



ECATS

Monday Message

January 9, 2023

Special Education Module

Case Management Report

In response to requests from the field, DPI Office of Exceptional Children has worked with PCG to create a new standard report entitled ECATS Case Management Report (see attached user-guide). The report will be available on January 13, 2023 and is designed to provide:

- *School-level* ECATS Case Managers and Service Providers a user-friendly format to review special education information for those students assigned to their individual caseloads or for students they are assigned to as a member of the IEP Team; and
- *EC Leadership* the ability to review information prior to Child Count reporting periods, projected eligibility dates, courses of study, placement on the continuum, modified school days and Home/Hospital placements, as well as conduct other compliance monitoring activities for the public-school unit (PSU).

Removal of Initial Placement Delay Reason: COVID 19

The COVID 19 delay reason was added to ECATS as an internal tracking field during the pandemic and was never an approved exception for federal reporting. As of January 13, 2023, the COVID 19 delay reason will no longer be an option in ECATS. For any student with a new referral as of 7/1/2022 and has the initial placement delay reason, COVID 19, documented in their record, please update the initial placement delay reason to a more appropriate reason. The Indicator 11 – October 2023 report is now available and can be reviewed to identify those students who may have the initial placement delay reason documented as COVID 19. Once users download the report, go to the Student Details tab, and filter the column, Initial Placement Delay Reason, to identify students with COVID 19 selected as the initial placement delay reason.

Note: This message is a repeat of the December 14, 2022 Director's Weekly Message.

Federal Reporting Preparation

In preparation for upcoming federal reporting, the following reports are available to check data each month for accuracy and address any possible errors that must be corrected prior to the certification schedule:

- April Child Count – April 2023 | 04/02/2022 – 04/01/2023
- Indicator 7 – August 2023 | 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023
- Exit Count – September 2023 | 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023
- Indicator 11 – October 2023 | 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023

These reports are accessible in ECATS from Reporting > Standard Reports > Special Education tab. As a reminder, the schedule for the upcoming indicators and counts are listed in the Important Dates Calendar at the following link: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/everychild-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/reporting>

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>.