2023-2024 Duplicate Count Documentation Quick Reference School Auditing Office



Overview

Each year, Colorado public school districts and CSI participate in the Student October Count data collection ("Snapshot"). Information submitted by districts during this data collection is used to determine each district's Total Program (pupil and at-risk) funding.

In order to ensure that funding for a given student does not exceed the maximum state-allowable level, the Duplicate Count process is run after all districts and CSI have submitted their error-free Student October Snapshots to CDE (on or about November 10).

Districts will receive an email instructing them to access their report from Cognos if they have students who appear on the "Audit Exception Report." Districts will then need to provide all required audit documentation for these students to the School Auditing Office by uploading it to the district's audit Syncplicity folder during the duplicate count period.

Audit Documentation

Because all duplicate count decisions are final, districts should upload all required audit documentation to the "Duplicate Count" subfolder found in the district's audit Syncplicity folder to support funding eligibility for all students included on the "Audit Exception Report."

Documentation includes, but is not limited to:

Student-level documents

- Household demographic printout (from SIS)
- Enrollment history
- Attendance verification
 - Must include attendance for September AND October (not just the count window)
 - Attendance reports generated out of student information systems (SIS's) can be used to verify in-person
 or synchronous learning; however, these alone will <u>not</u> be sufficient to evidence attendance during
 online or off-site learning.
 - Online learning refers to students who are enrolled in Colorado public Online Schools and Programs.
- Districts with students participating in off-site or online learning of any kind should provide documentation evidencing actual off-site participation/attendance per district, school, or program policies and/or Online Assurances and should include course-level attendance.
 - Students participating in online learning include:
 - Online students
 - Students enrolled in <u>Blended Learning</u> or <u>Supplemental Online</u> courses
 - Examples of documentation may include, but are not limited to: log-ins into courses; gradebooks (showing which days assignments/tests were completed); dated progress reports; dated assignments, etc.
- Student schedule
- Additional documentation as applicable (i.e., corresponding unique student/course/school/program type documentation outlined in the Student October Count Audit Resource Guide)
- If necessary, a narrative which may provide context or clarity regarding unique student circumstances.



School- or district-level documents

- District/school/program calendar
- School/program bell schedule (or equivalency)
- School or program handbook & course catalog (for secondary)
- Online Schools and Programs- Authorizer Assurances
- Adopted local policies
 - Definition of Educational Process (such as IC/ICA, IJNDAB, IJNDAB-R, etc.)
 - Supplemental Online & Blended Learning courses as applicable
 - BLI Variance Waiver

Audit Documentation Formatting

For each student included in the duplicate count, the district must upload one document, using the following naming convention:

- District Number_SASID_StudentLastName_StudentFirstName
- For example: 0010_999999991_Smith_John



0010_9999999991_Smith_John.pdf

Each document should contain all required audit documents necessary to support funding.

If your district is conceding funding for a student (i.e., your district submitted the student for funding in error), you must still upload a document for the student with the following naming convention:

- District Number_SASID_StudentLastName_StudentFirstName_Concede
- For example: 0010_9999999991_Smith_John_Concede



0010_9999999992_Smith_Jane_Concede.pdf

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Syncplicity Instructions

Please upload all appropriate documentation for every student listed on your "Audit Exception Report" into the "Duplicate Count" subfolder located within your district's Syncplicity folder. If you do not have access to Syncplicity, please contact the School Auditing Office at audit@cde.state.co.us. If you would like more detailed information about how to use Syncplicity, please refer to the School Auditing Office's Syncplicity Instructions PDF.