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2021-2022 END OF YEAR DATA SUBMISSION FOR EXIT COUNT

The Child Exit Count: September captures end-of-year reporting data on students exiting special education during the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 fiscal year. The Exit Count opens September 15, 2022, and is due by close of business September 30, 2022.

The training video, ECATS Webinar – Exit Count Reporting, along with additional reference handouts are posted in each district's ECATS instance on the main page under Resources > Federal Reporting. Please submit any questions or issues directly to ZenDesk to ensure that problems with data are corrected efficiently.

According to the State Auditors, Local Directors/Coordinators of Exceptional Children Programs must certify the Exiting data. For this to occur, Local Directors/Coordinators of Exceptional Children Programs must use their "username" and "password" to log into ECATS to verify and certify the Exit Count data. Directors/Coordinators will not be asked to submit a count verification form for the Exit Count; however, the accuracy and validity of the data will be the responsibility of the Local Exceptional Children Director or Coordinator.

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