COLORADO
Department of Education

2026-2027 Special Education IEP Interchange – Child File

Purpose:

CSI clarifications and additions are in green font in this document

The purpose of the Special Education Child File is to capture and verify the attributes of students referred to or in special education in your Administrative Unit.

Dependencies:

- Student has been assigned a SASID (if required) and updated in the RITS system. If SASID is not required, record must have a LASID.
- Student's LASID should match the LASID reported by the district in the Student Interchange Demographic file to ensure demographic information is pulled into the snapshots from the district file.

Record Expectation:

Report a record for each student who was referred to, evaluated, and/or received Special Education services in your Administrative Unit or State Operated Program at any point during the reporting period. This should include resident students who are eligible for services regardless of where they receive services.

Use Summary:

Fields from this file are used in the following CDE Collections, which require LEA/AU effort:
Special Education December Count, Special Education End of Year, Special Education Discipline

File Notes:

- Changes compared to the prior year are emphasized with yellow shading.
- Deleted text compared to the prior year is shown with ~~text style subtle reference.~~
- *Indicates primary key
- **Zero fill all non-applicable data fields**
- A header row is required for .csv and .xlsx files



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Data Field List:

Ensure SASID matches what is in RITS for First Name, Last Name, DOB, and Gender.
Check at: https://www.cde.state.co.us/idm/rits

Name of Field	Field Length	Text Start Position	Text End Position	CSV Order	Excel Column	Example(s)	Remarks
Administrative Unit/SOP Code*	5	1	5	1	A2	00000	Valid 5-digit AU code 80010
Student's State ID (SASID) *	10	6	15	2	B2	0000000000	Validated against RITS
Local ID (LASID) *	10	16	25	3	C2	0000000000	Locally assigned 10-digit Student ID
Student's First Name	30	26	55	4	D2	Valid name	Validated against RITS
Student's Middle Name	30	56	85	5	E2	Valid name	Use NMN for students with no middle name
Student's Last Name	30	86	115	6	F2	Valid name	Validated against RITS
Student's Gender	2	116	117	7	G2	01	Validated against RITS
Student's Date of Birth	8	118	125	8	H2	MMDDYYYY	Validated against RITS
ELL Status	1	126	126	9	I2	0	yes-1 or no-0
Hispanic or Latino	1	127	127	10	J2	0	yes-1 or no-0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	128	128	11	K2	0	yes-1 or no-0
Asian	1	129	129	12	L2	0	yes-1 or no-0
Black or African American	1	130	130	13	M2	0	yes-1 or no-0
White	1	131	131	14	N2	0	yes-1 or no-0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	132	132	15	O2	0	yes-1 or no-0
South Asian	1	133	133	16	P2	0	New 2026-2027
Middle Eastern or North African	1	134	134	17	Q2	0	New 2026-2027
Student's District of Residence Must be district they reside in, not 8001 for CSI.	4	135	138	18	R2	0000	Must be a valid school district code representing the student's school district of residence. Cannot be a BOCES code.

Race/Ethnicity merged this year. Hispanic now can be the only one selected.

New Races for 26-27.

Name of Field	Field Length	Text Start Position	Text End Position	CSV Order	Excel Column	Example(s)	Remarks
State of Parent's Residence for Non-Resident Students Zero filled when district is provided	2	139	140	19	S2	00	Valid two-digit state abbreviation. Only required if NOT Colorado when District of Residence is zero-filled and PAI Code is 04 or 05.

Retired Data Fields/Codes

Data Fields Retired:

- N/A

Codes Retired:

- N/A

Data Field Descriptions:

Admin Unit/SOP Code

A unique five-digit code assigned to an Administrative Unit/State Operated Program by CDE. Refer to Administrative Unit/State Operated Program Codes posted on Data Pipeline at Frequently Requested Codes link. 80010 for all CSI Schools

Student's State ID (SASID)

A unique ten-digit number must be assigned to each student by CDE's Record Integration Tracking System (RITS).

Local ID (LASID)

A locally assigned unique ten-digit student ID number that should match what the district is reporting for the student in the Student Interchange – Student Demographic File.

Student's First Name

A name given to an individual at birth, baptism, or during another naming ceremony, or through legal change.

Student's Middle Name

A secondary name given to an individual at birth, baptism, or during another naming ceremony, or through legal change. Use NMN if the student has no middle name.

Student's Last Name

The name born in common by members of a family.

Student's Gender

An individual's sex.

Code	Description
01	**Female-** identifies as female (including a transgender student who identifies exclusively as female).
02	**Male -** identifies as male (including a transgender student who identifies exclusively as male).
03	**Nonbinary -** does not identify exclusively as male or female. Nonbinary does not refer to a transgender student who identifies exclusively as either male or female.

Student's Date of Birth

The month, day, and year on which an individual was born (i.e. 09151989).

Ensure there is a leading zero when necessary.

ELL Status

A student who has a Language Background other than English and is currently being served or monitored by a Language Instruction Program. This includes all students who have a language proficiency of Non-English Proficient (NEP), Limited English Proficient (LEP), Fluent English Proficient (FEP) Monitor Year 1, or FEP Monitor year 2.

Code	Description
0	**No** - student is not an English Language Learner
1	**Yes** - student is an English Language Learner

All students reported as in EL should match what is in the Student Interchange and should remain consistent with the Fall collections.

Hispanic or Latino

Includes individuals of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, and other Central or South American or Spanish culture or origin.

Hispanic or Latino has now merged with the rest of the Races and can be selected as a standalone option.

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not Hispanic or Latino
1	**Yes** – Hispanic or Latino

American Indian or Alaska Native

Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America; for example: Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, and Mayan.

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not American Indian or Alaska Native
1	**Yes** – American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Central or East Asia, Southeast Asia; for example: Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese.

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not Asian
1	**Yes** – Asian

Black or African American

A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa; for example: African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, and Somali.

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not Black or African American
1	**Yes** – Black or African American

White

Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe; for example: English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Scottish.

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not White
1	**Yes** – White

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands; for example: Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, and Marshallese.

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
1	**Yes** – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

South Asian

Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of South Asia; for example: Asian Indian, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis, Nepalese, Bhutanese, Sri Lankans, and Maldivians. Newly added in 26-27

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not South Asian
1	**Yes** – South Asian

Middle Eastern or North African

Individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North Africa; for example: Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, and Israeli. Newly added in 26-27

Code	Description
0	**No** – Not Middle Eastern or North African
1	**Yes** – Middle Eastern or North African

Student's District of Residence

The appropriate four-digit code for a student's school district of residence.

Needs to be actual geographic district they reside in, not 8001 for CSI.

State of Parent's Residence for Non-Resident Students

State abbreviation where the parent/guardian resides if other than CO and the student attends a district other than the school district of residence. It cannot be zero-filled if PAI Code is 04 or 05 and District of Residence and District Code of Parents Residence are zero-filled.

Should be zero filled if living in Colorado and District of Parents Residence is provided

Document Changes:

Collection Year	Type of Change	Description of Change	Reason for Change	Element(s) Affected
2026-2027	Field	Added South Asian Field	SB25-050 requires the additional race and ethnicity categories for all government forms	New data field
2026-2027	Field	Added Middle Eastern or North African	SB25-050 requires the additional race and ethnicity categories for all government forms	New data field
2026-2027	Definitions	Updated Definitions for Race and Ethnicity Data Fields	Alignment with Federal Race and Ethnicity Definitions	Race and Ethnicity fields
2025-2026	No changes			
2024-2025	No changes			
2023-2024	Added new Gender Code 03 Nonbinary	To better align with birth certificates and driver licenses being issued in CO	Gender	
2022-2023	Removed District of Parent's Residence field	Already collected student's district of residence and this field was redundant in most cases	District of Parent's Residence field	
2021-2022	No changes			
2020-2021	No changes			
2019-2020	No changes			
2018-2019	No changes			
2017-2018	No changes			

Collection Year	Type of Change	Description of Change	Reason for Change	Element(s) Affected
2016-2017	7 address and email fields removed	No longer collected in this file	Student address and email fields	
2015-2016	Moved Grade Level field to Participation file	To better align with the school data	Entry Grade Level	
2014-2015	No changes			