

STUDENT COUNT DAY AND SCHOOL FUNDING INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The count days and school funding are mandated through the [State School Aid Act](#).
- 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 the number of students legally enrolled on or before count day.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Pupils must be in attendance and receive instruction in all classes on the count day. If a student is not in attendance, they may be counted if:

- The student has an *excused* absence and attends within 30 calendar days following count day.
- The student has an *unexcused* absence and attends within 10 school days following count day.
- The student is *suspended* and attends within 45 calendar days following count day.

Note: Local school boards distinguish between excused and unexcused.

COUNT STABILITY

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.

MEMBERSHIP BLEND

The calculation schools receive is based on a blend of both spring and fall student count (membership) data. The blend is based on the prior school year's spring count, and the current school year's fall count.

- Spring counts occur on the 2nd Wednesday in February and represent 10% of state funding.
- Fall counts occur on the 1st Wednesday in October and represent 90% of state funding.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEARS

| Sch Yr | Count | Count Date | 5th Wed After Count | 6th Wed After Count | Audit Deadline |
|--------|--------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2018 | Fall | October 3, 2018 | November 7, 2018 | November 14, 2018 | March 20, 2019 |
| 2019 | Spring | February 13, 2019 | March 20, 2019 | March 27, 2019 | July 31, 2019 |
| 2019 | Fall | October 2, 2019 | November 6, 2019 | November 13, 2019 | March 18, 2020 |
| 2020 | Spring | February 12, 2020 | March 18, 2020 | March 25, 2020 | July 29, 2020 |
| 2020 | Fall | October 7, 2020 | November 11, 2020 | November 18, 2020 | March 24, 2021 |
| 2021 | Spring | February 10, 2021 | March 17, 2021 | March 24, 2021 | July 28, 2021 |
| 2021 | Fall | October 6, 2021 | November 10, 2021 | November 17, 2021 | March 23, 2022 |
| 2022 | Spring | February 9, 2022 | March 16, 2022 | March 23, 2022 | July 27, 2022 |
| 2022 | Fall | October 5, 2022 | November 9, 2022 | November 16, 2022 | March 22, 2023 |
| 2023 | Spring | February 8, 2023 | March 15, 2023 | March 22, 2023 | July 26, 2023 |
| 2023 | Fall | October 4, 2023 | November 8, 2023 | November 15, 2023 | March 20, 2024 |
| 2024 | Spring | February 14, 2024 | March 20, 2024 | March 27, 2024 | July 31, 2024 |

Table Heading Descriptions

Sch Yr: The band of time representing the academic year.

Count: Indicates whether the dates relate to the Fall or Spring count day.

5th Wed After Count: The deadline for submitting count data to the Center for Educational Performance and Information.

6th Wed After Count: The deadline for certifying submitted count data.

Audit Deadline: The date by which the pupil membership auditor must certify the audited count data.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION ON COUNT DAY

If instruction is cancelled on count day due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, with the approval of the State Superintendent, the affected instructional programs must use the immediately following day on which the district resumes session for count purposes. Note: Although this allows the count to take place on the next day in session, districts may only count students enrolled in the district on or before the legislated count date.

SCHOOL, DISTRICT AND ISD INFORMATION

- [Number of Schools, Districts, ISDs and PSAs in Michigan](#)
- [School District Demographics](#)
- [School District Maps](#)
- [School Statistics \(CEPI\)](#)
- [MI School Data](#)

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION

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