

December 2024 Child Count Newsletter

As of 11/19/2024

Each district will need to download a file (dated 12/1/2024) of their child count data from Infinite Campus and upload this data file (**all schools must be selected to upload ONE file – do not try to upload one school at a time**) to the DOE web-based program. Below is the link to access the program and all other information to have a successful child count data submission.

<https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/data-childcount.aspx>

Important Reminders for Child Count 2024:

- Extract file from Campus must include ALL students from all attendance centers in **one file**.
- FINAL Signoff Process – districts may allow someone other than the superintendent to submit the data file and sign off to the submission process. Once **all** districts have reported and DOE has reviewed the data, district superintendents will be asked to sign off to finalize the data.

Data Submission Reminders:

- IEP students placed out of district must be reported in school #97. Enter the appropriate serving district, the percent of day enrollment = 1% and the enrollment status = “P- tuition paid by district”. **Resident students served at either School for Blind and Visually Impaired or SD Human Services Center may be included here**, please use the enrollment status of “P”. No tuition is paid by the resident district but there are costs to monitor the student’s IEP and provide transportation.
- If the district has any students placed *OUT OF STATE* – do not enroll into school #97 but include their enrollment data in an appropriate school based on their age. Percent of day enrollment for a student out of state = 100%.
- Check out the supporting documents on the above website for instructions on how to download a child count data file from Infinite Campus. Do **NOT** create files for each school in the district to upload – click on all schools for which data is to be reported. Each new upload overwrites the last one.

Timelines for Child Count December 2024:

- Districts will have access to the program and may begin to upload files on December 2, 2024.
- Deadline to submit on their December 2024 child count is Friday, January 13, 2025.
- Final certification by district superintendents is February 28, 2025.

New and Need Help? Contact:

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- Krislyn Norgaard (605-773-4748)
- Bobbi Leiferman (605-773-5407)

Preparing For the Child Count Data Submission

To prepare for the December count, the following steps should be completed:

1. Add new students – to be included in the December 2024 Child Count a student MUST have an active IEP AND have been served by the district **ON or BEFORE December 1, 2024**. Since December 1 falls on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27th will be the cutoff date for students to be receiving services and have all dates current.
2. No student should have more than 1 active SE record; all previous SE records must include an end date. If disability or placement coding is incorrect – it may be due to this issue.
3. If a student has exited your district, assign an End Date and End Status/Exit Code in both the regular enrollment record and in the Special Ed Fields within the enrollment record.
4. If a student has an IEP, complete/update the Special Ed Fields in the enrollment tab.
5. For more information about special education reporting – see <https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/data-childcount.aspx> Desk Guide – Special Education Data Reporting

The screenshot displays the 'Special Ed Fields' form in Infinite Campus. It is divided into two main sections: a top section for general special education information and a bottom section for service hours. The top section includes fields for Effective Date, Special Ed Program, Special Ed Category, Primary Disability, Multiple Disability 1-4, End Date, and Exit Code. The bottom section includes Physical Therapy Hours, Occupational Therapy Hours, Psychological Therapy Hours, Social Work Service Hours, Transportation, Recreational Therapy Hours, Speech/Language Therapy Hours, Orientation/Mobility Hours, Other Service Hours, Assistive Technology, Audiological Services Hours, School Health Services Hours, Counseling Services Hours, and a checkbox for Significant Cognitive Disabilities. Three callout boxes provide instructions: 1. 'The Effective Date must be prior to December 1 and the end date must be blank or after December 1.' 2. 'The Special Ed Program, Special Ed Category and Primary Disability fields must be completed.' 3. 'If the Primary Disability is 530: Multiple Disabilities, you must also complete the Multiple Disability 1 and Multiple Disability 2 fields.'

Child Count Report in Infinite Campus

To generate the district's child count data file to upload, use the below report in Infinite Campus:

INDEX>SD STATE REPORTING>SD DECEMBER CHILD COUNT REPORT

You must be given the proper Tool Rights to view this report. Check with your district's Technology Coordinator if you are not seeing this option.

Want help on how to pull this file from Infinite Campus? See instructions on <https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/data-childcount.aspx>

The screenshot displays the 'SD December Child Count Report' configuration page in Infinite Campus. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Year 12-13', 'School All Schools', and 'Calendar All Calendars'. A left sidebar contains a tree view of system modules, with 'SD December Child Count Report' highlighted. The main content area features a 'Generate Extract' button, an 'Extract Format' dropdown set to 'CSV', and an 'Effective Date' field. Below these is a 'Select Calendars' section with the question 'Which calendar(s) would you like to include in the report?' and a radio button for 'list by school'. A list of schools is shown, with '12-13 Alpena Hi Sch' selected. A red arrow points to the 'SD December Child Count Report' item in the sidebar, and another red arrow points to the '12-13 Alpena Hi Sch' item in the calendar list.

Making Changes in an IEP

If you have a change in the IEP, you will have to complete the following steps to change the record:

1. Go into the Special Education Fields in the enrollment tab, enter an end date, and exit code.
2. Save.
3. Enter new IEP information. Be sure the Effective Date of the new Special Ed record is at least one day after the End Date of the previous Special Ed record.
4. Save.

Special Education Students No Longer on an IEP

To end the special education records for a child no longer receiving services this year.

1. Go to Special Ed Fields in the enrollment tab
2. Enter an end date and Exit Code.
3. Save.

Out of District Placements

A student with an IEP placed out of district needs to be entered into Infinite Campus both by the facility or district that they are attending **AND** the resident district in school #97. If your district is paying for the placement, then the enrollment status should be **P: Tuition Paid by District** or **C: Contracting Student**. The student's special education data is reported by the resident district.

Special Education Services

Please note: special education services should be reported in hours per week. Some districts are still reporting in minutes. This is not correct. For example: A student receives 40 minutes of speech per week, he should have a .7 (40/60=.666 then round) not 40.

Common Child Count Reporting

(Use of the Placement Categories)

Students enrolled in grades EC or PK must use the 0300 placement categories. For students reported in grades K-12 please use the 0100 placement categories.

The image shows a screenshot of a software interface with a dropdown menu titled "Special Ed Category". The menu is open, showing a list of placement categories. A red oval highlights the "Special Ed Category" header. To the right of the menu, a grey box contains the word "NEW" in large letters. Two red callout bubbles provide additional information:

- The top bubble states: "Students ages 6-21 and 5 year olds that are attending a Jr. Kg or KG program will use the 100 category."
- The bottom bubble states: "Students ages 3-5 and not in a Jr. Kg or KG program will continue to use the 300 category."

The dropdown menu lists the following categories:

- 0100: General Class with Modifications 80-100%
- 0110: Resource Room 40-79%
- 0120: Self-Contained Classroom 0-39%
- 0130: Separate Day School
- 0140: Residential Facility
- 0150: Home/Hospital
- 0310: EC 10 hrs +/wk, services in Reg EC
- 0315: EC 10 hrs +/wk, services in other location
- 0325: EC less than 10 hrs/wk, services in Reg EC
- 0330: EC less than 10 hrs/wk, services in other location
- 0335: Special Education Class
- 0345: Separate School
- 0355: Residential Facility
- 0365: Home
- 0375: Service Provider Location

Contact Information

Questions regarding special education services/IEP and coding, contact your Special Ed. Region representative or call 605-773-3678. You can find a listing of the SE representatives at the following link.
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/documents/0720-SPEDreps.pdf>

Questions on Child Count data reporting, contact:

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Questions on how to enter the data in Infinite Campus, contact Teri Jung at 605-773-8197.