

## Definitions for Open Data – Student Headcount by Disabilities and Diverse Abilities Category

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	<p>This extract contains a headcount of students by Disabilities and Diverse Abilities category.</p> <p>The information is available at the provincial, district and school levels, and is based upon September enrolment data collections.</p> <p>The data in this table begins with the school year 1996/1997. Independent school level data is only available from the 2013/2014 school year onward, which is when the ministry began requiring the information through its <a href="#">1701 Data Collections</a> (see <b>History of Special Needs Data Collection</b> document for more information).</p>
[Technical Notes]	<p>Although students can register at more than one school, headcount reports are constructed by assigning each individual to only one school – often referred to as the ‘authority school’. This is done to avoid counting a student more than once.</p> <p>From 2006/2007 onwards, an authority school is primarily determined by the September enrolment collection record where the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) count for a student is highest (e.g., the student takes most of their classes at that school). Prior to 2006/2007, facility type was the key factor used to determine ‘authority school’ (e.g., standard school enrolments are given priority over distance learning school enrolments).</p> <p>For historical information, including changes to and additions of new categories, see the companion document <b>History of Special Needs Data Collection</b>.</p>
[Key References]	<p><a href="#">Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ministry of Education: September K-12 Data Collection</a>  <i>The Instructions for Form 1701 (PDF) documents are a particularly helpful resource for understanding this data.</i></p> <p><a href="#">Public</a>      <a href="#">Independent/Offshore</a></p> <p><a href="#">Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines</a></p> <p><a href="#">Special Education Services Category Checklists – 2010</a></p> <p><a href="#">K-12 Funding - Special Needs</a></p>
SCHOOL_YEAR	<p>The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30.</p> <p>For this dataset, the earliest school year is '1996/1997'.</p>

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DATA_LEVEL	<p>Use this column to select counts at the province-, district-, or school-level.</p> <p>Values:            'Province Level'            'District Level'            'School Level'</p>
PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	<p>Use this column to select only public schools, independent schools, or both school types.</p> <p>Values:            'BC Independent School'            'BC Public School'            'Province-Total' (= a rollup of both school types)</p>
DISTRICT_NUMBER	<p>The current number of the school district. This does not include independent school authorities.</p> <p>This value is a 3-digit string (e.g., 005, 023). However, leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with the Special Needs Headcount extract</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.</p>
DISTRICT_NAME	<p>The current name of the school district or independent school authority.</p> <p>For the number of the school district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.</p>
SCHOOL_NUMBER	<p>The current eight-digit numerical identifier assigned to the school by the Ministry of Education. This is also known as the Mincode ("Ministry Code").</p> <p>The first three digits are often the district number (geographic district number). However, leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with the Special Needs Headcount extract</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NAME.</p>
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DIVERSE_NEEDS_CODE	<p>The single-letter code for the Disabilities or Diverse Abilities category into which students are enrolled, according to the September enrolment collection for that school year.</p> <p>Values:</p> <p>'A' (= Physically Dependent)</p> <p>'B' (= Deafblind)</p> <p>'C' (= Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability)</p> <p>'D' (= Physical Disability/Chronic Health Impairment)</p> <p>'E' (= Visual Impairment)</p> <p>'F' (= Deaf or Hard of Hearing)</p> <p>'G' (= Autism Spectrum Disorder)</p> <p>'H' (= Intensive Behaviour Interventions/Serious Mental Illness)</p> <p>'J' (= former name of Category Q – Learning Disability)</p> <p>'K' (= Mild Intellectual Disability)</p> <p>'M' (= former name of Moderate Behaviour Support, which is now incorporated into Category R)</p> <p>'N' (= former name of Mental Illness, which is now incorporated into Category R)</p> <p>'P' (= Gifted)</p> <p>'Q' (= Learning Disability, formerly category J)</p> <p>'R' (= Moderate Behaviour Support/Mental Illness, formerly categories M and N)</p>
DIVERSE_NEEDS_DESCRIPTION	<p>The full name for the Disabilities or Diverse Abilities category into which students are enrolled, according to the September enrolment collection for that school year.</p> <p>Values:</p> <p>'Autism Spectrum Disorder'</p> <p>'Behaviour Disorder – Moderate'</p> <p>'Behaviour Disorder – Rehabilitation'</p> <p>'Deaf or Hard of Hearing'</p> <p>'Deafblind'</p> <p>'Gifted'</p> <p>'Intensive Behaviour Interventions or Serious Mental Illness'</p> <p>'Learning Disability'</p> <p>'Mild Intellectual Disability'</p> <p>'Moderate Behaviour Support / Mental Illness'</p> <p>'Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability'</p> <p>'Physical Disability or Chronic Health Impairment'</p> <p>'Physically Dependent'</p> <p>'Severe Learning Disabilities'</p> <p>'Visual Impairment'</p>
NUMBER_OF_STUDENTS	<p>The total number of students reported in the Disabilities or Diverse Abilities category.</p>