



SPED School Concurrency/Primary Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Federal Primary Need Indicator

What's the difference?

To address questions from the field and improve data reporting with regard to the **SPED School Concurrency/Primary Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)** and the **Federal Primary Need Indicator (FPNI)**, ESS Data Management is providing this technical assistance document; the intent is to clarify the difference between these two data elements. Both data elements are required when submitting your special education (SPED) data to AzEDS.

SPED School Concurrency/Primary LRE – This data element identifies the school(s) a given SPED student attends as either primary or secondary.

- *Primary {P}* – This school is responsible for determining and case managing the student's special education needs and curriculum.
- *Secondary {S}* – This school provides some services to the student but is not responsible for determining or case managing the student's special education needs and curriculum.

If a student attends only one school at a given time, that school should be reported as the primary school.

If a student attends multiple schools at a given time, only one school can be reported as the primary school and the other school(s) should be reported as secondary, based on the aforementioned definitions.

Federal Primary Need Indicator (FPNI) – This data element identifies whether the SPED student's need/disability is the federal primary need or not. The federal primary need is defined as "the need that has the greatest adverse impact on the student's ability to access and progress through the general curriculum."

- *Yes* – The need is identified as the federal primary need.
- *No* – The need is not identified as the federal primary need.

If a student has only one eligible need at a given time, that need should be reported as the federal primary need.

If a student has multiple needs at a given time, only one need can be reported as the federal primary need and the other need(s) should be reported as not the federal primary need. Consult the student's IEP team to determine the federal primary need.

The federal primary need displays "Y" (for "yes") in the FPNI column on the SPED10, 72, and 73 reports in AzEDS and the SPED07 report in the ESS Census application. All needs that are not the federal primary need display "N" (for "no").

