THE ANNUAL COUNT PROCESS Local Educational Agencies

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VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community





State Board of Education STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



ALL Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All **Assessed Areas**

EVERY School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders





EVERY Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

EVERY Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes





EVERY Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

EVERY School and District is Rated "C" or Higher



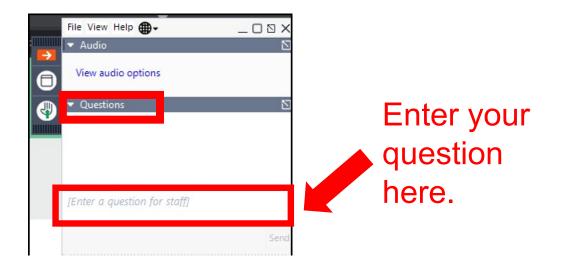


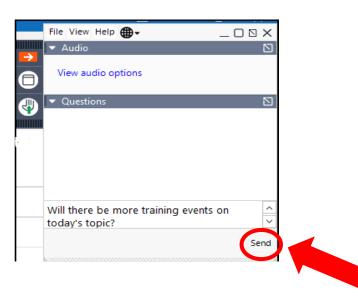




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Please ask questions throughout the presentation via questions.





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- This session will be recorded to increase availability and access to LEAs.
- Recording will be available as a resource.
- The Annual Count Webinar will be uploaded in MCAPS, the MDE Document Library, and the Annual Count folder.



- Purpose of the Annual Count
- Requirements
- Process
- Survey
- Checklist
- Questions



- The goal of this session is to provide LEAs with an overview of Annual Count Survey process.
- Our objective is to have all LEAs submit accurate data on the Annual County Survey.



What is the Annual Count?



To provide the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) with accurate information on:

- the location and number of neglected or delinquent children residing in local institutions or local adult correctional facilities; and
- the location and number of neglected or delinquent children enrolled in a regular program of instruction in eligible Stateoperated institutions, adult correctional institutions, and community day programs.



- Annual requirement which determines the amount of funds to be allocated to Mississippi by the U.S.
 Department of Education
- Involves state coordinators working with state educational agency (SEA) and local educational agency (LEA) subgrantees and their respective facilities and programs



Local Educational Agency (LEA)

- The annual count of students who are neglected generates funds for Title I, Part A Neglected Mandatory Set-Aside (neglected facility).
- The annual count of students who are delinquent generates funds for Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 (delinquent facility).



An *institution for* **neglected children and youth** is a public or private residential facility, **other than a foster home**, that is operated for the care of children and youth who have been committed to the institution or voluntarily placed in the institution **under applicable State law due to** (1) **abandonment**; (2) **neglect**; or (3) **death of their parents or guardians**.

ESEA Sec. 1432(4)(A)



An *institution for delinquent children and youth* is a public or private residential facility, **other than a foster home**, that is operated for the care of children and youth who have been **adjudicated delinquent or in need of supervision**.

ESEA Sec. 1432(4)(B)



- Facilities must be designated as either neglected or delinquent institutions. They cannot be both.
- All eligible students in a facility share the same designation. They are either all neglected students or all delinquent students.
- One facility cannot report both neglected and delinquent students, but both types of students can be served.



Requirements

Annual Count for LEAs



LEA Eligibility

LEA must serve children and youth in locally operated Neglected or Delinquent facilities, including public or private institutions.

Facility Eligibility

- 1. Must be locally operated facilities that meet the definition of an institution for children who are neglected, an institution for children who are delinquent, or an adult correctional institution.
- 2. Facilities must be properly designated as either a neglected <u>or</u> delinquent institution.
- 3. Facilities must properly count their neglected <u>or</u> delinquent children according to its designation. (For example, a delinquent institution counts all children who are neglected or delinquent as delinquent.)



Count Window

Children and youth must be residents of a live-in institution or facility for at least 1 day within the 30-day count window (one day of which must be in October).

Child or Youth Eligibility

- 1. Children and youth must be 5 to 17 years of age during the count window.
- 2. Children and youth should not be counted in the State agency Annual Count or other Title I funding stream count.
- 3. Each unique case is counted. (If a child or youth is enrolled at the beginning of the count window, is released, and is re-enrolled later in the count window, he or she should be counted twice.)



Process

Annual Count



Step 1: Determine facility eligibility.

a) Obtain a copy of the facility's MOU or Charter that verifies its eligibility.

OR

b) If a charter can not be provided, obtain a letter on letterhead that **MUST** describe the facility's services, population served, admission criteria and how it meets the definition of an eligible facility based on the federal definition, if the charter is unavailable with the original, appropriate signature(s)

AND

c) Include supporting documentation of facility eligibility such as the facility's webpages or brochure.

AND

d) Verify that the facility provides basic educational services.



Step 2: Determine the count window.

- The window must be 30 consecutive days of which <u>one</u> day is in October.
- Examples of count windows include but are not limited to:
 - September 2 October 1, 2021
 - September 30 October 29, 2021
 - October 2 October 31, 2021



Step 3: Determine child or youth eligibility.

- a) Obtain supporting documentation of eligible children and youth, such as, student names, dates of birth, and entry/exit dates.
 - Children and youth must be 5 to 17 years of age and live in the institution for at least one day during the 30-day count window.
- b) Capture the *Placement Type such as court, parent, or other entity.* **Exclude** from the count any child or youth **placed** in the facility by an entity **other than the court**.



Step 3: Determine child or youth eligibility. (continued)

- c) Children and youth who are also not counted in the State agency Annual Count or other Title I funding stream.
- d) Each unique case is counted. If a child or youth enrolled at the beginning of the count window is released and re-enrolled later in the count window, he or she should be counted twice.



Step 4: Complete the Annual Count survey. Be sure to include only the verified counts.

- a) A separate survey **MUST** be completed for <u>each</u> eligible facility in the local attendance area.
- b) A survey MUST be completed even if the LEA does not have an eligible facility in the local attendance area.



Step 5: Supporting Documentation

If a student count is submitted, the LEA must collect and upload the documents below into the MCAPS FY22 LEA Document Library under LEA Documents and placed in the Annual Count Documentation folder. This includes:

- 1) a copy of the MOU or charter (if a charter can not be produced a letter provided by the facility (*refer to Step 1*))
- 2) a student roster with the required information (refer to Step 3)



Step 5: Supporting Documentation (continued)

- 3) a copy of the facility's webpages or brochures, if available
- 4) verification that the facility provides basic educational services
- 5) If there is a change in the LEA's annual count submission from last year, a letter of explanation is required.
 - A change is defined as any increase or decrease in the annual count as compared to last year.
 - These changes may be a result of a new facility opening, a facility closing, relocation of youth from another facility, etc.

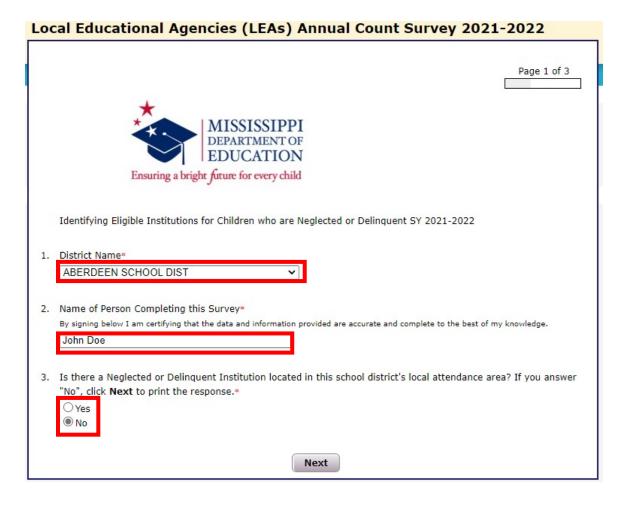


Survey

Annual Count



LEA Annual Count Survey



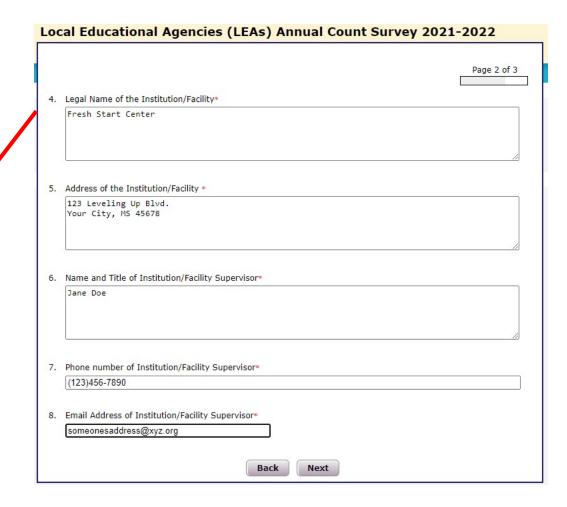




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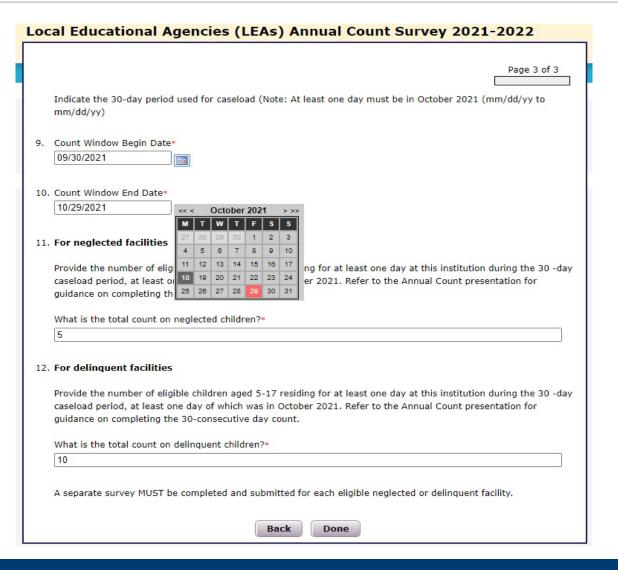


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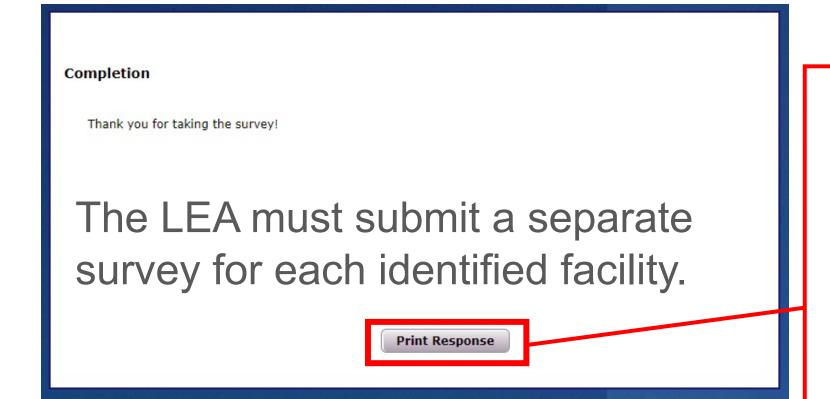




LEA Annual Count Survey







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Checklist

Annual Count



- 1) Complete the Annual Count Survey.
- 2) Gather and upload the supporting documentation into the MCAPS FY22 LEA Document Library under LEA Documents and placed in the Annual Count folder. Do NOT submit student data via email to the Title I, Part A- Neglected and Title I, Part D- Delinquent Coordinator.
- 3) The deadline for submission of the survey and upload of supporting documentation is **November 19, 2021**.





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