**§6004. Student counts**

The following provisions apply to the annual counting of students. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

**1. Duty of superintendent.**  In accordance with time schedules established by the commissioner, the superintendent of each school administrative unit and the administrator of each private school shall inform the commissioner, in the format specified by and with the content required by the commissioner, of the number of students attending their schools and in the case of public schools the number of students residing in their school administrative unit. This information must be supplied on forms provided by the commissioner.

[PL 2011, c. 171, §9 (AMD).]

**2. Student count.**  Students must be counted as follows.

A. A student residing in the school administrative unit may be considered in attendance on October 1st and April 1st if the student is attending school on that date. A student must be counted as a resident if the student meets the residence requirement of chapter 213 and must be counted for subsidy if the student meets the definition of "subsidizable pupils" under section 15672, subsection 32.

Excused absences and absences due to illness may not be considered absences under this subsection. [PL 2011, c. 171, §9 (AMD).]

B. Students who attend school under section 5205, subsections 2, 3‑A, 4, 5 and 6 must be counted in the school administrative unit in which they attend school. [PL 2009, c. 508, §2 (AMD).]

C. [PL 1989, c. 534, Pt. E, §2 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. E, §1 (RP).]

D. Private schools may report privately funded students on October 1st. All publicly funded students must be reported on October 1st and April 1st in the specified format and with the specific content and in accordance with the time schedules established by the commissioner. [PL 2011, c. 171, §9 (NEW).]

[PL 2011, c. 171, §9 (AMD).]

**3. Online learning program.**

[PL 2011, c. 353, §4 (NEW); MRSA T. 20-A §6004, sub-§3 (RP).]

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