

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Finance Officers
District Technology Directors
District PowerSchool Coordinators

FROM: Joshua R. Byers
District Financial Services Manager

DATE: March 24, 2026

RE: 135-Day Data Verification

The 135-day membership collection opens **March 30, 2026** and closes **April 21, 2026**. The [Student Data Membership Counts](#) and [Student Data Accountability Counts](#) webpages will serve as the official sources for determining district funding. The links update daily at 12:30 p.m. based on PowerSchool data published to Ed-Fi by 8:00 p.m. the prior day. Districts may revise data during the collection window.

The **district CFO must certify 135th-day funding data by April 21, 2026**, using the [FY26 135-Day Data Verification](#) link.

To access school- and district-level reports, follow these steps in order. Both report types default to Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Report Cycle 135-day:

1. Report Options – Choose “School”
2. District – Check your district box
3. School – Choose “Select All” – your district totals will also appear in this selection of reports at the end.

Important Notes on Weighting:

- Pupils in Poverty (PIP) are identified per Proviso 1.3, using data from the District Child Nutrition Application, Socioeconomic Indicator (SEI), and PowerSchool. Upload the SEI file before running the Add-On Weightings Update and creating the extract.

- Import the updated Academic Assistance file into PowerSchool and publish (all) Student Enrollments to Ed-Fi.
- Students in grades 9-12 enrolled in an approved CTE course are eligible for Career and Technology Education weighting.
- For the current fiscal year, the 250-minute specialized instruction requirement for special education weighting in State Aid to Classrooms is waived. Any public school student with an active IEP may receive the weighting, regardless of instructional minutes. (Proviso 1.62)
- Students in the special education categories of Profoundly Mentally Handicapped (PMD), Developmentally Delayed (DD), Other Health Impaired (OHI), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) must be coded in the most descriptive category, NOT the roll-up category for weighting. The SCDE Financial Portal will combine the number of days with the correct classification.

District PowerSchool and IT leaders have access to detailed guidance on PowerSchool coding and troubleshooting procedures. For support with these items, please contact powerschool@ed.sc.gov.

If you have any questions, please email Joshua Byers at jrbyers@ed.sc.gov.