



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Memorandum

To: Public Education Agency Administrators
From: Exceptional Student Services
cc: Public Education Agency Special Education Data Coordinators
Date: July 23, 2025
Re: Special Education Data Collections Required for Transporting School Districts in Fiscal Year 2026

Exceptional Student Services (ESS) notified Transporting School Districts in fiscal year (FY) 2025 that they will be required to complete the Statement of Assurances annually. Additionally, the special education data reporting requirements for FY 2026 will be expanded as required by the Department in the assurances for the application for Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) federal funds.

Beginning FY 2026, Transporting School Districts will be required to use the following applications in the ESS Portal to complete the additional special education data collections for their enrolled students:

- October 1 Data Collection
 - October 1 Special Education Child Count
 - Personnel Count
 - Parentally Placed Student Count
- Special Education Data Dashboard
 - Review and certification of exiting, discipline, and specific data for students without disabilities
- Parentally Placed Private School Student Survey

Student enrollment and special education program data will continue to be submitted to Arizona Education Data Standards (AzEDS) by the District of Attendance. It is the responsibility of the District of Residence, in this case the Transporting School District, to ensure that student data is submitted in a timely and accurate manner.

For data collection due dates, visit the [ESS Important Dates Dashboard webpage](#).

For more information regarding the special education data collections, please visit the [ESS Data Management – Beginner’s Guide to Data Management webpage](#). The ESS Data Management team offers training opportunities and technical assistance, while also providing tools and resources for the above special education data collections. For questions, please [contact them](#) at ESSDataMgmt@azed.gov or 602-542-3962.

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