



# Harrisburg Project

## Software Support for Special Education

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## December 1 Child Count Snapshots Begin Friday!

In order to accurately calculate a district's EBF funding, an accurate *December 1 Child Count* must be collected. In an effort to assist you with an accurate *December 1 Child Count*, ISBE will take a weekly 'Snapshot' of 'Approved' *Student Approval* records, 'Active on December 1'. These snapshots will begin, Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM and will continue each Friday until the **FINAL** snapshot is taken on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. **No edits are allowed after the FINAL December 1 Child Count is taken!**

To review the data collected in the snapshot, click on the Reports tab in I-Star -> *Application Reports* -> *Report Type: Student* -> *Report Categories: Approvals* -> *Child Count Snapshot by Resident District*. This report reflects the data collected during the Friday snapshot and should be reviewed and/or discussed with the Special Education Director and District Superintendent for accuracy. The students listed on this report are the ones that will be included in the district *December 1 Child Count*. **This report WILL NOT change until the next Friday snapshot is taken.**

Harrisburg Project will host the initial 'Preparing for Child Count' webinar on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. **It is highly recommended that all data entry staff attend one of these sessions.** To register, click the [Events](#) tab on our website, [www.hbug.k12.il.us](http://www.hbug.k12.il.us). These webinars will be recorded and posted to our website to allow those unable to attend to view at their convenience.

Also, Harrisburg Project will host two 'Child Count Certification' webinars. These sessions are geared toward the District Superintendents who are ultimately responsible to certify that the data entered by the special education department is accurate. To register for one of these sessions, use the above links.

### Dates to Remember

January 14, 2022 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot

January 17, 2022 - Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 21, 2022 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot

January 28, 2022 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot

February 4, 2022 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot

February 11, 2022 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot



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Customized training is available at your convenience.

Click the following link to request an Individualized Training!!

[Customized Training - Register](#)

## 2020-2021 Special Education Data Profile Now Available in I-Star

The 2020-2021 Special Education Data Profile is complete and available in I-Star for your review.

To access this information from I-Star, click the *Reports* tab -> *Application Reports* -> *Report Type: Profile* -> *Report Categories: LEA Profile*. From this point you have the ability to select the profile for you district 'Profile of Special Education' or the entire state 'Profile of Special Education - State Total'.

The screenshot shows the I-STAR Reports interface. At the top, there are dropdown menus for 'Report Type' (set to 'Profile') and 'Report Categories' (set to 'LEA Profile'), along with a 'userID' field. Below this is a table with two columns: 'Report' and 'Description'. The table contains two rows: 'Profile of Special Education' and 'Profile of Special Education - State total'. To the right of the table is a 'Report Description' box with the text 'Select a report to see description here...'. At the bottom, there are 'Reports Filters' including 'School Year' (set to '2020-2021') and 'Entity'.

Report	Description
<input type="radio"/>	Profile of Special Education
<input type="radio"/>	Profile of Special Education - State total

Report Description:  
Select a report to see description here...

Reports Filters  
School Year: 2020-2021  
Entity:

## Event Registration

The new year is a busy time in I-Star with the required *December 1 Child Count* being taken. Harrisburg Project is hosting trainings that will assist staff members with accurately reporting your district's data.

Be sure to check the [Events](#) section on our website, [www.hbug.k12.il.us](http://www.hbug.k12.il.us), is the most up-to-date listing for on-line trainings.

1/13/22 Preparing for Child Count 9:00:AM  
 1/27/22 Child Count Certification 9:00:AM  
 2/3/22 Preparing for Child Count 9:00:AM  
 2/17/22 Preparing for Child Count 9:00:AM  
 3/7/22 Child Count Certification 9:00:AM