

SY 2026 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF)

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What is EBF?

Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) is the primary state grant to public school districts, lab schools, and regional programs. Enrollment is one of the primary variables that determines the cost of educating students in EBF grant calculations.

EBF User Guide

The screenshot shows the Illinois State Board of Education website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and the text "ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION". To the right of the logo, there are links for "Careers at ISBE", "Contact Us", and social media icons. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a "System Quick Links" dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of systems under "DATA SYSTEMS" and "INQUIRY SYSTEMS". The "SIS: Student Information System" link is highlighted in green, and a red arrow points to it. Below the dropdown menu, there is a navigation bar with links for "Log Into ELIS", "Log Into IWAS", "Become a Teacher", "Public School District Lookup", "FRIS Inquiry", "IL Report Card", "About the Agency and Board", and "Topics A-Z". Below this, there is a message: "For assistance, contact ISBE using our new help portal ServiceNow! Please view the ServiceNow instructional video for additional information." The main content area is titled "DATA & ACCOUNTABILITY" and "STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)". There is a "Log in to SIS" button. Below this, there is a paragraph of text about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and a list of bullet points. At the bottom, there is a "News and Updates" section with a dropdown arrow. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of news items. The "EBF User Guide" link is highlighted in red, and a red arrow points to it.

System Quick Links Search

DATA SYSTEMS

- ELIS: Educator Licensure Information System
- EIS: Employment Information System
- EPS: Entity Profile System
- IWAS: ISBE Web Application Security
- SIS: Student Information System**

INQUIRY SYSTEMS

- FRIS Inquiry: Financial Reimbursement Information System Inquiry
- District ADA/Prior GSA Inquiry
- ILEARN
- Public School Calendar Inquiry
- Pupil Transportation Claim Reimbursement Inquiry
- RCOTS Lookup
- Public School District Lookup

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DATA & ACCOUNTABILITY
Data Reporting and Collections
ISBE Education Data Systems

Student Information System (SIS)

- Data Elements and Validations
- Documentation/ Tools
- Key Dates
- SIS Excel Templates
- SIS Training Modules
- Past Webinars, Trainings and Q&A

RESOURCES

- Vendor Listing

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)

[Log in to SIS](#)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) increased accountability and reporting requirements regarding student academic achievement. In order to better respond to these and other federal and state reporting requirements, ISBE and the IBM Corporation developed a state-level student information system. Through the project students will be assigned a unique identification number. All data to and from the state will use that unique identifier. The use of individual student records will:

- increase the state's capacity to follow a student's progress over time;
- provide better quality data to drive more enlightened policy decisions resulting in enhanced educational opportunities for all children;
- reduce data collection burden on schools and districts; and
- enhance the use and relevance of state data by districts and schools.

News and Updates

- EBF User Guide**
- District Guidance for Detention Centers
- SIS Development Notes for SY 2024
- Half-Day vs. Full-Day

Public District Verification Screen

Evidence Based Funding Enrollment Counts

[View State Authorized Charter Data](#)

Enrollment Counts for School Year 2026

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 EBF Fall Enrollment Counts for the current school year!
- Please review and confirm the EBF Spring Enrollment Counts for the current school year!

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Enrollment Type	Enrollment Period	Pre K	Kindergarten Half Day	Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
<i>i</i> Home Student Enrollment	03/1/2026	--	--	285	360	376	332	345	323	297	271	296	333	316	324	259	4117
<i>i</i> Home Student Enrollment	10/1/2025	--	--	286	355	369	335	347	322	302	270	280	338	342	303	268	4117
<i>i</i> Students from Deactivated Schools being Served by Other Districts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



State-Authorized Charter School Verification Screen

(Public District View)

Evidence Based Funding Enrollment Counts

[< Return To District Data](#)

Counts may not include students served by State Authorized Charter schools included in other EBF Enrollment Type buckets (not shown) for another District.

Enrollment Counts for School Year 2026

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<i>i</i> Students Served by State Authorized Charter Schools	10/1/2025	--	--	198	181	190	203	210	226	229	197	216	465	378	332	221	3246
<i>i</i> Students Served by State Authorized Charter Schools	03/1/2026	--	--	195	177	187	198	200	220	223	185	211	453	377	321	222	3169



State-Authorized Charter Enrollment

- State-authorized charter schools need to confirm their student enrollments.
- Their counts may not include student records that are otherwise excluded from EBF.

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i Students Served by State Authorized Charter Schools	10/1/2025	--	--	56.00	53.00	59.00	59.00	58.00	74.00	68.00	45.00	45.00	--	--	--	--	517.00
i Students Served by State Authorized Charter Schools	03/1/2026	--	--	58.00	52.00	57.00	58.00	51.00	71.00	67.00	42.00	45.00	--	--	--	--	501.00

Overall EBF Enrollment Date Notice

Based on entity discretion, a student can be exited on Sunday, March 1 instead of Friday, February 27 to ensure that the student is enrolled in the agreed upon entity for the March 1 EBF count.

Enrollment Types

Enrollment Type	Included (+) / Excluded (-) from EBF Calculations
Home Student Enrollment	Included (+)
Students from Deactivated Schools being Served by Other Districts	Included (+)
Students Served from Deactivated Schools	Excluded (-)
Students Served by State-Authorized Charter Schools	Included (+)
Special Education Pre-K Students	Included (+)
Special Education Youth in Care	Excluded (-)
Students Served by State-Funded Schools	Excluded (-)
Tuition Received	Excluded (-)
Youth in Care in County Detention Centers	Excluded (-)
Youth in Care in Group Homes	Excluded (-)
English Learners (PreK-12)	Not Included/Standalone Count

Home Student Enrollment

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

Who is included in this count?

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in kindergarten through 12th grade are included.
- Kindergarten students with a percentage of day attended (PDA) 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 who have a PDA of 100% in SIS will be counted by the ROE as the home district instead of the public school district.

Who is excluded from this count?

- 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 system (I-Star) if a student has a fund code of L, N, 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

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 this count?

- 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

Students Served from Deactivated Schools is a count of students whose normal home school has been deactivated and who 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 added to the district of residence.

Who is included in this count?

- 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

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 this count?

- 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 webpage](#) for more details about state-authorized charter schools.

Special Education Pre-K Students

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 this count?

- 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, K, Q, S, or X are included.

Who is excluded from this count?

- Students who have a record in 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 of the Orphanage Act, attend the Philip J. Rock Center and School, or are a private/home-schooled student.

Special Education Youth in Care

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 this count?

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in prekindergarten 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

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 this count?

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in prekindergarten 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 Students

Tuition-Received 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 this count?

- Students who have an enrollment in SIS in prekindergarten through 12th grade who have been flagged in SIS as tuition-received are included.

Youth in Care in County Detention Centers

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 the county detention center should 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 this count?

- 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

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 childcare 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 this count?

- 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)

English Learners (PreK-12) is a count of students who are participating in a Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) program or a 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 meets the requirements for English learners (ELs), they will be excluded from a district's EL count. This count is not included in EBF Enrollment calculations and is a standalone count used in EBF.

Who is included in this count?

- 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.

English Learners (PreK-12) Continued...

Who is excluded from this count?

- 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, N, 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 who 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.

EBF Enrollment

(Single Year Average Enrollment)

Using the enrollment counts on October 1 and March 1, we create a fall count and spring count for each grade level.



Then we take the average for each grade level to create a single year average enrollment or EBF Enrollment for the current year.



Note: Half-day kindergarten and special education pre-K students are counted as 0.50.

Average Student Enrollment

When determining the final Average Student Enrollment (ASE) for EBF, we consider the current year average student enrollment and the three-year average and choose the larger of the two.

Example:

	SY24	SY25	SY26	Current Year	3 Year AVG	ASE
School District 1	800	900	1000	1000	900	1000
School District 2	1000	900	800	800	900	900
School District 3	1000	1000	1001	1001	1000.33	1001

ROE Alternative Program Enrollments

EBF for programs operated by ROEs/ISCs is based exclusively on their March 1 enrollment counts.

A March 1 student enrollment, with the ROE as the serving entity with PDA set to 100%, will transfer all EBF ASE for that student to the ROE for March 1, including EL funding, through EBF.

Based on entity discretion, student enrollments can be started or exited on weekend days, if necessary.

Converting to Full-Day Kindergarten

If a school district reports to ISBE that it intends to implement full-day kindergarten districtwide for all students by March 1 of the school year, then when ISBE calculates the ASE, half-day kindergarten students will be counted as full-day kindergarten students for the current school year and prior two school years used in the calculation.

Data Quality Dashboard Audits

District Summary

By School

	Errors	Score	
EBF	1	90.9%	^
EBF Fall/Spring Superintendent Verification	1	0.0%	»
EL student count for the Fall time period.	0	100.0%	»
EL student count for the Spring time period.	0	100.0%	»
Home student enrollment for the Fall time period.	0	100.0%	»
Home student enrollment for the Spring time period.	0	100.0%	»
Missing Deactivated Records		N/A	»
Missing Detention Center Record	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Pre-K for the Fall time period.	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Pre-K for the Spring time period.	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Youth-In-Care student counts for the Fall time period.	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Youth-In-Care student counts for the Spring time period.	0	100.0%	»

Data Quality Dashboard Audits Continued...

EBF Fall/Spring Superintendent Verification
Audit Summary

This audit checks to see if your entity has verified your EBF student enrollment counts as of October 1st and March 1st of the current school year in the Student Information System (SIS). If you are being flagged by this audit, please log into SIS, and review the EBF screen under District Data Verification. Once all EBF enrollment counts have been verified, check the box for each enrollment date accordingly.

For more information on EBF and a breakdown of each enrollment type, visit the EBF User Guide: www.isbe.net/Documents/EBF-User-Guide.pdf

If you need assistance updating student enrollments in SIS, call 217-558-3600 option 3.

If you need assistance identifying how students are flagged for EBF enrollment types, review the EBF user guide, which is linked above. For further assistance, contact the DSA department at 312-814-9192.

	Fall Verification	Spring Verification	Errors	Score
[REDACTED]	No	No	1	0.0%

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Special Education Pre-K for the Fall time period.	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Pre-K for the Spring time period.	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Youth-In-Care student counts for the Fall time period.	0	100.0%	»
Special Education Youth-In-Care student counts for the Spring time period.	0	100.0%	»

EBF Deadline

In accordance with Section 18-8.15 of the School Code, the deadline to have all information related to EBF enrollment uploaded to ISBE is **April 15**.

Contact Information

For assistance with submitting or updating information in SIS, please submit via Service Now on the [ISBE contact page](#) or call 217-558-3600, option 3.

If you need more information about EBF or how each enrollment type is calculated, please contact the ISBE Data Strategies and Analytics Department at 312-814-9192.

Questions pertaining to the operation of I-Star should be directed to the Harrisburg Project at support@hbug.k12.il.us or 800-635-5274.



Questions?

Thank you