

# *Special Education Data and Fiscal Updates*

## **Data Reporting for Students with IEPs: End of Year Federal Special Education Data Reporting**

The following end-of-year federal special education data reporting applications are now open and available for verification and submission:

Timeline for Initial Evaluation (Indicator B-11)/Part C to Part B Transition (Indicator B-12) — data from CEDARS will be populated into an EDS application for district staff to verify and submit no later than July 15, 2024.

Early Childhood Special Education Outcomes (Indicator B-7) — Child Outcomes Summary (COS) data from CEDARS will be populated into an EDS application for district staff to verify and submit no later than July 15, 2024.

Behavior and Weapons Reporting – Disciplinary Incidents of Students with IEPs (Indicators B-4A/B and significant disproportionality) — data from CEDARS will be populated into an EDS application for district staff to verify. Application will close on August 1, 2024, and data will be pulled on August 2, 2024.

It is required that each district respond to these reports. If your district has no students to report, it is your responsibility to verify that information through these reporting mechanisms. Late or inaccurate reporting will affect the district's special education determination level.

If you need access to the application, please contact your [District Data Security Manager](#).

User Guides providing instructions and guidance on verifying, revising, and submitting your district's data have been linked above and are available at [Special Education Data Reporting and Collection | OSPI \(www.k12.wa.us\)](#)

Refer to the [CEDARS Manual and Appendices](#) for more detailed information on elements used in populating this application.

For assistance please with reporting expectations, contact [Special Education Data](#).

For technical support, contact OSPI Customer Support at [OSPI Customer Support](#) or 800-725-4311.

For CEDARS data questions contact [Ask OSPI](#).



## Excess Cost

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 34 CFR 300.16, sub-recipients of IDEA Part B formula funds are required to demonstrate that the agency is spending at least a minimum average amount on the education of elementary school or secondary school students with disabilities in order to expend their IDEA Part B funds on the excess cost of providing special education and related services.

Thank you to those districts who have submitted the 2022–23 Excess Cost worksheet. Excess Cost was due February 29, 2024. If your district has not yet submitted it, please email the district's completed Excess Cost worksheet to [Special Education Fiscal](#). To access the worksheet click on the link below.

[Excess Cost Template](#) (scroll down to Tools & Templates)

[Excess Cost Guidance Handbook](#) (scroll down to Tools & Templates)

If you have questions, please contact us at [Special Education Fiscal](#).

## Safety Net Updates

### May Update Window for High-Need Individual Updates and Community Impact Application

If you plan to update your High-Need Individual Safety Net application for the May Update window, please notify us using the [May Update Request Smartsheet form](#). Your application will be reopened by April 12, 2024.

If you have not yet submitted your Safety Net application, you may be eligible to submit an initial application by May 10, 2024. If you have not already been in communication with us regarding submitting your initial application in May, please reach out to the [Safety Net team](#). The High-Need Individual Safety Net Application will be reopened by April 12, 2024.

As a reminder, May updates to the High-Need Individual Safety Net applications are due May 10, 2024. Additionally, Community Impact Applications are also due through EGMS by May 10, 2024.

### Update Regarding Safety Net IEP Review Process

The Washington State Legislature recently passed [SB 5852](#), effectively removing IEP compliance checks from the Safety Net review process in hopes of making the process less cumbersome for LEAs. The governor signed the bill on March 15, 2024, with an effective date of June 6, 2024. Because of the timing of this legislation, we are removing the IEP Compliance Reviews from the 2023–24 Safety Net High Need Individual Awards. While this means that awards will not be prorated due to IEP non-compliance, we will continue to review IEPs for fiscal impact checks. As always, we will also continue to provide technical assistance regarding IEP development.

If you have questions or need assistance with your applications, email the [Safety Net team](#).