

The Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children recognizes and appreciates the tremendous efforts taken by school district personnel to navigate Ohio's recent ordered school-building closure. As such, there will be an extension to the Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study Indicator 14 data collection deadlines. Specifically, school districts currently required to participate in the Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study were required to collect exit surveys by June 30, 2020, and follow-up surveys by Aug. 31, 2020. The deadline for all **exit and follow-up survey data** now is **Oct. 31, 2020**.

This extension will allow school districts to contact students and complete surveys throughout the summer and into the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The Department understands school districts may not have the capacity or opportunity to collect exit survey data before the end of the current school year and conducting in-person exit surveys with students is unlikely. In lieu of in-person exit surveys, school districts may reach out to students via phone, social media or other methods to obtain permission to participate in the exit survey and responses. Please obtain parent/guardian permission if the student is under age 18 or is not his/her own legal guardian.

Survey packets still will be sent directly to school districts, because each student must be assigned an exit survey with a unique survey number. As explained in the Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study training, a follow-up survey also is included in each student survey packet. The district should keep the follow-up surveys for use during follow-up data collection next school year.

All exit and follow-up survey responses should be logged into the data system as described in the Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study training.

Please keep the immediate health and safety needs of the district personnel, families and students at the forefront when making data collection decisions. Send an email to Amy Szymanski at amy.szymanski@education.ohio.gov if you need to discuss individual data collection needs.

The Office for Exceptional Children will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation and provide districts with the most up-to-date guidance available.

Thank you for all you are doing to maintain high-quality services and supports for Ohio's students with disabilities during this challenging time.