

**Technical Documentation School Choice Options:
Place of Enrollment for Students Residing in District (Single Day Snapshot)**

The **School Choice Options** report is a set of nine counts pertaining to the place of enrollment for students residing in a given school district, captured as a snapshot of a single day in the school year. The information is included on the District Details page of the 2016 report card for every traditional public school district.

In response to a recommendation by the State Board of Education, the School Choice Options report is designed to provide an understanding of the number of students who are partaking in enrollment options other than their own district of residence. The data do not reflect the quantity or quality of options within each category. Indeed a full understanding of school choice requires 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 children who are attending a non-public school by means other than a state-paid voucher.

Business Rules for All Counts

- Counts are calculated for traditional public school districts and are done only at the district level.
- Counts represent unique students in grades K-12 (exclude preschoolers; include codes 13, 23).
- Counts are based on records of direct instructional relationship (code 1; exclude codes 2, 3).
- Counts exclude students enrolled exclusively at a JVSD or state supported school.
- Counts represent a snapshot based on a single day of the school year: March 31st for school year 2015-2016

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- Counts are not subject to standard accountability filters.
 - For Counts 1-6 below, place of enrollment on snapshot date is based on Effective Start Date and Effective End Date in the EMIS Student Standing table from the 2016 final reporting period.
 - For Counts 7-9 below, place of enrollment on snapshot date is based on voucher applications and associated dates (Enrollment Date, Withdrawal Date, Residency Start and Residency End).
 - If conflicting data indicate both enrollment in a public school and participation in a voucher program on the snapshot date, the student is counted in only the public school.
 - If data indicate concurrent enrollment on snapshot date in both a student's own district and another public district or community school, the student is counted in only his or her own district.

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 on the snapshot date. For the purpose of this count, an Educational Service Center providing Kindergarten instruction is treated as an extension of the home district.

Rules for defining the set

- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2016]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2016]
- District of Residence = District of Enrollment or District of Enrollment Organization Type = Educational Service Center (23)

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 the purpose of this count, independent STEM schools are treated as open-enrollment districts. For more information:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Choice/Open-Enrollment>

Rules for defining the set

- SSID not represented in Count 1
- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2016]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2016]
- District of Residence ≠ District of Enrollment
- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Public District (1) or STEM (60)
- How Received = Open Enrollment, Inter-District (9) — not required for STEM district

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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

- SSID not represented in Count 1
- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2016]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2016]
- District of Residence ≠ District of Enrollment
- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Public District (1)
- How Received ≠ Open Enrollment, Inter-District (9)

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

- SSID not represented in Count 1
- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2016]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2016]
- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6)
- E-school Flag = Yes

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

- SSID not represented in Count 1
- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2016]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2016]
- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6)
- E-School Flag = No

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 16 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.

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- SSID not represented in Count 1
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- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6)
- Dropout Prevention and Recovery Program Flag = Yes

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

- SSID not represented in Counts 1-6
- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2016] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2016] or = null
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2016] or = null
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated
- Program Period = EdChoice FY2016 or Cleveland FY2016

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 2015-2016 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

- SSID not represented in Counts 1-6
- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2016] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2016] or = null
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2016] or = null
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated
- Program Period = EdChoice-Exp FY2016

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 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 the purpose of this count, only students in grades K-12 are included.

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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

- SSID not represented in Counts 1-6
- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2016] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2016] or = null
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2016] or = null
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated
- Program Period = Autism FY2016 or JPSN FY2016 or JPSN FY 2016 Half Year