

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

**Introduction**

In 2014, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) began reporting a new measure on its report cards. This measure, 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. 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 the additional measures and school choice options was one of them. The information is included on the District Details page of the 2017 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 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**

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

**\*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.**

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### **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 grade 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 31<sup>st</sup> for school year 2016-2017.
- 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 2017 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 < [4/1/2017]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2017]
- 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>

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Rules for defining the set

- SSID not represented in Count 1
- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2017]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2017]
- 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

**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 < [4/1/2017]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2017]
- 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 < [4/1/2017]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2017]
- 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 < [4/1/2017]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2017]
- District of Enrollment Organization Type = Community School (6)
- E-School Flag = No

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**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.

Rules for defining the set

- SSID not represented in Count 1
- Effective Start Date < [4/1/2017]; Effective End Date > [3/31/2017]
- 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 < [4/1/2017] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2017] or = null
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2017] or = null
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated
- Program Period = EdChoice FY2017 or Cleveland FY2017

**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 2016-2017 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 < [4/1/2017] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2017] or = null
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2017] or = null
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated
- Program Period = EdChoice-Exp FY2017

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**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 the purpose of 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

- SSID not represented in Counts 1-6
- Enrollment Date < [4/1/2017] and ≠ null; Withdrawal Date > [3/31/2017] or = null
- Residency Start ≠ null; Residency End > [3/31/2017] or = null
- Application State = Accepted or Terminated
- Program Period = Autism FY2017 or JPSN FY2017 or JPSN FY 2017 Half Year