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# Special Education Child Count Certification in I-Star

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## Webinar Topics

- Who needs to certify the Child Count?
- Child Count Snapshots and Due Dates
- I-Star Access
- Child Count Display Navigation
- How to Approve the Child Count in I-Star
- Child Count Certification Failure Consequences
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# Who needs to perform Child Count Certification?

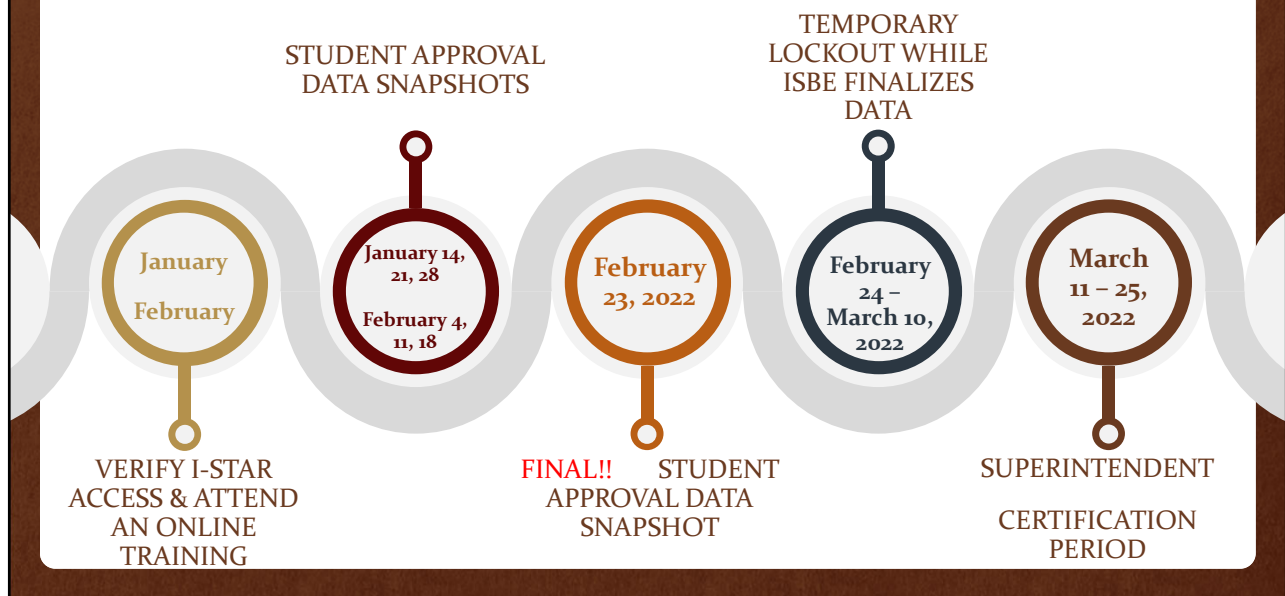
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

OR

AUTHORIZED DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE WITH DISTRICT ADMIN ACCESS IN IWAS  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES CANNOT PERFORM CERTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THEIR MEMBER DISTRICTS!!!

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## 2021-2022 CHILD COUNT SNAPSHOTS AND DUE DATES



## Child Count Display Navigation in I-Star

### 1. Login to IWAS

ISBE Home

Home

Sign Up Now

Get Password

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[IWAS User Guide](#)

[IWAS Training Video](#)

Already have an account? **Login Here :**

**Login Name**

**Password**

Remember Login Name

**LOG IN**

**Forgot Your Password?**

If you have forgotten your login name or password, click on the link below.

[Find Login/Password](#)

### 2. Access I-Star System

Home

**System Listing**

Pending Sign Ups

Pending Documents

Change Password

Preferences

Search

Help

Log Out

[IWAS Training Video](#)

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.

[Click Here for Due Dates](#)

**Categories** [Click to Expand/Collapse Tree](#)

**Authorization**

- Reporting
  - Monthly
- Student Information System - Statewide **Authorized**
- Special Education
  - I-Star - (Special Education) **Authorized**

Legend: ⓘ : System Description - Detailed    📅 : Due Dates    👤 : Profile

[Want to Signup for Other Systems?](#)

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### 3. Click Current Child Count Status Button

**Current Child Count Status**

Use this link to get updated Child Count numbers

## Child Count Display Navigation in I-Star

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.

Child count numbers not generated yet for Current Year

Resident RCDT	District Name	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	20
11-111-1111-11	District A	53	53	
22-222-2222-22	District B	188	210	
33-333-3333-33	District C	57	59	
44-444-4444-44	District D	163	177	
55-555-5555-55	District E	172	167	
77-777-7777-77	District F	112	90	
88-888-8888-88	District G	107	103	
99-999-9999-99	District H	51	61	
10-101-1010-10	District I	116	113	
11-011-0111-01	District J	294	286	
		330	318	

Snapshots taken each Friday:

- January 14
- January 21
- January 28
- February 4
- February 11
- February 18
- WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 23 - FINAL!**

## Child Count Display Navigation in I-Star

- Click on any district name to see detailed reports for child counts

December 1 Child Count Snapshot Updated for the Resident District: **District 1**  
**Child Count Numbers by Education Environment Code:**

Education Environment	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference
Inside regular classroom 80% or more of day (01)	19	21	0	-21
Inside regular classroom 40%-79% of the day (02)	23	23	0	-23
Inside regular classroom less than 40% of the day (03)	4	4	0	-4
Early Childhood - Separate Class (23)	2	2	0	-2
Early Childhood - Service provider location (27)	1	0	0	0
Majority of Sp Ed & Rel Serv in Reg EC Prg (600+) (30)	1	1	0	-1
Majority of Sp Ed & Rel Serv in other loc (600+) (31)	1	0	0	0
Majority of Sp Ed & Rel Serv in Reg EC Prg (<=599) (32)	2	2	0	-2

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## Child Count Display Navigation in I-Star

**Child Count Numbers by Disability:**

Disability	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference
Intellectual Disability (A)	1	1	0	-1
Specific Learning Disability (D)	22	23	0	-23
Speech and/or Language Impairment (I)	13	13	0	-13
Emotional Disability (K)	2	3	0	-3
Other Health Impairment (L)	5	5	0	-5
Multiple Disabilities (M)	1	1	0	-1
Developmental Delay (N)	7	5	0	-5
Autism (O)	2	2	0	-2

**Child Count Numbers by Fund:**

Fund	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference
IDEA Child Count(A)	51	49	0	-49
Section 14-7.03 (Orphanage Act-Individual Programs)(E)	1	2	0	-2
Section 14-7.02b (Funding for Children with Excess Costs)(X)	1	2	0	-2

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## Child Count Display Navigation in I-Star

**Child Count Numbers by Ethnicity:**

Ethnicity	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference
White (16)	51	51	0	-51
Two or More Races (17)	2	2	0	-2

**Child Count Numbers by Age:**

Age	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference
3	0	2	0	-2
4	3	1	0	-1
5	4	5	0	-5
6	4	2	0	-2
7	2	6	0	-6
8	6	1	0	-1
9	9	7	0	-7
10	4	7	0	-7
11	4	2	0	-2
12	7	3	0	-3
13	2	6	0	-6
14	3	3	0	-3
15	3	2	0	-2
16	1	4	0	-4
17	1	1	0	-1
18	0	1	0	-1

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## Snapshot Report

Goal Mine   Facility Search   IEP Quality   Reports   User Guide   Recent Updates

Application Reports

I-Star Reports

Report Type: Student   Report Category: Approvals

Select Report	Description
<input type="radio"/>	Alphabetic List of Student Approvals
<input type="radio"/>	Approvals by Serving School
<input type="radio"/>	Approvals NOT on Child Count
<input type="radio"/>	Approvals Not Reported
<input type="radio"/>	Approvals Reported
<input type="radio"/>	Approvals Reported for Child Count
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Child Count Snapshot by Resident District
<input type="radio"/>	Indicator 11 Report by Resident District
<input type="radio"/>	Indicator 13 NOT Meeting Requirements
<input type="radio"/>	Medicaid Students*
<input type="radio"/>	Student Grades 9-12 Active on Child Count
<input type="radio"/>	Student Grades KG-12 Active on Child Count
<input type="radio"/>	Student Grades KG-8 Active on Child Count

**Report Description:**

Export Only - Child count snapshot by school year & resident district. Filter options available: School Year & Resident District

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## Snapshot Report

- Available to print for last 3 school years
- Export Only (No .pdf)

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## How to Approve the Child Count

- Click on *District Name*

Close and Go To Student Approvals

Resident RCDT	District Name	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference	Status	Verified By	Date
10-101-10-1010	District1	133	135	0	-135	Not Verified		

The last day to perform additions and make corrections to Student Approval records for inclusion in the final snapshot will be 02/23/2022.

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

- Click *Verify Child Count Numbers* button

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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

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## How to Approve the Child Count

**Current Child Count Totals** Step 1

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Resident RCDT	District Name	2019 - 2020 Counts	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	Difference	Status	Verified By	Date
10-101-10-1010	<a href="#">District1</a>	130	127	0	-127	Verified	Dist. Supt.	3/20/2022

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## Child Count Certification Failure Consequences

- Failure to certify the child count by March 25 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 14, 2022
- Snapshots will be updated each Friday (January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11, 18)

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