

Special Education Data System Video Camera Request Submission

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TEA has added a new submission to the **Special Education Data System Collection, Video Camera Request Submission** with three new entities:

1. Local Education Agency
2. School
3. **New** – SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt

For the **2026–2027** school year, all Special Education Video Camera Requests will be submitted in the **2026–2027** SPEDS Video Camera Request Submission.

New Element for Local Education Agency Entity

SPED Video Camera Reporting (E3165)

SPED Video Camera Reporting indicates whether a local education agency has received any video camera requests for cameras to be placed in special education classrooms from July 1 through June 30.

New Entity

SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt Entity

- Data Elements:
 - School (Reference)
 - RequestId (E3166)
 - CameraRequestReceivedDate (E3167)
 - CameraRequestor (E3168)
 - CameraStatus (E3169)
 - CameraStatusDeterminationDate (E3170)
 - DenialReason (E3171)
 - CameraOperationalDate (E3172)

SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt Entity Elements

- **RequestId (E3166)** indicates the unique identifier for the individual classroom video camera request.
- **CameraRequestReceivedDate (E3167)** indicates the date the LEA received the special education classroom video camera request.

SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt Entity Elements

- **CameraRequestor (E3168) (C374)** indicates the category to which the person belongs who is making the request

Table ID	Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
C374	CameraRequestor	12/01/2025	
Descriptor	Short Description	Long Description	
01	Parent Of Child Who Receives SPED Services	Parent of a child who receives special education services	
02	Staff Member at School or Campus Staff Works	Staff member at the school or campus where the staff member works (exclusive to the classroom working in)	
03	Board of Trustees or Governing Board	Board of Trustees or Governing Board	
04	Principal or Assistant Principal	Principal or Assistant Principal	

Used in the following data element(s):
CameraRequestor

Used in the following entities:
SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt

SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt Entity Elements

- **CameraStatus (E3169) (C375)** indicates if the SPED camera request has been authorized, denied, or withdrawn.
- **CameraStatusDeterminationDate (E3170)** indicates the date the SPED camera request has been authorized, denied, or withdrawn.

SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt Entity Elements

- **DenialReason (E3171) (C376)** indicates the reason the SPED camera request was denied. The LEA should keep documentation of the reason for the denial.

Table ID	Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
C376	DenialReason	12/01/2025	
Descriptor	Short Description	Long Description	
01	Setting Did Not Meet The Criteria	Setting did not meet the criteria	
02	Student Not 50% or More in an Eligible SPED Classroom or Setting	Student who was the subject of a parent's request did not spend 50% or more of their day in an eligible special education classroom or setting	
03	Requestor Not Authorized to Make Request	Request was made by a person not authorized to make the request	
04	Request Classroom Outside Scope of Allowed to Request	Requestor asked for placement of video and audio equipment in a classroom or setting outside the scope of what they are authorized to request under law	
05	Equipment Already in Classroom	Video or audio equipment were already operational in the classroom or setting subject to the request	

Used in the following data element(s):
DenialReason

Used in the following entities:
SPEDVideoCameraRequestExt

- **CameraOperationalDate (E3172)** indicates the date the SPED camera became operational

Promotion Logic

- Promotion Logic is in development
- Simplified Promotion Logic Document expected to be published Fall 2026

Expected Reports

- One detail report at the LEA and ESC levels.
- The report will provide the counts required by statute.
- The report will include:
 - RequestID
 - Number of requests:
 - Made
 - Authorized
 - Denied w/DenialReason descriptor
 - CameraRequestor descriptor
- The report will provide sorting options.

FAQs

SPED Setting Clarification

Does the term “setting” in DenialReason (C376) descriptor 02 also include special education (SPED) transportation services?

No. The DenialReason (C376) descriptor 02: Student Not 50% or More in an Eligible SPED Classroom or Setting, refers only to instructional environments where the student spends 50% or more of their day. Transportation services, such as SPED bus services, are not included.

Camera Request Eligibility

Are only individuals listed in the CameraRequester (C374) descriptor table eligible to submit a special education video camera request?

Yes. Only individuals identified in the CameraRequester descriptor table are authorized to submit a special education video camera request.

Camera Request Eligibility

Can students aged 18 or older submit a camera request on their own behalf?

No. Students are not permitted to submit camera requests on their own behalf.

Camera Request During SPED Evaluation

Can a parent submit a camera request while their child is undergoing special education testing?

No, a parent may submit a camera request only after the Admissions, Review & Dismissal (ARD) committee has determined the special education services a student will receive.

Operational Date for Existing Camera

Would LEAs report a prior year operational date for cameras already installed in classrooms?

No, the data collection for cameras only applies to requests made during the current school year. If a camera is already present in a classroom, any new request for that room would be denied, and no operational date would be required for the existing camera.

Expectations of LEAs to Submit Data

Are all districts and charters expected to submit this data or only those with a request?

Yes. All LEAs (districts and charters), are expected to submit the LocalEducationAgency Entity. Each LEA must indicate **'true'** or **'false'** for the *SPEDSVideoCameraReporting* (E3165) data element to show whether they received any requests for video cameras in special education classrooms.

Calendar Data in SPEDS Video Camera Requests

Will the SPEDS Video Camera Request Submission reference the campus calendar data submitted in PEIMS Summer?

No, the three reported dates within the submission are defined in TEDS as “a school business day,” which includes any day when the campus or district administrative offices are open. There will be no validation check against calendar data to ensure a school business day is reported.

TEAL Roles Needed

Will the SPEDS Video Camera Request Submission require additional roles or privileges in TEAL?

No, access to SPEDS Video Camera Request will be attached to the existing SPEDS Access privilege. The SPEDS Access privilege will grant access to both the SPEDS Summer and SPEDS Video Camera Request submissions.

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