**Special Education Child Count and Report Cards**

New numbers released by the Oregon Department of Education show little change in the count of students receiving special education services in our state. This school year, 88,132 students aged 0-21 were identified as needing special education services, an increase of 1,403 students over the prior school year. Students receiving special education services make up 13.3% of the K-12 population. The state continues to expand proven programs that are producing results for Oregon special education students.

The total number of special education students has changed little in the past five years, while some disability categories have grown significantly faster. The categories with the greatest growth over the past few years include: Other Health Impairment, Developmental Delay (0-4 years), and Autism.  [Click here](http://www.ode.state.or.us/superintendent/priorities/special-education-counts-by-disability-2015-16.pdf) for special education counts by disability category. Special education counts by placement can be found [here](http://www.ode.state.or.us/superintendent/priorities/special-education-counts-by--placement-2015-16.pdf). Please [visit the webpage](http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=4149) for special education child count data by district.

Also released today were the 2014-15 Report Cards for Oregon School District Special Education and Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education programs. These report cards provide information on how well local special education and early intervention programs are serving students and families. [Click here](http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1831) to access the Special Education Report Cards.

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