

Evidence-Based Funding

The EBF Enrollment, which is the average of the number of eligible students enrolled on October 1 and March 1 of each school year, is a major part of the Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) formula. These counts are based on a student's home school in the ISBE Student Information System (SIS). Then a series of enrollment types are either added or subtracted from the Home Student Enrollment; these enrollment types are listed below in detail. This will create two counts for each district – one on October 1 and one on March 1. These counts will be averaged together to create a district's Average Student Enrollment for that year.

ISBE calculations use Average Student Enrollment, which is the greater of the current year enrollment or the average enrollment of the last three years.

District Steps

- Districts should log into IWAS and go to the Student Information System.
- Then click on District Data Verification and Evidence Based Funding.
- An authorized user will be able to review the district's fall (October 1) and spring (March 1) enrollment counts on this page by clicking on values to reveal the list of students included in each count.
- Once enrollment counts have been verified, districts should check the boxes near the top of this page to indicate that they have reviewed their enrollment counts for Evidence-Based Funding.

Enrollment Counts for School Year

Superintendent Verification

- By checking each box your public school district is verifying that all the data displayed on the screen for the timeframe is accurate.
- The public school district will not be required to verify the enrollment counts for the Students Served by your State Authorized Charter School.

☐ Please review and confirm the Fall Enrollment Counts for the current school year!
☐ Spring Enrollment Counts Confirmation is not available at this time.

Enrollment Type	Enrollment Period	Special Ed Pre K	Kindergarten Half Day	Kindergarten	1st
Home Student Enrollment	10/1	--	--	620	539
Students from Deactivated Schools being Served by Other Districts	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners (PreK-12)	10/1	--	--	--	--
Special Education Pre-K Students	10/1	64	--	--	--

State Authorized Charter School Steps

Resident districts can see State Authorized Charter enrollment, but each State Authorized Charter will need to verify their fall and spring enrollment counts.

- State Authorized Charter Schools should log into IWAS and go to the Student Information System.
- Then click on District Data Verification and Evidence Based Funding.
- An authorized user will be able to review the district's fall (October 1) and spring (March 1) enrollment counts on this page by clicking on values to reveal the list of students included in each count. Counts may not include students served by State Authorized Charter schools included in other EBF Enrollment Type buckets (not shown) for the resident District.
 - o For example, a student that is enrolled at a State Authorized Charter and in a deduction will not appear in the State Authorized Charter Home Student Enrollment counts
- Once enrollment counts have been verified, State Authorized Charters should check the boxes near the top of this page to indicate that they have reviewed their enrollment counts for Evidence-Based Funding.

Evidence-Based Funding Enrollment Groups

Home Student Enrollment is the basis for EBF Enrollment and is a count of students who are enrolled in SIS by home district.

Who is included in the Home Student Enrollment:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade are included.
- Kindergarten students with a percentage of day attended of less than 75% in SIS are considered half-day kindergartners.
- For the March 1 count only: Students with a serving school that is part of a Regional Office of Education (ROE) and have a percentage of day attended of 100% in SIS will be counted by the ROE as the home district instead of the public school district.

Who is excluded from the Home Student Enrollment:

- Private school or home-schooled students who have enrolled with a public school for Individualized Education Program (IEP) services are excluded from the Home Student Enrollment. This is determined by the IEP-Student Tracking and Reporting (I-Star) System if a student has a fund code of L or P, unless the student has course assignments in SIS.
- Students in a grade level of prekindergarten or birth to 3 are excluded.

Students from Deactivated Schools being Served by Other Districts is a count of students who are being served in a different school district because the school that they would regularly attend has been deactivated. This count is added to the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations for the school district of residence.

Who is included in students from deactivated schools being served by other districts:

- Any student who is counted in the Home School Enrollment and has been flagged in SIS with a deactivated school district is included.

Students Served from Deactivated Schools is a count of students whose normal home school has been deactivated and were served by a different school district. These students are identified by the deactivated school district in SIS. These students will be subtracted from the district's enrollment and will be added to the district of residence. Who is included in students served from deactivated schools:

- Any student who is counted in the Home School Enrollment and has been flagged in SIS with a deactivated school district is included.

Students Served by State Authorized Charter Schools is a count of students who attend a state-authorized charter school in the authorizing public school district. This count is added to the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations.

Who is included in students served by state authorized charter schools:

- Any student who is counted in the Home School Enrollment and has a home school listed as a state-authorized charter school is included.

See the [state authorized charter schools web page](#) for more details about state-authorized charter schools.

Special Education Pre-K Students is a count of prekindergarten students who are receiving special education and are in a grade level of pre-K. Half of this count is added to the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations. Who is included in special education prekindergarten students:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS with a grade level of prekindergarten are included.
- Students who have a record in I-Star with a fund code of A, B, C, J, K, M, Q, R, S, or X are included.

Who is excluded from special education prekindergarten students:

- Students who have a record I-Star with a fund code of D, E, F, H, L, N, P, and U are excluded because they are either covered by Section 14-7.03 Orphanage Act, attend the Philip J. Rock Center, or are a private/home-schooled student.

Special Education Youth in Care is a count of students who are youth in care and who receive special education services. These students will be subtracted from the base enrollment counts of the resident district. This count is subtracted from the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations.

Who is included in special education youth in care:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade are included.
- Students who have a record in I-Star with a fund code of D, E, or F are included.

NOTE: There is a link at the bottom of the EBF screen to download a full list of students in your district that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has identified as youth in care. Please review this list and ensure that if youth in care students have an IEP they are designated as fund codes D, E, or F.

Students Served by State Funded Schools is a count of students who are enrolled in their home district but reside and are served by the Illinois School for the Deaf, the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education, or the Philip J. Rock Center and School. This count is subtracted from the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations.

Who is included in students served by state funded schools:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade are included.
- Students who have a serving school in SIS of the Illinois School for the Deaf, the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education, or the Philip J. Rock Center and School are included.

Tuition Received (Previously Tuition-In Students) is a count of students whose parents pay tuition so that the student may attend a non-resident school district. All counts were extracted from the data submitted by the districts to SIS. This count is subtracted from the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations.

Who is included in tuition received students:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade who have been flagged in SIS as Tuition Received are included.

Youth in Care in County Detention Centers is a count of students who have been transferred to a county juvenile detention center and are youth in care. These students should have an enrollment in SIS where their legal guardians reside and have the county detention center submit a Detention Center Claim for the student in SIS. This count is deducted from the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations.

Who is included in youth in care in county detention centers:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade who have a detention center record on October 1 or March 1 are included.

Youth in Care in Group Homes is a count of students who are in the care of the state and placed in a state-licensed group home or child care institution within a school district. All the counts were derived from data provided to ISBE by DCFS. This count is subtracted from the Home Student Enrollment count for EBF Enrollment calculations.

Who is included in youth in care in group homes:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade are included.
- Students who DCFS has identified as being in a group home on October 1 or March 1 are included.

English Learners (PreK-12) is a count of students who are participating in a Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) or Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI) and meet the requirements and program application procedures of Article 14C of the School Code. If a student is part of the Students Served by State Authorized Charter Schools and they also meet the requirements for English learners (ELs), they will be excluded from a district's English learner count. This count is not included in EBF Enrollment Calculations and is a stand-alone count used in EBF.

Who is included in English learners:

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in prekindergarten through 12th grade are included.
- Students who have a EL placement entry status of TBE Full Time, TBE Part Time, or TPI are included.

Who is excluded from English learners:

- Private school or home-schooled students who have an enrollment with a public school for IEP services are excluded. This is determined by I-Star if the student has a fund code of L or P.
- Students in county detention centers are excluded.
- Students in a grade level birth to 3 are excluded.
- Students served in state-funded schools are excluded.
- Students served by state-authorized charter schools are excluded.
- For the March 1 count only, students with a serving school that is part of an ROE and have a percentage of day attended of 100% in SIS will be counted by the ROE as the home district instead of the public school district.