Special Education December Count Timeline 2026-2027

Date	Event	Event Description
9/1/2026	**Open**	Staff Interchange Open – Staff Profile and Staff Assignment files may be uploaded in the Data Pipeline
10/12/2026	**Open**	Special Education IEP Interchange Open – Child and Participation files may be uploaded in the Data Pipeline
10/30/2026	**Interim Deadline**	IEP and Staff Files have been uploaded at least once by this date
11/02/2026	**Open**	Special Education December Count Snapshot Open – AUs may begin creating snapshots in Data Pipeline
12/01/2026	**Count Date**	Official annual count date
12/18/2026	**Interim Deadline**	IEP and Staff Interchange files error free and at least 1 December Count Snapshot created by this date
1/29/2027	**Interim Deadline**	Date for AUs to have a complete and error-free Special Education December Count Snapshot
2/01/2027 - 2/05/2027	**Report Review**	Review Staff reports, Student reports, and SAM reports and warnings. This is an opportunity to review your reports and warnings in detail and make any corrections necessary to ensure you are reporting valid and reliable data.
2/05/2027	**Interim Deadline**	Date for AUs to have a complete and error-free Special Education December Count Snapshot in Data Pipeline
2/08/2027 - 2/09/2027	**Other Date**	CDE to run duplicate checks on student data
2/10/2027 - 2/17/2027	**Other Date**	AU and district personnel work together to adjust the IEP and staff files to resolve all duplicate and data validity issues
2/17/2027	**Interim Deadline**	Date by which Administrative Units must have resolved all duplicates and created an error-free snapshot
02/18/2027 - 02/19/2027	**Final Report Review**	Final review of staff, student, and SAM reports prior to submission
02/19/2027	**Final Deadline**	Date by which the Special Education December Count Snapshot must be approved in the Data Pipeline and reports uploaded in the ESSU Data Management System. • Approve final Special Education December Count Snapshot in the Data Pipeline by clicking “Submit to CDE” button • Upload 15 signed reports and Flag Explanation document (if necessary) to the DMS. • Signed reports are uploaded to the *Data Management System* under the ESSU DMS Documents Upload tab. Please tag the file with the corresponding data collection name.

Collection Event Definitions

Event	Definition
Open	Collection is available for LEAs.
Other Date	An important date for the data collection as determined by the collection lead. More information is provided in the event description.
Training Event	Opportunity for data respondents to learn more details for the collection.
Interim Deadline	LEAs should meet these criteria by this point in time; if not complete, then notification is required with frequent check-ins by the collection lead until the criteria is met.
Report Review	LEAs should use this time to review reports prior to the deadline. Typically, one week prior to the deadline.
Deadline*	LEAs must finalize by this time as set by the collection lead.
State Deadline**	LEAS must finalize by this time as set by legislation.
Data Release	Education statistics based upon this collection are publicly released and the embargo is lifted for this dataset.
Closed	Collection is no longer available for LEAs.

**Extensions may be granted due to extreme circumstances as determined by the collection lead.*
***Extensions are not allowed as this deadline is set in legislation.*