

Memorandum

To: Special Education Directors

From: Exceptional Student Services

cc: Public Education Agency Administrators

Date: June 2, 2025

Re: Reporting Expulsions for Students without Disabilities into AzEDS

The United States Department of Education and the Office of Special Education Programs require that public education agencies (PEAs) submit discipline data to state education agencies for federal reporting into EDFacts. The Arizona Department of Education will now require expulsions involving students without disabilities to be reported in the discipline domain of Arizona Education Data Standards (AzEDS) beginning fiscal year (FY) 2026. Federal reporting defines expulsions as an action taken by the PEA that removes a child from his/her regular school for disciplinary purposes for the remainder of the school year or longer in accordance with the PEA's policy¹.

PEAs currently report student enrollments into AzEDS, including students whose enrollments have ended due to expulsion. Expulsion discipline data submitted into AzEDS must align appropriately with any corresponding enrollments. PEAs must also resolve any integrity errors for data submitted into AzEDS.

PEAs should work with their vendors to ensure that the required discipline data can be submitted. PEAs and vendors may refer to the <u>AzEDS website</u> for technical information on data submissions for FY 2026. PEAs needing programmatic guidance on discipline data submissions within the scope of this memo should contact the Exceptional Student Services data management team and review the data management <u>website</u>.

¹ EDFacts file FS144 - Educational Services During Expulsion File Specifications