Essential Elements

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| Indicator Description: |
| Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification. |
| Measurement:[[1]](#footnote-2) |
| Percent = [(# of districts, that meet the state-established n- and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups, with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification) divided by the (# of districts in the state that meet the state-established n- and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups)] times 100.  Include State’s definition of “disproportionate representation.” Please specify in your definition: 1) the calculation method(s) being used (i.e., risk ratio, weighted risk ratio, e-formula, etc.); and 2) the threshold at which disproportionate representation is identified. Also include, as appropriate, 3) the number of years of data used in the calculation; and 4) any minimum cell and/or n-sizes (i.e., risk numerator and/or risk denominator).  Consider using multiple methods in calculating disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups to reduce the risk of overlooking potential problems. Describe the method(s) used to calculate disproportionate representation.  If the State has established a minimum n- and/or cell size requirement, the State may only include, in both the numerator and the denominator, districts that met that State-established n- and/or cell size. If the State used a minimum n and/or cell size requirement, report the number of districts totally excluded from the calculation as a result of this requirement because the district did not meet the minimum n- and/or cell size for any racial/ethnic group.  Provide the number of districts that met the state-established n- and/or cell size (if applicable) for one or more racial/ethnic groups identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services and the number of those districts identified with disproportionate representation that is the result of inappropriate identification. |
| Target Setting: This is a compliance indicator. If the State reported less than 100% compliance for the previous reporting period (e.g., for the FFY 2016 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR), the data for FFY 2015), and the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance. |
| Target must be 0%. |
| [GRADS360°](https://osep.grads360.org/#program) Reporting Information: Describe login information, location of manual, etc. |
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| Data Stewards: Provide titles and names, contact information, department, and any notes on persons responsible for collections, validation, analysis, and submission. If there are multiple parties responsible or involved in the process, list them all. |
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| Data Source Description: Provide a short description of the database or data system your state uses to process data for this indicator. Consider connecting to 618 data protocol for description of data. |
| Provide state’s analysis, based on State’s Child Count data collected under IDEA section 618, to determine if the disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services was the result of inappropriate identification.  Provide racial/ethnic disproportionality data for all children aged 6 through 21 served under IDEA, aggregated across all disability categories.  Suggested ED*Facts* files: FS002—Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School Age and Monitoring  FS052—Membership  Report on the percent of districts in which disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services is the result of inappropriate identification, even if the determination of inappropriate identification was made after the end of the reporting period (i.e., after June 30 of the reporting year). |
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| State Collection and Submission Schedule: Provide a list of dates necessary for this data collection, including when the data collection period opens, when data are due from the local education agencies (LEAs), and when assigned staff pull the data after the collection closes. |
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Processes

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| Collection: Provide detailed information about the origin and collection of the data, including titles of persons responsible. |
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| Data Validation:Describe the data cleaning processes and any other processes your state uses to ensure high-quality data. |
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| Data Analysis:[[2]](#footnote-3) Describe the process for data analysis. |
| Describe the state’s process for making its annual determination that the disproportionate overrepresentation it identified of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services was the result of inappropriate identification as required by §§300.600(d)(3) and 300.602(a) (e.g., using monitoring data, reviewing policies, practices, and procedures, etc.). |
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| Response to OSEP-Required Actions: Describe the procedures for reviewing Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) feedback. Following the release of the OSEP determination, indicate who reviews OSEP feedback and how assigned staff make the plan to address concerns and create a response. |
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| Report on Correction of Identified Noncompliance: Decribe the databases, sources, and persons responsible for conducting the verification of correction reported in the previous State Performance Plan Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). |
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| Internal Approval Process: Describe any internal approval processes (e.g., who must sign off, timelines). |
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| Submission: Describe process for entering the data and analyses into [GRADS360](https://osep.grads360.org/#program)o. Include information about the person authorized to certify the final report. |
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| Clarification:[[3]](#footnote-4) Describe the process your state uses to prepare a response to OSEP’s request for clarification. |
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| Data Governance: Describe the process for reviewing potential or actual future changes to the data collection and associated requirements. |
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| Public Reporting: Describe the process and format for publicly reporting the performance of each LEA against the target of the state’s SPP/APR data. Note where the state posts the state education agency (SEA) and LEA SPP/APR data. |
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1. **Measurement:** Part B Indicator Measurement Table 2018, for FFY 2016 submission. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Data Analysis: Review data year to year, looking for patterns statewide and within LEAs, outliers, whether targets are met or not met, and slippage. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. **Clarification:** OSEP generally sends clarification requests to states about 60 days postsubmission. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)