Definitions for Open Data - Headcount of Homeschooled Children

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	This extract contains a headcount of school age children that are registered with a public, francophone, distributed learning or independent school as homeschooled. The information is available at the provincial, district and school levels, and is based upon the Ministry of Education's September K-12 student level data collections (Form 1701). The data in this table begins with school year 1991/1992.
[Technical Notes]	Homeschooled children may be registered by the parent or guardian with any school of choice that is operating in British Columbia. A child entitled to enrol in Grades K-9 may either enrol in an educational program with a board of education or register for homeschooling at any school in the province, but not both. A person entitled to enrol in Grades 10 through 12 may register for homeschooling at any school in the province, and also enrol as a student for course(s) in one or more distributed learning schools or programs. However, a person who enrols in Grade 10 through 12 courses offered through a regular school program cannot also register as a homeschooler.
[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 Ministry of Education: Homeschooling Policy Ministry of Education: Distributed Learning – Policy for homeschoolers
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'

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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 Headcount of Homeschooled Children extract* 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 current name of the school district or independent school authority. For the number of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.
SCHOOL_NUMBER	The current 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 *Working with _* guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening. For the actual name of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NAME.
SCHOOL_NAME	The current name of the school. For the number of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NUMBER.
TOTAL_HOME_SCHOOL_COUNT	The total number of individual homeschoolers that were registered by September 30th.