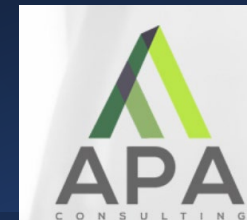


CSFP January Advisory Meeting Update

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Support Children - Support The Future



Interim Committee Update

- Poverty Study results/recommendations
- Bills Drafted:
 - Special Education
 - At-risk definition
 - Mill Levy Override State Matching
 - State Land Trust changes (still in progress)

Supplemental Process

- Student Count
 - Enrollment
 - At-risk
 - ELL



Method for Counting Students – Key Terms

Membership	Number of students enrolled for given day/period
Attendance	number of students present for given day/period
Single count	count of students on a specific day
Multiple counts	count of students on more than one specific day
Average (short period):	the average count of students over a short period
Average (long period):	the average count of students over a longer period

Membership vs. Attendance

- Membership counts tend to produce the highest student counts, while Attendance tends to be at a lower rate.
 - Membership is more closely linked to the students that districts are held accountable for within state accountability systems
- High-need districts tend toward increased absenteeism rates and can be negatively impacted by attendance count policies.
 - States like Arizona have moved away from attendance in part due to this concern
 - Attendance counts may also provide a perverse incentive to ensure students attend class even when sick

Declining/Growth

- To address declining enrollment, some states use an average across years (of count days, windows or annual figures).
- To address growth, some states make adjustments for when current year student counts are higher than the prior or proceeding years to address growth (Utah's approach).

Legislative Update

- Budget Stabilization Factor Bills
 - Governor's approach
 - Potential bills
- Preschool
- Student Count
 - ADA or ADM – averaging?
- Giving PPR \$s to non-public school students
- What have others heard