# Ohio's Special Education Rating Process



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# **Ohio's 2024 Special Education Rating Process**

Annually, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (the Department) issues a rating on the performance of the special education program for each district and community school in the state. This is known as the Special Education Rating and meets federal requirements for local education agencies that receive IDEA funding (Section 300.600(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)).

The district rating evaluates the implementation of federal requirements, also called compliance measures, as well as results for students with disabilities. The rating is one of the following:

- Meets Requirements
- Needs Assistance
- Needs Intervention
- Needs Substantial Intervention

Districts regularly submit final special education program data through Ohio's Education Management Information System (EMIS). The Department used data for the 2022-2023 school year to create each district and community school's Special Education Profile. These data are the basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating. Districts and community schools that do not sufficiently complete the Tier 1 monitoring process within the timeline provided (see Table 1) automatically receive a Special Education Rating of "Needs Intervention" and are referred to the Office for Exceptional Children's supports and monitoring team for an IDEA Desk or Monitoring Review.

Table 1. Special Education Profile Tier 1 Monitoring and Special Education Rating Release Timeline

Approximate Date	Tier 1 Monitoring Component
Mid-December	Special Education Profile released
Early January	Disproportionate representation and significant disproportionality in
	identification evaluations and data appeals due
Early February	Investigation of records and data appeals for all other indicators due
Late March	Indicator analysis and improvement plans due
Early May	Individual corrections due
Mid-September	Systemic evidence due
Mid-October	Special Education Rating released

# **Rating Criteria**

The 2024 rating assesses districts' and community school's performance on the following compliance indicators from the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile:

- Discipline discrepancies by race (Indicator 4b)
- Disproportionate representation (Indicators 9 & 10)
- Initial evaluation timelines (Indicator 11)
- Early childhood transition (Indicator 12)
- Secondary transition planning (Indicator 13)
- Timely correction of noncompliance (Indicator 15)

The following compliance measures are also included:

• Valid and reliable data (Indicator 20)



Special education audit findings

Additionally, the 2024 rating assesses districts' and community schools' performance on the following results indicators from the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile:

- Graduation rate for students with disabilities (Indicator 1)
- Dropout rate for students with disabilities (Indicator 2)

#### **Enforcement Actions**

The IDEA Part B regulations at §300.600(a) specifically designate the enforcement actions that states must apply after a district is determined "Needs Assistance" for two consecutive years, "Needs Intervention" for three or more consecutive years, or immediately when a district is determined "Needs Substantial Intervention."

The table below displays the enforcement actions required by the Department for ratings other than "Meets Requirements." In some cases, no action is required because the issues lowering the district's rating have been addressed via required actions in the Special Education Profile.



Category	Enforcement Actions
Needs Assistance	<ul> <li>Refer to the 2024-2025 Special Education Profile to review indicator data.</li> <li>Inform districts of technical assistance available from State Support Teams (SSTs) and other resources.</li> <li>Require a district indicator analysis and improvement plan to address compliance and student results indicator(s) with lower scores.</li> </ul>
Needs Intervention	<ul> <li>Refer to the 2024-2025 Special Education Profile to review indicator data.</li> <li>Inform districts of technical assistance available from State Support Teams (SSTs) and other resources.</li> <li>Require a district indicator analysis and improvement plan to address compliance and student results indicator(s) with lower scores.</li> <li>Refer to the Office for Exceptional Children's Supports &amp; Monitoring team for an IDEA Desk or Monitoring Review if one is not already ongoing.</li> </ul>
Needs Substantial Intervention	<ul> <li>Refer to the 2024-2025 Special Education Profile to review indicator data.</li> <li>Inform districts of technical assistance available from State Support Teams (SSTs) and other resources.</li> <li>Refer to the Office for Exceptional Children's Supports &amp; Monitoring team for an IDEA Desk or Monitoring Review if one is not already ongoing.</li> <li>Withhold, in whole or in part, any Part B funds and require completion of specific corrective actions before release of funds in alignment with the Department's System of Progressive Sanctions, Ohio Revised Code (ORC §3317.01), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004), and federal regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 300.</li> <li>Require intensive SST support.</li> </ul>

The maintenance of effort provisions of IDEA §300.203(b) require districts and community schools to maintain (or increase) the amount of local, or state and local, funds spent for the education of children with disabilities when compared to the preceding fiscal year. When specific criteria are met within a given fiscal year, districts and community schools have the flexibility to reduce their maintenance of effort. According to IDEA §300.205(c), this flexibility is not available to districts or community schools receiving annual Special Education Ratings other than "Meets Requirements."



# **New to the 2024 Special Education Rating**

The 2024 Special Education Rating combines eight measures of procedural compliance with two measures of students' results: graduation rate (indicator 1) and dropout rate (indicator 2). These two results measures were previewed as part of the projected rating issued in October 2023.

# **Calculating the 2024 Special Education Rating**

The 2024 Special Education Rating is based on an average of the compliance score and results score, as well as the results of the indicator monitoring process for the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile. To determine the overall score, the Department:

- Totals the points across the compliance measures and divides that total by the number of compliance measures for which the district has data. The total number of compliance measures can be up to eight and not every district has data for every measure each year. This is the **compliance score**.
- 2) Totals the points across results measures and divides that total by the number of results measures for which the district has data. The total number of results measures can be up to two and not every district has data for every measure each year. This is the **results score**.
- Calculates an average of the compliance score and results score to determine the overall score.

The overall score corresponds to a point range for each rating category. The 2024 Special Education Rating also accounts for the completion of monitoring for the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile. The criteria for each rating is shown in the table below.

2024 Special Education Rating	Criteria
Meets Requirements	Average of Compliance and Results scores of 3.75 – 4.00
Needs Assistance (Year 1)	Average of Compliance and Results scores of 3.00 – 3.74
Needs Assistance (Year 2)	<ul> <li>LEA must meet <i>both</i> of the following criteria:</li> <li>Average of Compliance and Results scores of 3.00 – 3.74; <i>AND</i></li> <li>Rating of <i>Needs Assistance</i> for 2 consecutive years</li> </ul>
Needs Intervention	<ul> <li>LEA must meet at least <i>one</i> of the following criteria:</li> <li>Average of Compliance and Results scores of 1.25 – 2.99; <i>OR</i></li> <li>Rating of <i>Needs Assistance</i> for 3 or more consecutive years; <i>OR</i></li> <li>Failure to complete the indicator monitoring process by the systemic improvement deadline; <i>OR</i></li> <li>Continued noncompliance (defined as two or more consecutive years of uncorrected noncompliance)</li> </ul>
Needs Substantial Intervention	<ul> <li>LEA must meet at least <i>one</i> of the following criteria:</li> <li>Average of Compliance and Results scores of 0.00 – 1.24; <i>OR</i></li> <li>Rating of <i>Needs Intervention</i> for 3 or more consecutive years</li> </ul>



# **Compliance Indicators**

# **Indicator 4b: Discipline Discrepancy by Race**

Indicator 4b measures significant discrepancies, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 cumulative days in a school year for students with disabilities *and* policies, procedures, or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with IDEA discipline requirements.

#### **Target**

The target for Indicator 4b is a rate ratio less than or equal to 2.50 for three consecutive years.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 EMIS year-end discipline and enrollment files, then calculated to identify districts with significant discrepancies. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation

The rate ratio is calculated by dividing the rate for a specific racial group of students with disabilities with more than 10 cumulative days of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions by the rate for students without disabilities.

- The discipline rate for the racial group equals the total full-time equivalency (FTE) of students with disabilities with more than 10 cumulative days of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions within the racial group, divided by the total FTE of students with disabilities within the racial group enrolled in the district, times 100.
- The discipline rate for students without disabilities equals the total full-time equivalency (FTE) of students without disabilities with more than 10 cumulative days of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, divided by the total FTE of students without disabilities within the racial group enrolled in the district, times 100.
- The rate ratio equals the rate for the racial group divided by the rate for the comparison group.

Rate ratios are calculated for the following racial groups: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Multiracial, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and White.

#### Notes

The measurement for Indicator 4b requires the following two steps:

- 1) The Department identifies significant discipline discrepancies in districts with rate ratios greater than 2.50 for three consecutive years, using a minimum cell size of 10 and n-size of 30.
- 2) Districts with significant discipline discrepancies complete an indicator analysis, including a review of policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards. Using the results of this indicator analysis and corresponding records, the Department determines if the district has policies, procedures, or practices that do not comply with IDEA discipline requirements.

Points for Indicator 4b are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.



Indicator 4b Points	Criteria
4	District does not have a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 cumulative days in a school year for students with disabilities <i>and</i> policies, procedures, or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy.
1	District has a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 cumulative days in a school year for students with disabilities <i>and</i> policies, procedures, or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy.
NR	District has zero students who were suspended or expelled for greater than 10 cumulative days and zero students enrolled or does not meet the minimum cell size of 10 or n-size of 30.

# Indicators 9 and 10: Disproportionate Representation in Racial/Ethnic Groups Identified with Disabilities

Indicator 9 measures disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification across all disability categories.

Indicator 10 measures disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups that is the result of inappropriate identification in the following disability categories: Intellectual Disabilities, Specific Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disturbance, Speech or Language Impairments, Other Health Impairment-Minor, and Autism.

Indicators 9 and 10 are combined for the purpose of the Special Education Rating.

#### Target

The target for Indicators 9 and 10 is a risk ratio less than or equal to 2.50 for three consecutive years.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 EMIS year-end enrollment files, then calculated to identify districts with significant risk ratios. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation (Indicator 9)

The example below refers to Indicator 9. To calculate Indicator 10, replace "disabilities" in each statement below with the specific disability category.

The risk ratio is calculated by dividing the risk for a specific racial group of students with disabilities by the risk for students without disabilities of all other races.

- The risk for the racial group equals the total full-time equivalency (FTE) of students with
  disabilities within the racial group divided by the total FTE of students within the racial group
  races times 100.
- The risk for students with disabilities of all other races equals the total full-time equivalency (FTE) of students with disabilities of all other races divided by the total FTE of students of all other races times 100.
- The risk ratio equals the risk for racial group divided by risk for students of all other races.

Risk ratios are calculated for the following racial groups: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Multiracial, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White.

Disproportionate representation is measured across all disability categories (Indicator 9) and within the following specific disability categories (Indicator 10): Autism, Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disabilities, Other Health Impairment-Minor, Specific Learning Disabilities, and Speech or Language Impairments.

#### **Notes**

The measurement for Indicators 9 and 10 requires the following two steps:

- 1) The Department identifies disproportionate representation either across disability categories or within specific disability categories in districts with risk ratios greater than 2.50 for three consecutive years, using a minimum cell size of 10 and n-size of 30.
- 2) Districts with disproportionate representation complete an indicator analysis of policies, procedures, and practices relating to the identification of students with disabilities. Using the



results of this indicator analysis and corresponding records, the Department determines if the disproportionate representation is a result of inappropriate identification.

Points for Indicators 9 and 10 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicators 9 and 10 Points	Criteria
4	District does not have disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification (either across disability categories or within specific disability categories).
1	District has disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification (either across disability categories or within specific disability categories).
NR	District has zero students with disabilities and zero students without disabilities enrolled or does not meet the minimum cell size of 10 or n-size of 30.

# **Indicator 11: Timely Initial Evaluations**

Indicator 11 measures the percentage of children who were evaluated within 60 calendar days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation.

#### **Target**

The target for Indicator 11 is 100 percent.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2022-2023 EMIS year-end Special Education Event Record. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation

Indicator 11 is calculated by taking the number of children whose initial evaluations were completed within 60 calendar days divided by the number of children with parental consent for initial evaluation.

#### Notes

There is no minimum group size used. All districts with at least one initial evaluation in 2022-2023 receive a score for Indicator 11.

Points for Indicator 11 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 11 Points	Criteria (Percentage of children who were evaluated within 60 calendar days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation)
4	95% or higher
3	75 – 94.99%
2	50 - 74.99%
1	0 – 49.99%
NR	0 students with initial evaluations in 2022-2023



# Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition from Part C to Part B

Indicator 12 measures the percentage of children referred to Part C (early intervention services) prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B (preschool services), and who have an IEP implemented by their third birthdays.

#### Target

The target for Indicator 12 is 100 percent.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2022-2023 EMIS year-end Special Education Event Record. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation

Indicator 12 is calculated by taking the number of children with initial IEPs implemented on or before their third birthdays divided by the number of children with preschool transition conferences who are determined eligible for special education services.

#### **Notes**

There is no minimum group size used. All districts with at least one student transition from Part C to Part B in 2022-2023 receive a score for Indicator 12.

Points for Indicator 12 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 12 Points	Criteria (Percentage of children referred to Part C (early intervention services) prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B (preschool services), and who have an IEP implemented by their third birthdays)
4	95% or higher
3	75 – 94.99%
2	50 - 74.99%
1	0 – 49.99%
NR	0 students transitioning from Part C to Part B in 2022-2023



## **Indicator 13: Secondary Transition**

Indicator 13 measures the percentage of students with disabilities age 16 or older with an IEP that includes:

- 1) Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age-appropriate transition assessment.
- 2) Transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals.
- 3) Annual IEP goals related to the student's need for transition services.
- 4) Evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed.
- 5) Evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority.

#### **Target**

The target for Indicator 13 is 100 percent.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2022-2023 EMIS year-end enrollment files and the Special Education Event Record. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation

Indicator 13 is calculated by taking the number of students reported with secondary transition plans in their IEPs divided by the total number of students with disabilities who were 16 during the reporting year.

#### Notes

- There is no minimum group size used. All districts with at least one student with a disability age 16 or above in 2022-2023 receive a score for Indicator 13.
- Although transition planning and services are required beginning at age 14 in Ohio, the federal indicator is specific to students with disabilities age 16 and above.

Points for Indicator 13 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 13 Points	Criteria (Percentage of youth ages 16 or older with an IEP that includes all required transition planning elements)
4	95% or higher
3	75 – 94.99%
2	50 - 74.99%
1	0 – 49.99%
NR	0 students with disabilities of transition age in 2022-2023



# **Indicator 15: Timely Correction of Noncompliance**

Indicator 15 measures timely correction of noncompliance and reflects whether the district corrected all findings of noncompliance within the timelines established by the Department.

#### **Target**

The target for Indicator 15 is no late/uncorrected findings.

#### Data Source

Findings of noncompliance are identified from:

- IDEA monitoring
- Profile monitoring (Indicators 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and significant disproportionality)
- Fiscal reviews
- Selective reviews
- Complaints
- Due process hearings

The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Notes

Indicator 15 is specific to findings made in 2021-2022 and due for correction in 2022-2023.

Points for Indicator 15 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 15 Points	Criteria
4	District corrected all identified noncompliance within timelines or did not receive a finding of noncompliance.
1	District did not correct all identified noncompliance within established timelines.



#### **Indicator 20: Valid and Reliable Data**

Indicator 20 measures whether district-reported data are valid and reliable.

#### Target

The target for Indicator 20 is no data issues.

#### Data Source

Valid and reliable data reporting is evaluated for:

- 1) Graduation rate (Indicator 1)
- 2) Dropout rate (Indicator 2)
- 3) Significant discipline discrepancy (Indicator 4)
- 4) Disproportionate representation in racial/ethnic groups identified with disabilities (Indicators 9 and 10)
- 5) Initial evaluations (Indicator 11)
- 6) Early childhood transition (Indicator 12)
- 7) Secondary transition planning (Indicator 13)
- 8) Alternate assessment participation
- 9) Significant disproportionality (Identification, Placement, and Discipline)
- 10) Other EMIS data reported for students with disabilities

The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Notes

Data are considered inaccurate if student records or other documentation do not match the data reported in EMIS, as determined through reviews completed by the Department.

Points for Indicator 20 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 20 Points	Criteria
4	All data are valid and reliable.
3	One component of 1-10 (above) is not valid and reliable.
2	Two components of 1-10 (above) are not valid and reliable.
1	Three or more components of 1-10 (above) are not valid and reliable.



# **IDEA Audit Finding**

IDEA audit findings measure the severity of audit findings during the 2022-2023 school year.

#### **Target**

No audit findings.

#### Data Source

Single audits conducted by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office during the 2022-2023 school year.

#### **Notes**

- Scores of less than 4 are assigned to districts with IDEA-related audit findings whose reports were released by the Auditor of State by July 1, 2024.
- See Ohio's Special Education Ratings webpage for examples of minor, moderate, and major audit findings.

Points for IDEA audit findings are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Audit Points	Criteria
4	No IDEA audit findings
3	Minor monitoring and/or reporting issues which can be remedied by implementing procedures according to <u>Uniform Guidance</u> .
2	Moderate documentation and/or reporting issues which would require revision of internal financial processes.
1	Major financial tracking issues which would require the initiation of appropriate financial and accounting procedures.
NR	Not audited in 2022-2023.



#### **Results Indicators**

#### **Indicator 1: Graduation Rate**

Indicator 1 measures the percentage of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to graduating by meeting the same requirements as students without disabilities.

#### **Target**

The target for Indicator 1 is 64 percent or greater.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2021-2022 EMIS year-end Student Standing, Special Education Event, Special Education Graduation, Assessment, and Student Detail files. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation

The graduation rate calculation reflects the percentage of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to graduating by meeting the same requirements as students without disabilities, divided by the total number of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education.

#### Notes

- Students with disabilities taking alternate assessments, excused from consequences of standard high school assessments, or graduating by meeting their IEP goals are included in the total number of students with disabilities who left special education (the denominator) but not the number of students with disabilities who graduated with a regular high school diploma (the numerator) for this calculation. These students are not counted as graduates as required for this calculation.
- Points for Indicator 1 are assigned to districts and community schools with at least 10 students with disabilities in the calculation based on the distance from the target.
  - o Districts who meet or exceed the target receive 4 points.
  - Districts who are at or above the average of those who missed the target receive 3 points.
  - From there, points are assigned based on standard deviation from the mean. Standard deviation provides a measure of how much performance varies across the state in relation to the target.
  - o Districts within one standard deviation below the mean receive 2 points.
  - o Districts who are one to two standard deviations below the mean receive 1 point.
  - O Districts who are more than two standard deviations below the mean (e.g., a 0% graduation rate) receive zero points.
  - Districts with fewer than 10 total students with disabilities ages 14-21 exiting special education in 2021-2022 by (a) Graduating with a regular high school diploma; (b) Graduating with a state-defined alternate diploma; (c) Receiving a certificate; (d) Reaching maximum age; or (e) Dropping out, do not receive a score for this indicator. These districts will receive "NR" for not reported.
- The following students on an IEP who graduate with an Ohio diploma are included in the denominator but NOT included in the numerator for this indicator: Students who use IEP goals



to meet curricular requirements, students who take the Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities, students who are exempted from obtaining end-of-course exam or Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disability competency score requirements.

• For more information on how targets were set for this indicator, see the <u>Special Education</u> <u>Indicator Target Setting webpage</u>.

Points for Indicator 1 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 1 Points	Criteria (Percentage of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to graduating by meeting the same requirements as students without disabilities)
4	≥64.00%
3	45.01%-63.99%
2	28.02%-45.00%
1	11.03%-28.01%
0	0.00% -11.02%
NR	<10 students with disabilities exiting special education in 2021-2022

## **Indicator 2: Dropout Rate**

Indicator 2 measures the percentage of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to dropping out.

#### **Target**

The target for Indicator 2 is 15.50 percent or less.

#### Data Source

Data are collected in the 2021-2022 EMIS year-end Student Standing, Special Education Event, Special Education Graduation, and Student Detail files. The basis for the 2024 Special Education Rating is the data reported in the 2023-2024 Special Education Profile.

#### Calculation

The dropout rate calculation reflects the number of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to dropping out, divided by the total number of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education.

#### Notes

- Beginning with the 2015-2016 data, the dropout rate calculation reflects the number of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to dropping out, divided by the total number of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education.
- Points for Indicator 2 are assigned to districts and community schools with at least 10 students with disabilities in the calculation based on the distance from the target.
  - Districts who are at or below the target receive 4 points.
  - Districts who are at or below the average of those who missed the target receive 3 points.
  - From there, points are assigned based on standard deviation from the mean. Standard deviation provides a measure of how much performance varies across the state in relation to the target.
  - o Districts within one standard deviation above the mean receive 2 points.
  - Districts who are one to two standard deviations above the mean receive 1 point.
  - Districts who are more than two standard deviations above the mean (e.g., a 100% dropout rate) receive zero points.
  - Districts with fewer than 10 total students with disabilities ages 14-21 exiting special education in 2021-2022 by (a) Graduating with a regular high school diploma; (b) Graduating with a state-defined alternate diploma; (c) Receiving a certificate; (d) Reaching maximum age; or (e) Dropping out, do not receive a score for this indicator. These districts will receive "NR" for not reported.
- The following students on an IEP who graduate with an Ohio diploma are included in the
  denominator but NOT included in the numerator for this indicator: Students who use IEP goals
  to meet curricular requirements, students who take the Alternate Assessment for Students
  with Significant Cognitive Disabilities, students who are exempted from obtaining end-ofcourse exam or Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disability
  competency score requirements.
- For more information on how targets were set for this indicator, see the <a href="Special Education">Special Education</a> <a href="Indicator Target Setting webpage">Indicator Target Setting webpage</a>.



Points for Indicator 2 are assigned to districts based on the criteria described in the table below.

Indicator 2 Points	Criteria (Percentage of students with disabilities, ages 14 through 21, who exited special education due to dropping out)
4	≤15.50%
3	15.51%-35.80%
2	35.81%-56.77%
1	56.78%-77.74%
0	77.75%-100.00%
NR	<10 students with disabilities exiting special education in 2021-2022

# **Ensure Data Security**

Each district is responsible for managing the security and local access to its rating report data. The data provided are for district use only and are NOT masked. Reports may contain information for group sizes of less than 10 students. Reports are not intended for public distribution. Districts should observe their local policies for security of unmasked data.

# **Appeals Process**

Districts wishing to appeal their ratings must submit a completed 2024 Special Education Rating Appeal Form and supporting documentation to <u>determinations@education.ohio.gov</u> by **November 21, 2024.** The appeal form is available on the Special Education Rating accessed through OH|ID.

# **Public Reporting**

The Department reports annually to the public on the performance of each district's special education program, including the Special Education Rating, on the Department's <u>website</u>. The Department will add the 2024 Special Education Ratings to the *District-Level Special Education Indicator Data* report after the appeals period has concluded.

# **Questions**

Questions about the Special Education Rating may be directed to <a href="mailto:determinations@education.ohio.gov">determinations@education.ohio.gov</a>.

