

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DOE INFORMATION DATABASE REQUIREMENTS VOLUME I:  
AUTOMATED STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM  
AUTOMATED STUDENT DATA ELEMENTS

Year: 2015-16

Data Element Number: **117525**

Data Element Name: **Exceptional Student, IDEA Educational Environments**

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A one character code to identify the educational environment in which a student with disabilities is served. Separate codes are provided for (1) students with disabilities ages 3-5 and (2) students with disabilities ages 6-21. Use codes applicable to the age of the student as of date certain survey 2. For students identified as gifted who are not also identified as disabled use code Z. For all students ages 0-2, use code Z. For all surveys other than survey 2, the element should be z-filled.

**Code**                      **Definition/Example**

**Ages 0-2**

Z                      Use Z For:  
All students with disabilities ages 0-2,  
all students identified as gifted who are not also identified as disabled, and  
students with disabilities ages 6-21 for whom codes C, P, D, F, Or H do not apply.

Placement should be determined as of date certain of survey week. The element is only reported for exceptional students during Survey 2. Districts must Z-fill this element for other survey periods.

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NOTE: FOR ALL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES REPORTED USING ANY OF THE ABOVE CODES, DISTRICTS MUST ALSO REPORT ELEMENTS "TIME WITH NONDISABLED PEERS" AND "TIME TOTAL SCHOOL WEEK."

**Ages 3-5**

A                      Home (ages 3-5 only) - Children with disabilities who do not attend an early childhood program or kindergarten provided in a separate class, separate school, or residential facility, but who receive special education and related services in the principal residence of the child's family or caregivers. Include children who receive special education both at home and in a service provider location.

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B                      Special Education Program in a Residential Facility (ages 3-5 only) -Children with disabilities attending a residential school or residential medical facility on an inpatient basis that includes less than 50 percent nondisabled children.

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J                      Service Provider (ages 3-5 only) - Children with disabilities who do not attend an early childhood program, kindergarten, or special education program provided in a separate class, separate school, or residential facility, who receive all of their special education and related services from a service provider. Examples: speech instruction provided in private clinician's office, clinician's office located in a school building, hospital facility on an outpatient basis, library or other public location.

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K                      Early Childhood Program Receiving the Majority of Special Education Services Inside the Early Childhood Program (ages 3-5 only) - Children with disabilities attending an early childhood program that includes 50 percent or more nondisabled children and who are receiving the majority of special education and related services inside the early childhood program setting. Include any child attending an early childhood program or kindergarten with 50 percent or more nondisabled children for any portion of the week who gets the majority of special education and related services in that program. Examples: Head Start, private preschools, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs, and group child care. Attendance at an early childhood program need not be funded by IDEA, Part B funds.

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L                      Special Education Program at a Regular School Campus or Community Based Setting (ages 3-5 only) – Children with disabilities attending an early childhood program or kindergarten that includes less than 50 percent nondisabled children in a regular school building, in a portable building outside a regular school building, in a community-based setting such as a child care facility, or in a hospital facility on an outpatient basis. Examples: Head Start, private preschools, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs, and group child care. Attendance at an early childhood program need not be funded by IDEA, Part B funds.

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**M** Early Childhood Program Receiving the Majority of Special Education Services Outside the Early Childhood Program (ages 3-5 only) - Children with disabilities attending an early childhood program that includes 50 percent or more nondisabled children and who are receiving the majority of special education and related services outside the early childhood program setting. Include any child attending an early childhood program or kindergarten with 50 percent or more nondisabled children for any portion of the week who gets the majority of special education and related services outside of that program (such as pullout services). Examples: Head Start, private preschools, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs, and group child care. Attendance at an early childhood program need not be funded by IDEA, Part B funds.

**S** Special Education Program in a Separate School (ages 3-5 only) - Children with disabilities attending an early childhood program or kindergarten in a school designed specifically for children with disabilities.

FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AGES 3-5,  
(Including Kindergarten students who are age 5)  
USE ONLY CODES K, L, M, S, B, A, OR J AND DETERMINE WHICH ONE OF THE CODES APPLY.

**Ages 6-21**

**C** Correction Facility (ages 6-21 only) - Students with disabilities receiving special education and related services in Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, county jail or State prison (School Function/Setting D or J in Master School Identification File).

**D** Separate School (ages 6-21 only) - Students with disabilities receiving special education and related services for greater than 50 percent of the school day in non-residential public or private separate day school facilities. (Also known as center schools, where all of the students are disabled.) This would also include students who may attend school at a residential facility but do not live there.

**F** Residential Facility (ages 6-21 only) - Students with disabilities receiving special education and related services, at public expense, for greater than 50 percent of the school day in public or private residential facilities and live in the residential facility during the school week.

**H** Home/Hospital (ages 6-21 only) - Students with disabilities receiving special education and related services at home or in an inpatient hospital program.

**P** Private Schools (ages 6-21 only) - Students with disabilities enrolled by their parents or guardians in regular parochial or other private schools and who receive special education and/or related services at public expense from a local educational agency. Include McKay Scholarship students who have a services plan. Do not include charter school students.

**Z** None of the Above - For these students, educational environment will be calculated using the two elements, Time, Total School Week and Time with Non-disabled Peers found on the Exceptional Student Format.

FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AGES 6-21,  
(Including Kindergarten students who are age 6 or older)  
USE ONLY CODES C, P, D, F, H, OR Z AND DETERMINE WHICH ONE OF THE CODES APPLY.

**Length:** 1

**Data Type:** Alphabetic

**Year Implemented:** 0001

**State Standard:** Yes

**Use Types:**

State Reporting: Yes

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Local Accountability: Yes

FASTER: No

Migrant Tracking: No

**Required Grades:** PK-12

**Programs Required:**

Exceptional Student Education

**Formats Required:**

Exceptional Student DB9 23x

**Surveys Required:**

Survey 1 Default

Survey 2 Yes

Survey 3 Default

Survey 4 Default

Survey 5 Default

**Appendixes:**

None

**Description of Changes:**

7/1/2015 Surveys Required

Survey 7 Removed from Required Surveys

7/1/2015 Codes

Ages 6-21: Added additional language to code C.