

## Illinois State Board of Education

### Evidence-Based Funding -- Student Information for SY 2025

**Webinar Date: March 6, 2025**

Question	Response
What date do we enter for Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) students to be added back into district?	The March 1 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) enrollment count is based on which entity (if a Regional Office of Education [ROE] program) the student is enrolled at on March 1. The student should be enrolled in the district on the date they resume enrollment at the district.
If the count is incorrect, we correct it by making sure it's updated in IWAS, correct?	Please update source data in the Student Information System (SIS) or I-Star to correct your EBF data.
Can you explain what you were saying about March 1 being on a Saturday.	Students with an enrollment exited on Friday, Feb. 28, can instead have their enrollment exited on Saturday, March 3/1.
Will the State Reporting Fall Enrollment Counts reports be updated? I made changes to Oct. 1 enrollment information, which shows correctly on the District Data Verification – Evidence-Based Funding area. However, the State Reporting Fall Enrollment Counts did not update.	The Fall Enrollment Report in SIS will display finalized fall enrollment data. To view a list of all active enrollments as of Oct. 1, you can run a demographics report with “10/1” selected for the Enrolled as of Date and Active Enrollments Only for the school year.
Where is the EBF report located within SIS?	The EBF SIS verification screen is located under the District Data Verification section in the menu in SIS.
If the score on the Data Quality Dashboard (DQD) metric is at 100%, is there a reason to verify and override?	Please check that all the sub-audits under the main audit category also show no errors. Everything should be 100% on the DQD.
How do we find the I-Star fund code for pre-K students?	Please contact the Harrisburg Project at support@hbug.k12.il.us or 800-635-5274 for all questions pertaining to the operation of I-Star.
EBF enrollment presentation is for public school districts only, correct?	It is for public districts, ROEs, and state-funded entities.
Can you show where the checkbox is located for claiming deactivated students?	This checkbox will be found on the student's enrollment tab in SIS only if they are part of a deactivated district.
Does Average Student Enrollment (ASE) apply to EBF calculation of the charter schools?	Yes.

Can you tell me if students enrolled at a state-authorized charter as their homeschool but a different serving school like Menta are counted in EBF?	Yes, they are.
Why are we referencing March 1 as if it is approaching when it has already passed?	Because some data for March 1 are entered by entities after that date. The due date for all EBF data being entered and verified is April 15.
If we have students who live out of the district and pay tuition, then they are not included in the Home Student Enrollment count. Am I correct on that?	Please make sure the student is marked as Tuition Received on their SIS enrollment. The count of tuition received students will be subtracted from the Home Student Enrollment count.
Do special day schools need to worry about enrollment or is that the responsibility of the homeschool or I-Star?	All public districts, ROEs, and state-funded entities must verify EBF enrollment counts.
When talking about base enrollment, is that the first line labeled Home Student Enrollment on the EBF page?	Yes.
We pay for a student enrolled in the ROE Safe School Program. Will that student be considered in the EBF formula for the homeschool since they will be counted under the ROE at the March count?	Please reach out to <a href="mailto:datahelp@isbe.net">datahelp@isbe.net</a> for assistance on your specific scenario. The March 1 EBF enrollment count is based on which entity (if an ROE program) the student is enrolled at on March 1.
Our ROE will not enter detention center data each year. What happens when the ROE refuses to add that data in IWAS for our district?	Please contact <a href="mailto:datahelp@isbe.net">datahelp@isbe.net</a> for support in your specific scenario.
Since March 1 is a Saturday, will the reporting date be March 3 (the following Monday), or Feb. 28?	The enrollment date for spring reporting is still March 1 per state law.
Am I correct in understanding that the ASE for ROE is only determined by spring count?	Yes.
We are a high school district. We report our students who attend a vocational technology campus as part of the day enrolled with us and part of the day enrolled with the vocational campus. Does that impact our enrollment for EBF?	Please email <a href="mailto:datahelp@isbe.net">datahelp@isbe.net</a> to discuss your specific scenario.
School was not in session on Feb. 28 and March 3 for our district. If students left Feb. 27 and or started March 4, can we use March 1 as the exit date and start date?	Students with an enrollment exited on Friday, Feb. 28, can instead have their enrollment exited on Saturday, March 1. However, students that have their enrollment exited on Feb. 27 should only have their enrollment exited on Feb. 27. Students with an enrollment starting on March 4 <b>cannot</b> have an earlier enrollment start date of March 1.

I see where the ALOP counts are noted in the students served by ROEs, but should those ALOP student enrollments also be included in the Home Student Enrollment counts?	Students with a serving school that is part of an ROE and have a percentage of day attended (PDA) of 100% in SIS will be counted by the ROE as the home district instead of the public school district.
ROE verification pages should only have one checkbox for March 1, correct?	Yes, that is correct. ROE enrollments are only displayed for the March 1 row in the SIS EBF verification table and only have one verification checkbox on the verification screen.
For the ROE students: If their home school is listed as their high school and serving school is an ROE, are they deducted from the count?	If the student is enrolled as 100% of day attended at an ROE school as the serving school on March 1, then this student would be deducted from the home district March 1 counts and the student would be added to the ROE counts for March 1 only.
I have five new students transferring into our district after March 3. Does this mean they won't be counted until next school year?	Students will only count for districts that they were enrolled in on Oct. 1 or March 1 of the school year.
We had a School Improvement Plan day on Friday, so students were exited on Thursday. Should those exit dates be adjusted?	Students with an enrollment exited on Friday, Feb. 28, can instead have their enrollment exited on Saturday, March 1. However, students who have their enrollment exited on Feb. 27 should only have their enrollment exited on Feb. 27.
Are Area Career Centers required to verify anything under EBF?	Only public districts, ROEs, and state-funded entities are required to verify in SIS.
This year's fall and spring student counts determine the funding received for next year?	EBF funding calculations are based on the Average Student Enrollment report which looks at student counts over multiple years.
Is the "tuition-in" enrollment type count only referring to tuition being paid to the school by a parent?	Yes. Please refer to the <a href="#">Enrollment Data Elements document</a> for more information on student enrollments identified as "tuition received."
If students exited on March 1, do we count them?	Yes, if a student is enrolled or enrolled/exited on March 1 they are part of EBF calculations.
Should students who are parent refusal for English learners (ELs) be included in our EBF?	See the <a href="#">EBF User Guide</a> . ELs could be part of the base home enrollment, special education pre-K, or students from deactivated schools served by other districts and still be included in EBF counts assuming that they are not in any of the other enrollment types that would be subtracted from EBF.
Do we not receive funding for students who pay tuition because they live out of the district?	Districts will not receive funding for students identified as Tuition-Received in SIS.

Do special day schools need to worry about enrollment or is that the responsibility of the homeschool or I-Star?	Only public districts, ROEs, and state-funded entities are required to verify in SIS.
Will we lose funding because the students will be counted under the ROE?	Please reach out to <a href="mailto:datahelp@isbe.net">datahelp@isbe.net</a> for assistance on your specific scenario.
Are youth in care county detention center records also due on April 15?	Yes. Please enter detention center claims in SIS as they occur on Oct. 1 or March 1.
Additionally, we have students who spend part of the day at a diagnostic private therapeutic school. We report a percentage of their enrollment for the day at our school and at the therapeutic school. Does this impact our EBF?	Please contact <a href="mailto:datahelp@isbe.net">datahelp@isbe.net</a> for support in your specific scenario.
Any EL student who was ALOP is not included in the EL count. Is that expected? Or should ALOP EL students still be accounted for in the English learner count?	Students attending in an ROE on March 1 with a PDA of 100% will be excluded from their home district's EL count that is displayed on the SIS EBF verification screen. On the other hand, EL counts for the ROE will be displayed on the ROE's SIS EBF verification screen. It will be identified by its own row. If you do not see your EL student counts, then please contact <a href="mailto:datahelp@isbe.net">datahelp@isbe.net</a> for assistance in troubleshooting the problem.
If we have staff who bring their children who live out of district -- but they do not pay tuition -- do we receive EBF dollars for those students?	Yes.
When is EBF verification due?	Verification in SIS is due on April 15, 2025, by state law.
Would a pre-K speech walk-in student be included in the special ed pre-K count	Please refer to the <a href="#">EBF User Guide</a> to ensure that this student fulfills all requirements for this enrollment type.
English learner count: Should students who are parent refusal be in that count?	Students who have an EL placement status of parent refusal are not included in the EBF EL counts. The EL counts are an additional collection of information in EBF. Students could still be included in the district's home enrollment, special ed pre-K enrollments, or students from deactivated schools being served by other districts counts.
Should the students who are enrolled with an ROE on March 1 also show in our home enrollment counts?	Districts will see the ROE students in your home enrollments for March 1, but also in the row Students Served by ROEs for March 1. The ROE entry indicates that these students are being subtracted from your home counts. This was done for visibility purposes. From an ROE's point

	of view, it will just see the counts of the student per program that the students are enrolled in.
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