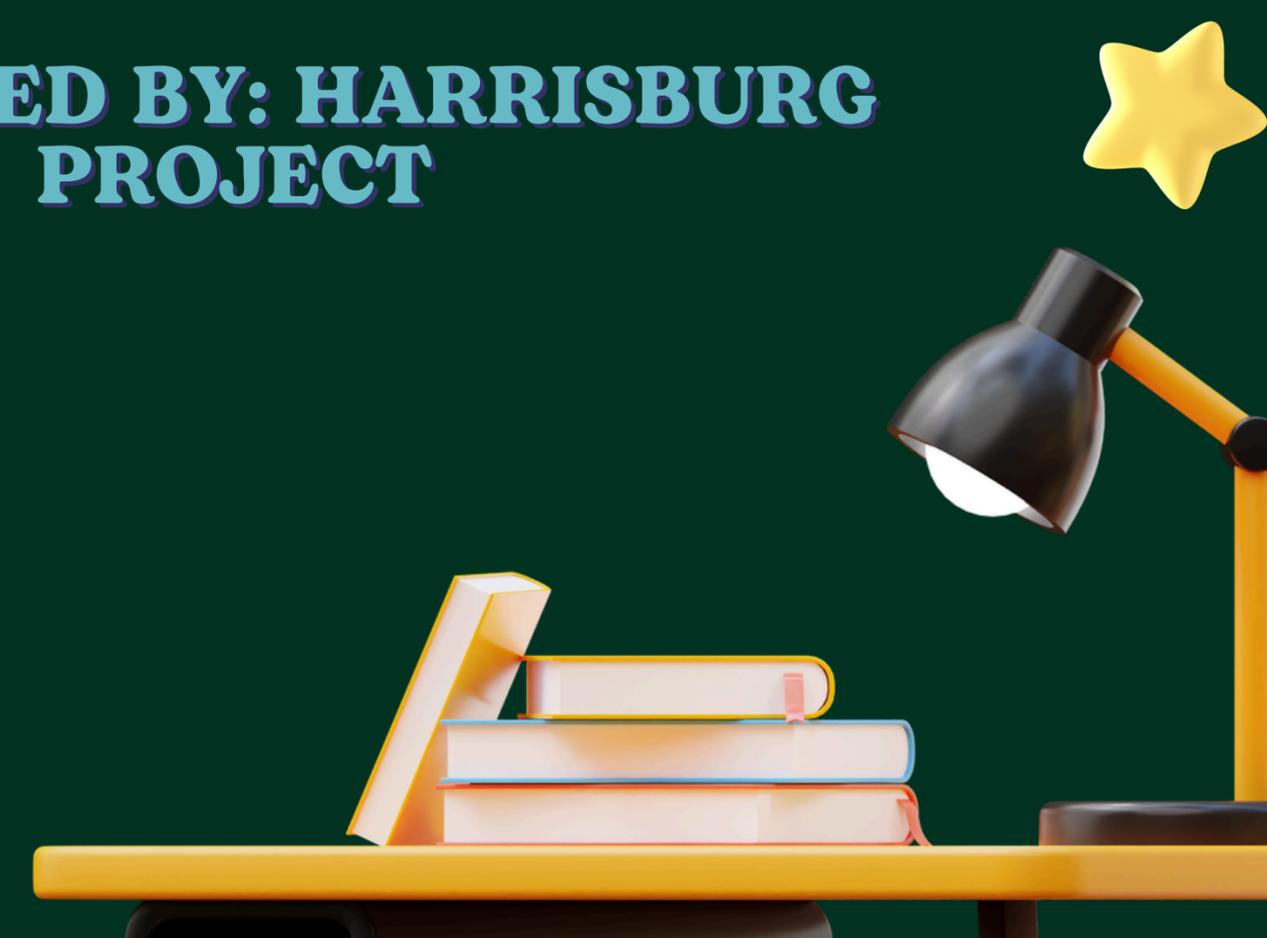




*Special Education Child Count
Certification in 1-Star Plus*

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Webinar Topics

- Who Needs to Certify the Child Count?
 - Child Count Snapshots and Due Dates
 - I-Star Plus Access
 - How to Approve the Child Count in I-Star Plus
 - Child Count Certification Failure Consequences
 - Support/Help
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Who needs to perform the Child Count Certification?

District Superintendent

OR

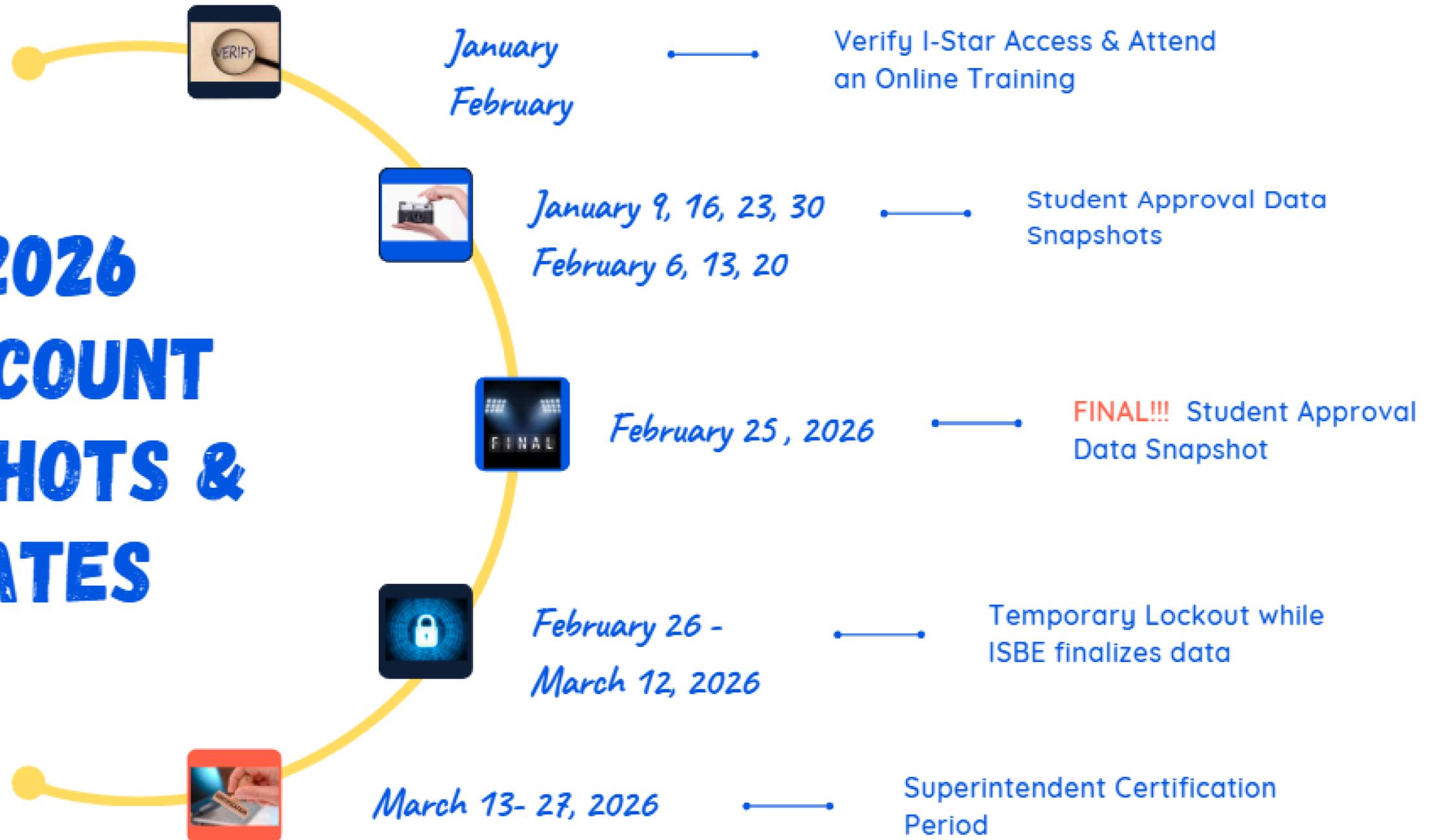
Authorized District Representative with
District Admin Access in IWAS

Special Education Cooperatives cannot perform certification on behalf of
their member districts!!!!



2025-2026 Child Count Snapshots and Due Dates

2025-2026 CHILD COUNT SNAPSHOTS & DUE DATES



Child Count Display Navigation

1. Login into IWAS

The screenshot shows the IWAS login interface. On the left is a navigation menu with links like 'ISBE Home', 'ELIS Login', 'Home', 'Sign Up Now', 'Get Password', 'Contact Us', and 'Help'. The main content area has a heading 'Need to access the Educator Licensure In' and a sub-heading 'Already have an account? Login Here :'. Below this are input fields for 'Login Name' (containing 'snoelleqa2') and 'Password'. A 'Remember Login Name' checkbox is present, and the 'LOG IN' button is circled in red. At the bottom, there are links for 'IWAS User Guide', 'IWAS Training Video', and 'Find Login/Password'.

2. Access I-Star Plus System

The screenshot shows the ISBE Intranet system listing page. A left-hand navigation menu includes 'ISBE Intranet', 'Home', 'System Listing' (circled in red), 'Pending Sign Ups', 'Pending Documents', 'Change Password', 'Messages - Inbox', 'Messages - Archived', 'Search', and 'Help'. The main content area has a heading 'Below are systems that you are either authorized to use or are awaiting authorization from either your district (Pending-District), ROE (Pending-ROE) or ISBE (Pending-ISBE). Once you are "Authorized" to access a system, simply click on the system description to use it.' Below this is a table with columns for 'Categories' and 'Authorization'. The 'Reporting' category is expanded, showing 'Monthly' and 'Special Education' (circled in red). Under 'Special Education', 'I-Star Plus - (Special Education)' is listed with an 'Authorized' status. A legend at the bottom explains the icons used in the table.

3. Click Child Count Status/Certifications

The screenshot shows a navigation menu with three items: 'Data Collection', 'Reports', and 'Utilities'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Reports', and 'Child Count Status/Certifications' is highlighted with a red circle.



Child Count Display Navigation



The December 1 Child Count includes all APPROVED I Star student Approval records for all Fund codes except N & U, that are checked to "Include in Approval" and active on 12/1.

Search... Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Actions	RCDT	District	2024 Counts	2025 Counts	2026 Counts	Difference	Status	Verified By	Certification Date
+			433	434	336	-98	Not Verified		
Totals:			433	434	336	-98			



Snapshots taken each Friday:

January 9

January 16

January 23

January 30

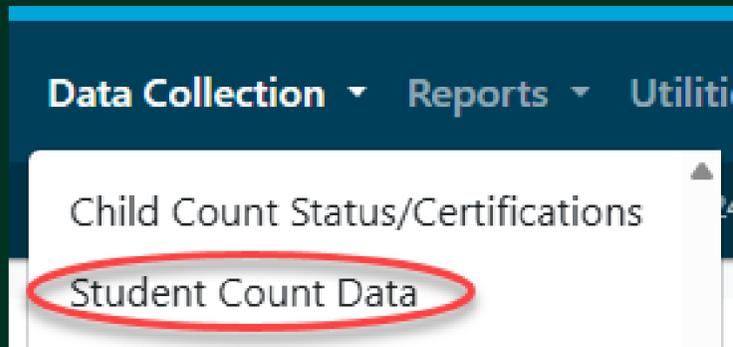
February 6

February 13

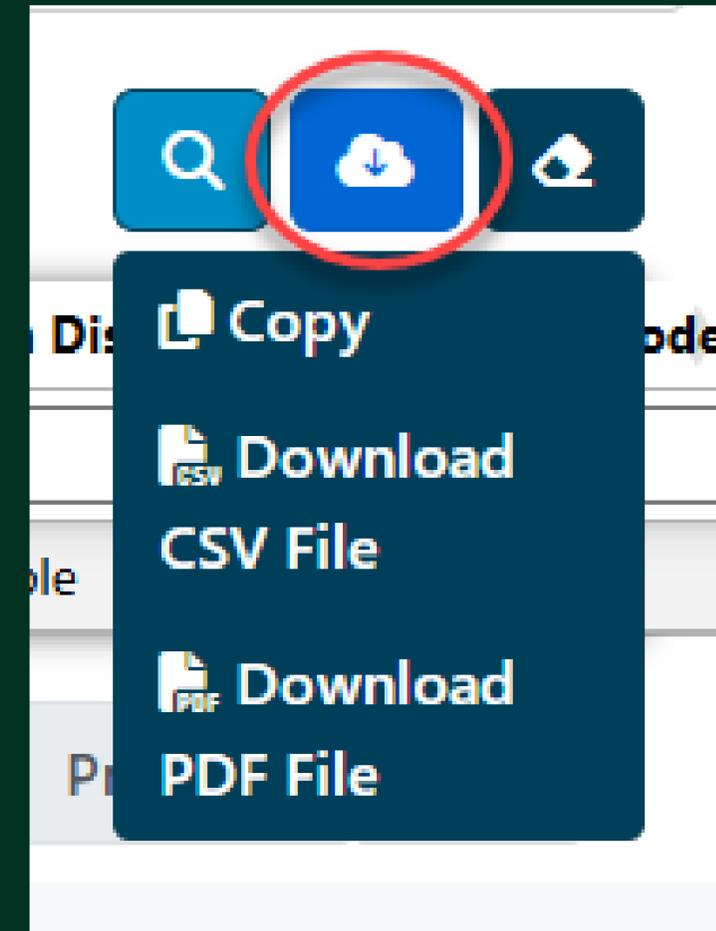
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WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 25 - FINAL!!

Snapshot Report



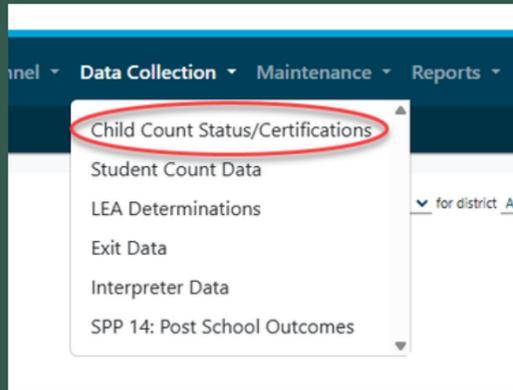
A screenshot of a search and filter interface. It features several filter boxes: 'School Year' (2025-2026), 'Payment T...' (All), 'District' (dropdown), and 'RCDT'. Below these are input fields for 'SIS Id', 'First Name', and 'Last Name'. At the bottom, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon circled in red, and a status indicator that reads 'Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries'.



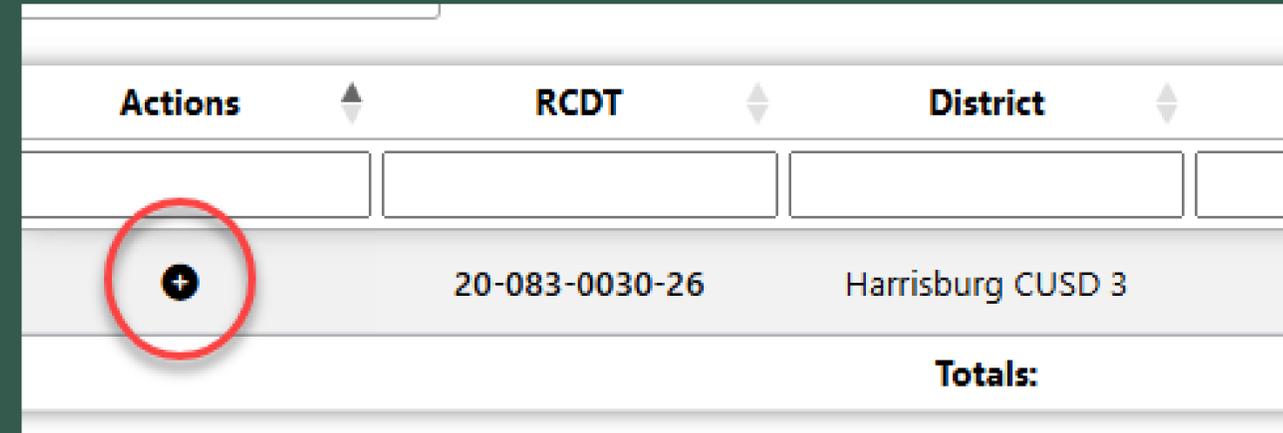
How to Approve the Child Count



Click Child Count Status/Certifications



Click on Plus sign



Click "Verify Child Count Numbers" button

ISBE will create an updated snapshot every week until the final snapshot is completed.

I hereby certify as a duly authorized representative of the school district that: 1) I have thoroughly examined and reviewed the December 1 special education student data to be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and 2) said data is true, accurate and complete based upon information and belief formed after due inquiry, and no changes shall be made to these data unless required by law or agreed to by ISBE.

Verify Child Count Numbers

Actions	RCDT	District	2024 Counts	2025 Counts	2026 Counts	Difference	Status	Verified By	Certification Date
+	20-083-0030-26	Harrisburg CUSD 3	433	434	336	-98	Verified	Sarah Noelle	02/24/2026
Totals:			433	434	336	-98			



Child Count Certification Failure Consequences

- Failure to certify the Child Count by March 27 will result in frozen IDEA Part B Flow Through and Preschool grant funds until the district certification is completed
- There will be ample time to review the Child Count data prior to the certification period in I-Star
- Preliminary snapshots can be viewed in I-Star beginning January 9, 2026
- Snapshots will be updated each Friday (January 9, 16, 23, 30 & February 6, 13, 20)





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