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 if:
  - The student has an *excused* absence and attends within 30 days following count day.
  - The student has an *unexcused* absence and attends within 10 days following count day.
  - The student is *suspended* and attends within 45 days 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 2014-2015 school year allocation is based on the 2014 Fall (October) count and the 2015 Winter (February) 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.)
  - 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. (Senate Bill 1163 of 2010).
Count Day Schedule

- **2014-15 School Year - School Year Ending June 30, 2015**
  - **Note:** 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.
  - **Winter Count – February 11, 2015 = 10%.
    - February 11, 2015 count sent by schools to ISD by March 18, 2015.
    - Verified by ISD and sent to State, July 22, 2015.
  - **Fall Count – October 1, 2014 = 90%.
    - October 1, 2014 count sent by schools to ISD by November 5, 2014.
    - Verified by ISD and sent to State March 18, 2015.

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 retain new and prior students.
- Prevent or reduce the number of students dropping out of school -- see information below.

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