Definitions for Open Data – Student Headcount by Grade

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	This extract contains data on the headcount of students by grade at the provincial, district, and school levels, based upon September enrolment data collections. The data in this table begins with school year 1991/1992.
[Technical Notes]	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. 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). The data extracts are split into three documents to maintain manageable files sizes. **Homeschooled Children** Homeschooled children are required to register with a public, francophone, distributed learning or independent school. However, they are not enrolled a school and so are excluded from student statistics. Instead, see **Headcount of Homeschooled Children** in the catalogue. **School Age and Adult Students** School Age student enrolments, those students who are between the age of 5 by December 31st and 19 on or after July 1st of the current school year, are included in this dataset. Adult students (i.e., over the age of 19) are also included.
[Key References]	Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms Kindergarten-12 Data Collections Ministry of Education: Homeschooling Policy Special Education Services: Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada: Kindergarten to grade 12 education

Column	Definition
SCHOOL_YEAR	The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30. For this data set, the earliest school year is '1991/1992'.
DATA_LEVEL	Use this column to select results at the province-, district-, or school-level. Values: 'Province Level' 'District Level' 'School Level'
PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	Use this column to select only public schools, independent schools, or both school types. Values: 'BC Independent School' 'BC Public School' 'Province-Total' (= a rollup of both school types)
DISTRICT_NUMBER	The number of the school district. This does not include independent school authorities. 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 the *Working with the Student Headcount by Grade extract from Data BC* guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening. For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.
DISTRICT_NAME	The name of the school district or independent school authority. For the number of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.
SCHOOL_NUMBER	The eight-digit numerical identifier assigned to the school by the Ministry of Education. This is also known as the MINCODE ("Ministry Code"). 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 the *Working with the Student Headcount by Grade extract from Data BC* guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening. For the actual name of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NAME.

Column	Definition
SCHOOL_NAME	The name of the school. For the number of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NUMBER.
FACILITY_TYPE	The facility type describes the type of program offered and the way in which it is delivered. Values: 'All Facility Types' 'Alternate' 'Continuing Education' 'Long Term PRP' 'Online Learning' 'Standard' 'Youth Custody'
GRADE	The grade of the student. If the student is not in a specific grade, the student is labelled as ungraded, either elementary or secondary. Ungraded categories include students who are taking courses at a number of levels and whom the school personnel do not consider to be in a specific grade. Values '1' through '12' 'All Elementary' (= a roll-up of Grades K-7, including elementary ungraded) 'All Grades' (= a roll-up of all grades including ungraded and Graduated Adults) 'All K' (= a roll-up of all KF and KH) 'All Secondary' (= a roll-up of all Grades 8-12, including secondary ungraded) 'Elementary Ungraded' 'Graduated Adult' 'KF' (= Kindergarten full-time) 'KH' (= Kindergarten half-time) 'Secondary Ungraded'
TOTAL_STUDENTS	The total student headcount.
INDIGENOUS_STUDENTS	The total headcount of students who self-identified as being of Indigenous ancestry.
NON_INDIGENOUS_STUDENTS	The total headcount of students who did not self-identify as being of Indigenous ancestry.
ELL_STUDENTS	The total headcount of students who were identified as receiving an English Language Learning program.

Column	Definition
NON_ELL_ STUDENTS	The total headcount of students who were not identified as receiving an English Language Learning program.
FRENCH_IMMERSION_ STUDENTS	The total headcount of students who were identified as receiving a French Immersion program.
NON_FRENCH_IMMERSION_STUDENTS	The total headcount of students who were not identified as receiving a French Immersion program.
DISABILITIES_OR_DIVERSE_ABILITIES_STUDENTS	The number of students enrolled in a Disabilities or Diverse Abilities (formerly Special Needs) category.
NON_DISABILITIES_OR_DIVERSE_ ABILITIES_STUDENTS	The number of students not enrolled in a Disabilities or Diverse Abilities (formerly Special Needs) category.
RESIDENT_ STUDENTS	The total headcount of resident students.
NON_RESIDENT_ STUDENTS	The total headcount of non-resident students.
ADULT_ STUDENTS	The total headcount of adult students.