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FINAL Preliminary December 1 Child Count Snapshot

The **FINAL Preliminary** December 1 Child Count Snapshot will be taken Friday, February 18, 2022! Be sure to review the *Student Approval Error* reports that are being emailed to each district on a daily basis. The students with errors **will not** be included in your December 1 Child Count!

Harrisburg Project will make reminder calls to districts with errors beginning on Wednesday, February 16th. We are eager to assist you and to ensure your *Student Approval* data is error free!

Student Reminder Reports Available in I-Star

Students turning 10 (with disability of N) and students turning 14^{1/2} will need attention to their I-Star records. The following reports will show you which students need attention prior to the December 1 Child Count.

I-STAR Reports	
Report Type:	Student
Report Categories:	Reminders
Select Report	Description
<input type="radio"/>	Age of Majority
<input type="radio"/>	Alpha Students Turning 10 This School Year
<input type="radio"/>	Alpha Students Turning 14 1/2 This School Year
<input type="radio"/>	Alpha Students Turning 15 This School Year
<input type="radio"/>	Alpha Students Turning 6 This School Year
<input type="radio"/>	Customized Students turning X

Students that turn 10 (with disability of N) will need an *End/Add* completed to update their disability as of their 10th birthday.

[Completing End/Add in I-Star Snippet](#)

Students turning 14^{1/2} will need the Indicator 13 form completed by their birthday.

[Completing Indicator 13 Snippet](#)

Student Approval Data Locked

Student Approval data will be **Read Only** beginning Thursday, February 24th to allow ISBE staff time to process the December 1 Child Count. The expected time frame is February 24th - March 10th, however we do not anticipate it taking this entire time. Once this process is completed, you will be notified and data entry will once again be available.

Dates to Remember

February 18, 2022 - FINAL December 1 Child Count Snapshot

February 21, 2022 - Office Closed in Observance of President's Day

February 23, 2022 - FINAL December 1 Child Count

February 24, 2022 - March 10, 2022 - Student Approval Data Locked, Read Only Access

March 11, 2022 - March 25, 2022 - Child Count Certification Completed by District Superintendent



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Child Count Certification Instructions

The final requirement of the December 1 Child Count is the data certification. The data certification will be completed by the district superintendent or authorized representative. The December 1 Child Count data to certify will be collected during the final data collection on February 23rd.

The estimated opening of the December 1 Child Count Certification is March 11th. Be prepared for this last step; review the following instructions and video:

[Child Count Certification - PDF Presentation](#)

[Child Count Certification - Recorded Webinar](#)

Emergency Rules Expand Residential Placements

ISBE has been diligently working to expand the number of residential placements available for students with disabilities in Illinois. However, they recognize the urgency of immediate action while this long-term pursuit continues. ISBE filed emergency rules on February 4th to provide immediate assistance and relief to school districts who have been struggling to locate placements in residential facilities; these rules take effect immediately.

[Emergency rules for 23 IAC 226 and 23 IAC 401](#) allow for emergency and student-specific placements in non-approved facilities when no approved facility accepts the student or has immediate placement available. To qualify for reimbursement, districts must demonstrate good faith efforts to locate an approved facility. The emergency rules also allow for reimbursement of placements in non-approved facilities ordered by due process hearing officers.

The entire ISBE memo, including the actual emergency ruling is available at the following link:

[Emergency Rules Filed to Expand Residential Placements for Students with Disabilities](#)

Events

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

2/17/22 Preparing for Child Count 9:00:AM 🍷

3/7/22 Child Count Certification 9:00:AM 🍷

Be sure to check it out at www.hbug.k12.il.us for newly posted trainings to our YouTube channel! All videos are closed captioned.