Definitions for Open Data – Headcount by Calendar Type

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	This extract contains student headcount by different school calendar types at the provincial and district 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).
[Key References]	Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms Ministry of Education: September K-12 Data Collection *The Instructions for Form 1701 (PDF) documents are a particularly helpful resource for understanding this data.* Public Independent/Offshore Ministry of Education: Homeschooling Special Education Services: A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines
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-or district-level. Values: 'Province Level' and 'District 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)

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DISTRICT_NUMBER	The current 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 *Working with the Headcount by Calendar Type 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.
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CALENDAR_TYPE	The school year calendar organization of the school. Values: 'Part 10 Month, Part Semester' (= Some subjects are taught on a 10-month basis, while others are taught over shorter periods) 'Quarters' (= All subjects are taught on a quarterly basis) 'Ten-Month year' (= All subjects are taught on a 10-month basis) 'Three Semesters' (= All subjects are taught on a three-term basis) 'Two Semesters' (= All subjects are taught on a 5-month basis) 'Other' (= None of the above categories apply. Distributed Learning schools are instructed to indicate 'Other' if they offer 12-month continuing enrolments.) '(Unspecified)'
NUMBER_OF_STUDENTS	The headcount of unique students in a jurisdiction (provincial or district) enrolled in schools following a certain calendar type.