

2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Student Count Day and School Funding Information

- Count Day is when all public schools in Michigan tally the number of students attending their schools.
- Count information is critical to districts, because each student translates into state funding.
- LEA and ISD state aid is based on number of students legally enrolled on or before count day.
- Count Requirements
 - Pupils must be in attendance and received instruction in all classes on the count day.
 - If student is not in attendance, they may be counted for:
 - 30 calendar days for *excused* absence following count day.
 - 10 school days for *unexcused* absence following count day.
 - 45 days for *suspended* students following count day.
- Local school boards distinguish between excused and unexcused.
- School Cancellation on Count Day
 - If school is cancelled on count day due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, with the approval of the State Superintendent, a school must use the next day the school is in session. (Note: If the condition impacts multiple districts, a statewide waiver could be considered.)
- Count days and school funding is mandated through the [State School Aid Act](#).
 - The calculation schools receive is based on a blend of both winter and fall student count data during the **same** calendar (not school) year.
 - For example: The 2011-2012 school year allocation is based on the 2011 Winter (February) count blended with the 2011 Fall (October) count.
 - Winter counts occur on the 2nd Wednesday in February and represent 10% of state funding. (Changed from 25% to 10% beginning 2011-2012 school year.)
 - **NEW!** Fall counts now occur on the 1st Wednesday in October and represent 90% of state funding. (Date changed from 4th Wednesday in September after Labor Day. Funding allocation also changed from 75% to 90% beginning 2011-2012 school year.)
- Count Day Schedule
 - **2011-2012 School Year Count Dates**
 - Winter Count – February 9, 2011 = 10%.
 - Fall Count – October 5, 2011 = 90%.
 - **2012-2013 School Year Count Dates**
 - Winter Count – February 8, 2012 = 10%.
 - Fall Count – October 3, 2012 = 90%.
- Schools have 5 weeks to submit student count information to the ISD. The ISD has 24 weeks from the count date to provide the audited pupil counts to the state.
 - 2011-2012 Submission Dates
 - February 9, 2011 count sent to ISD by March 16, 2011. Verified by ISD and sent to State July 27, 2011.
 - October 5, 2011 count sent to ISD by November 9, 2011.

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- 2012-2013 Submission Dates
 - February 8, 2012 count sent to ISD by March 14, 2012.
Verified by ISD and sent to State July 26, 2012.
 - October 3, 2012 count sent to ISD by November 1, 2012.
- Possible ways school districts can maintain or increase pupil counts:
- Encourage students to attend on count day.
- Being vigilant to identify and report students absent on count day.
- Attract and retraining new and prior students.
- Prevent or reduce the number of students dropping out of school -- see information below.
- High cost of dropouts
 - Michigan's statewide dropout rate is approximately 11.08 percent or 15,277 students from the class of 2010 alone. In addition, 16,651 students are considered off-track and are at-risk of dropping out.
 - 2011 COST OF DROPOUTS IN LOST STATE AID TO MICHIGAN SCHOOLS = \$112 MILLION
 - COST OF POTENTIAL DROPOUTS CONSIDERED OFF-TRACK TO MICHIGAN SCHOOLS = \$122 MILLION
 - Beyond the cost to Michigan schools, the dropout cost to Michigan residents is estimated at \$127,000 nearly \$2 billion per year in lost tax revenues, public health care, unemployment, law enforcement, incarceration and other costs.
 - Forty percent of Michigan residents who received cash welfare in 2003 were dropouts, costing the state approximately \$156 million.
 - About 70 percent of convicts who entered prison in 2003 were dropouts; housing them for one year cost taxpayers \$200 million. Eighty-eight percent of all high school dropouts who do not receive at least their GED will be incarcerated by the time they are 25, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.
 - Information on the [Superintendent's Dropout Challenge](#) that can impact 55,000 per year.

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- [Number of Schools, Districts, ISDs and PSAs in Michigan](#)
- [Census and Statistical Information for Michigan](#)
- [School District Demographics](#)
- [School District Maps](#)
- [School District Organization History](#) PDF
- [School Statistics \(CEPI\)](#)

Public School Finance Information Links

- [Pupil Membership Count Requirements](#) PDF
- [Pupil Days and Hours of Instruction](#) PDF
- [2010-11 State School Aid Payment Dates](#) PDF

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- [Current Year State School Aid Monthly Status Reports & Payments](#)
- [List of Foundation Allowances for Districts 1995-2010](#) (pdf)
- [List of Foundation Allowances for Districts 1995-2011](#) (excel)
- [Pie Chart of 2010 State School Aid by Source of Revenue](#)
- [Bulletin 1011-Analysis of Michigan Public Schools Revenue and Expenditures](#)
- [Bulletin 1014- Michigan Public Schools Ranked by Select Financial Information](#)

Other Sites Related to Public School Finance

- [ISD Financial Information](#)
- [Deficit District Information and Required Forms](#)
- [House Fiscal Agency](#)
- [Senate Fiscal Agency](#)
- [Proposal A and Pupil Equity](#)
- [School Finance in Michigan Before and After the Implementation of Proposal A](#)
- [Michigan in Brief](#)
- [Public School Finance Programs of the United States and Canada](#)
- [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- [Education Finance Statistics - Site contains graphs and other tools to compare districts across state lines.](#)