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What's New?

September 2015

School has started, Autumn is approaching, and the Pupil Enrollment Count Date is just around the corner. Below are some reminders and updates for you to keep in mind as October 1 draws near.

Online Authorizer Assurance Form

Mandatory Form Due Today Sept. 10!

All approved Online Schools and Programs must submit the Online Authorizer Assurance form to the Office of Blended and Online Learning by today, Sept. 10, 2015 regardless of whether or not a form was submitted for the 2014/2015 year. The form must indicate the mode in which the school or program is going to document active attendance and participation in their school or program. Annual submission is not required, however, if the school or program has a change in policy, a new form must be submitted. More information can be found in the Student October Count Audit Resource Guide for 2015 or by visiting http://www.cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/resources.

Free Lunch Carryover Waiver

Waivers Due Sept. 15!

Beginning with the 2015/2016 school year, all current year documentation must be dated/received by the district on or before the pupil enrollment count date in order to be used for determining lunch eligibility for the Student October Count data submission.

In the absence of current year documentation, the district may utilize carryover documentation evidencing free lunch eligibility if the pupil enrollment count date falls within the first 30 school days of the current school year. For the 2015/2016 school year, in the event a district is unable to use the carryover documentation to evidence free lunch eligibility because the pupil enrollment count date does NOT fall within the first 30 school days, the district may request a variance waiver to extend the 30 day requirement as it relates to the at-risk count only. These requests must be submitted to the Commissioner of CDE no later than September 15, and should outline the reason for the waiver.

Clarification on the October Count Resource Guide

Updates and Clarification Available on the Web

Topics

- Online Authorizer Assurance
 Form
- Free Lunch Carryover Waiver
- Clarification on the Pupil Count Audit Resource Guide for 2015



Since the release of the Student October Count Audit Resource Guide for 2015, there have been some updates and some clarification on some of the topics in the guide. This information is available on the web at http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/auditunit_pupilcount .

Where can I learn more?

- http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/auditunit
- Email <u>audit@cde.state.co.us</u>