

# ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

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## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), I hereby request the following public records from the Illinois State Board of Education. I am requesting records that are maintained, collected, or reported to ISBE by Illinois public school districts as part of state and federal compliance reporting obligations.

### RECORDS REQUESTED:

#### 1. IEP IDENTIFICATION RATES BY DISTRICT

The current special education (IDEA Part B) identification rate for each Illinois public school district — expressed as the percentage of the total student population identified as eligible for special education services. Please provide data for the most recent five school years available (2019-20 through 2023-24 or most recent equivalent).

#### 2. WRITTEN CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION INITIATION

Any statewide written criteria, guidance documents, policy memos, or administrative directives issued by ISBE to districts regarding the threshold or criteria for initiating a special education evaluation under IDEA. This includes any Child Find guidance issued in the past five years.

#### 3. SPECIAL EDUCATION EXIT DATA BY DISTRICT

The number and percentage of students exiting special education by district for each of the past five school years, disaggregated by exit reason (graduated, returned to general education without services, dropped out, aged out, other).

#### 4. INTERVENTION VENDOR CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES

Any contracts, memoranda of understanding, or vendor agreements between ISBE and third-party assessment or intervention providers (including but not limited to Pearson, NWEA, Renaissance Learning, or similar companies) currently in effect or executed in the past five years, including total contract value and scope of services.