must finalize the data for your district.

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Federal Reporting Office Hours – December 7, 2022

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>.

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Determining Service Delivery - Sunset of "Per Reporting Period"

A package of Technical Assistance materials was provided via shared google folder in the 6.29.22 and 9.14.22 Weekly Updates. These items remain available at <https://bit.ly/DetServiceTAPack> and include a FAQ, two Tip Sheets, a TA Guide and a TA Video. It has recently come to our attention that local staff may not have received these resources. Please be certain to share these materials with related service providers and other EC staff that may have previously documented services using "per reporting period".

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>.