Introduction

In 2014, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) began reporting a new measure on its report cards: **School Choice Options**. This measure is a set of nine counts pertaining to the places of enrollment for students residing in each school district. State law permits, but does not require, this element to be reported.
Ohio Revised Code Section 3302.034 (A) says:

> *Not later than December 31, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt and specify measures in addition to those included on the report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. The measures adopted under this section shall be reported separately, as specified under division (B) of this section, for each school district, each building in a district, each community school established under Chapter 3314., each STEM school established under Chapter 3326., and each college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.*

This section grants the state board of education the ability to include other data on the report card beyond the requirements in 3302.03. In late 2013, the board adopted additional measures that included the school choice options. This information is included on the District Details page of the report card for every traditional public-school district.

The School Choice Options report provides readers with an understanding of the number of students who are partaking in enrollment options other than their own district of residence. The data does not reflect the quantity or quality of options within each category. Full understanding of school choice would require knowledge of school locations, enrollment policies, and voucher qualifications. Web links accompanying the information on the report card provide further information.

Report Layout

Districts and STEM Schools	Community Schools	Non-Public Schools*
Number of students enrolled in the district where they live	Number of students enrolled in an online community school	Number of students participating in the EdChoice Scholarship or the Cleveland Scholarship Program
Number of students enrolled in another public district through Open Enrollment	Number of students enrolled in a site-based community school	Number of students participating in the EdChoice Expansion Program
Number of students enrolled in another public district by means other than Open Enrollment	Number of students enrolled in a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Program (online or site-based)	Number of students participating in the Ohio Autism Scholarship or Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program

* Please note that the Ohio Department of Education does not collect information on district residents who are non-voucher students attending a non-public school.

Business Rules for All Counts

- Counts are calculated for traditional public school districts and are done only at the district level.

- Counts represent students in grades Kindergarten and higher. The calculation excludes preschoolers, but includes grades K-12, 13 and 23 which are traditional K-12 students plus students who do not meet graduation standards and continue beyond their 4th year and students with IEPs who meet graduation standards, but continue beyond a 4th year per their IEP.

- Counts for public districts are based on records of direct relationship (FS140 record). Students with a relationship of 1 are included for the entity reporting the 1; Codes 2 and 3 are excluded for the entity reporting those codes.

- Counts in public schools are for school year 2019-2020 and represent enrollment across the full school year.

- Counts in non-public schools represent a snapshot showing where the student is enrolled on March 31, 2020.

- Counts exclude students enrolled exclusively at a JVSD or state supported school.

- Counts are not subject to standard accountability filters.
    - For Counts 1-6 below, place of enrollment is based on the EMIS Student Standing record (FS record) from the 2020 final reporting period.
    - For Counts 7-9 below, place of enrollment on the snapshot date of March 31, 2020 is based on voucher applications and associated dates (Enrollment Date, Withdrawal Date, Residency Start and Residency End).
    - Students are counted in each place they attended school during the year, so a student who attends both an online and a site-based school in the same year, for example, appears in both counts. However, if a student is enrolled in multiple community schools of the same type, (e.g. – two site-based community schools), they are included in that count only once.

Business Rules for Specific Counts

Count 1. Students enrolled in the district where they live

This is the count of students receiving educational instruction from the public school district in which they live.

Rules for defining the set
- District of Residence = District of Enrollment (meaning students are residing in the same district as the one in which they're enrolled.)
- How Received Element = *, Not Applicable
- District Relationship Element = 1, The student is receiving instruction, in whole or in part, from the reporting district.

Count 2. Students enrolled in another public district through Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment allows a student to attend school tuition-free in a district other than the district where his or her parents reside. A district may elect not to participate in open enrollment or a district may set its policy to allow enrollees who live in adjacent districts only or to allow students to enroll from anywhere statewide. For this count, independent STEM districts are treated as open-enrollment districts.

For more information: http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Choice/Open-Enrollment

Rules for defining the set

- District of Residence ≠ District of Enrollment (meaning students are not residing in the same district as the one in which they're enrolled.)
- How Received Element = 9, Non-resident, Open Enrollment Student: Inter-District **or** How Received Element = K, Student Attending STEM district.
- District Relationship Element = 1, The student is receiving instruction, in whole or in part, from the reporting district.

Count 3. Students enrolled in another public district by means other than Open Enrollment

For this count, reasons "other than open enrollment" by which a non-resident student can attend the district are varied and include foster placement, institutional placement, senior year exception, parent as district employee, superintendent agreement, and several other situations.

Rules for defining the set

- District of Residence ≠ District of Enrollment (meaning students are not residing in the same district as the one in which they're enrolled.) .
- How Received Element = one of the following:
  - 3, In-state, non-resident, non-tuition, non-contract student
  - 7, Non-resident Student Residing with Grandparent, See ORC §3313.64.
  - 8, Non-resident Student in his/her Senior Year
  - A, Non-resident Student -Parent is a District Employee
  - B, Non-resident Student Attending a Special Education Program
  - C, Foster Placed Student
  - D, Non-Foster Court Placed Students
  - P, Court-Placed Students, Excluding Foster Care and facilities defined by ORC §2151.65 or §2152.41
  - Q, Court-Placed Students, facility defined by ORC §2151.65 or §2152.41, reporting district is educating.
  - S, Superintendent Agreement for Students
  - T, Students Placed in Institutions, Non-Court Ordered
  - W, Non-resident – Attending under Title I Public School Choice
- District Relationship Element = 1, The student is receiving instruction, in whole or in part, from the reporting district.

Count 4. Students enrolled in an online community school

An Ohio E-school is an online Ohio public school. This count includes enrollment in both statewide online community schools and district-sponsored online community schools, which may limit enrollment to students residing in the sponsoring district or surrounding districts. This count includes online Dropout Prevention and Recovery Programs.

For more information:
http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Choice/Community-Schools/eSchools

Rules for defining the set

- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6) (meaning that the district the student enrolled in is a community school).
- E-school Flag = Yes (meaning that this community school is considered an E-school or an online school).
- District Relationship Element = 1, The student is receiving instruction, in whole or in part, from the reporting district.

Count 5: Students enrolled in a site-based community school

Most community schools are site-based schools, also known as "brick and mortar" schools. Enrollment policies at these public schools vary by sponsoring entity, educational model, or other criteria. This count includes site-based Dropout Prevention and Recovery Programs.

For more information:
http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Choice/Community-Schools

Rules for defining the set

- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6) (meaning that the district the student did enroll in is considered a community school) .
- E-school Flag = No (meaning that this community school is not considered an E-school or an online school).
- District Relationship Element = 1, The student is receiving instruction, in whole or in part, from the reporting district.

Count 6. Students enrolled in a Dropout Prevention and Recovery Program (online or site-based)

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Programs are community schools that primarily serve students age 17 and over who have previously dropped out of school or who have at-risk factors for dropout. Dropout Prevention and Recovery Programs can be either site-based or E-schools.

Rules for defining the set

- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6) (meaning that the district the student did enroll in is considered a community school).
- Dropout Prevention and Recovery Program Flag = Yes (meaning that this community school is considered a DORP school).
- District Relationship Element = 1, The student is receiving instruction, in whole or in part, from the reporting district.

Count 7. Students participating in the EdChoice Scholarship or Cleveland Scholarship Program

The EdChoice Scholarship Program provides state-funded scholarships to students in K-12 who attend or are assigned to attend a designated, low-performing public school. The voucher is used to attend a participating private school. A separate but similar program, the Cleveland Scholarship Program gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland.

For more information: http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program
http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/Cleveland-Scholarship-Tutoring-Program

Rules for defining the set

- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2020] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2020] or = null (meaning that the student was enrolled on the day of March 31, 2020).
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2020] or = null (meaning that the student was a resident after March 31st 2020).
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated (meaning that the student applied and had been given either an acceptance or termination).
- Program Period = EdChoice FY2020 or Cleveland FY2020 (meaning that program was either EdChoice or Cleveland Scholarship during the 2019-2020 school year).

Count 8. Students participating in the EdChoice Expansion Program

For students not assigned to an EdChoice-designated public school, application for a voucher through EdChoice Expansion was available in school year 2019-2020 to incoming kindergartners and to first and second grade students whose family income was at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Rules for defining the set

- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2020] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2020] or = null (meaning that the student was enrolled on the day of March 31st 2020).
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2020] or = null (meaning that the student was a resident after March 31st 2020).
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated (meaning that the student applied and had been given either an acceptance or termination).
- Program Period = EdChoice-Exp FY2020 (meaning the program was EdChoice during the 2019-2020 school year).

Count 9. Students participating in the Ohio Autism Scholarship or Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program

Both the Autism Scholarship Program and the Jon Peterson Special Needs (JPSN) Scholarship Program give the parents of children with autism or disabilities, respectively, the choice to send their child to a special education program other than the one operated by their school district of residence to receive the education and the services outlined in their individualized education program. For this count, only students in grades K-12 are included.

For more information:
http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/Autism-Scholarship-Program
http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/Special-Needs-Scholarship

Rules for defining the set

- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2020] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2020] or = null (meaning that the student was enrolled on the day of March 31st 2020).
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2020] or = null (meaning that the student was a resident after March 31st 2020).
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated (meaning that the student applied and had been given either an acceptance or termination).
- Program Period = Autism FY2020 or JPSN FY2020 (meaning that the student was either in the Autism program or the JPSN program during the 2019-2020 school year).