

Preschool Student Data Reporting

PK Data

Overview

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) implemented [Universal Preschool \(UPK\)](#) in the 2023-2024 school year. The CDEC only collects data for preschoolers eligible for UPK funds and is separate from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). [Visit the Department of Early Childhood's website for more information about UPK, the DEC, and for contact information.](#)

The implementation of UPK in 2023-2024 impacted required data reporting for preschool students in some data pipeline collections. Requirements for reporting preschool (PK) students in CDE data collections are listed below.

Student October

The 2023-2024 Student October (OCT) collection was impacted by the implementation of UPK. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must include all PK students receiving educational services by the reporting entity. These students are indicated with a Pupil Attendance Information Code of 01-08. LEAs need to report all PK students receiving educational services from the LEA (regardless of UPK funding status). This will include all Non-School Program PK students as well since Non-School Program students require a Pupil Attendance Information Code 01-08. All PK students should be reported with a “not funded” Public School Finance Funding Status which includes codes ‘86’, ‘87’ or ‘96’. Reporting these students must accurately represent the number of PK students in Colorado for enrollment. PK students receiving educational services elsewhere (not from the reporting LEA) are not required to be submitted in the Student October Collection. The November 1st PK Alternate Count Date is no longer active so all PK students will be counted on the October 1st Count Date or the LEAs’ adoptive calendar date. CPP/ECARE funding is also not applicable starting the 2023-2024 school year. There are minor edit/error checks specifically for preschool students.

Special Education December Count (and other Special Education Collections)

No changes were made to the 2023-2024 Special Education December Count Collection and other Special Education Collections. Preschool students must be included in the Special Education December Count and all other Special Education Collections. The Special Education Collections will have no impact on the implementation of UPK and will continue with the same reporting.

Student Discipline

The Student Discipline Collection requires PK students if they are disciplined in an LEA setting. Discipline data is required to be collected per HB19-1194. In this bill, it states that the State Board will review the PK-2nd grade discipline data.

Student End of Year

No changes were made to the 2023-2024 Student End of Year collection. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to include all PK students who were in attendance in the LEA at any point during the school year. These students are indicated with a Pupil Attendance Information Code of 01-08 and Primary School 1 to ensure their record pulls into the Student End of Year collection. If a student was reported as receiving educational services by a LEA in Student October, the Student End of Year collection expects the student to have a record.



Attendance

No changes were made to the 2023-2024 Attendance collection. PK students remain included in this collection for public schools with the grade PK offered and offers higher grade levels. For example, a public school with PK-6th grade would include the PK attendance data within their dataset.