# Indicator 8 Survey Frequently Asked Questions

## I have two children who receive special education services in a Virginia public school. Do I need to complete a survey for each child?

**Answer:** Yes. You are asked to complete a survey for each child with a disability who receives special education services. A security feature within the electronic survey submission process requires a different internet browser or device when multiple surveys are submitted.

## I would like to complete the online survey, but how do I ensure my feedback is reflected in my school’s data?

**Answer:** The survey has a question about your child’s school, and you will select the appropriate school division from the dropdown menu.

## Will I have access to my school division’s data?

**Answer:** Yes. The Indicator 8 data for each school division, as well as for the Commonwealth, will be released and accessible on the Virginia Department of Education’s (VDOE’s) website in the future.

## My son has a 504 Plan. Do I complete this survey?

**Answer:** No. You do not need to complete this survey. This survey provides the information required by the *Individuals with Disabilities Act* (IDEA) to report statewide and school-level data on select indicators.

## My child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) but is in an Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program. Do I need to complete the survey for my young child?

**Answer:** Yes. Please complete the survey. The survey has a question about your child’s age, and you will be able to select the answer from a dropdown menu.

## How do I access the Indicator 8 Survey?

**Answer:** You can access the online survey via the VDOE website by using the URL or the QR Code. You can also submit the printable paper survey located on the VDOE website and mail it directly to the Virginia Department of Education using the address on the survey. Contact your local Director of Special Education for additional information on accessing the survey.

## Is the Indicator 8 Survey available in Spanish?

**Answer:** Yes. The Indicator 8 Survey is available in English and in Spanish. The online and printable versions of the survey are available in both English and Spanish via the VDOE website.

## What is the deadline for submitting the Indicator 8 Survey?

**Answer:** Indicator 8 Survey should be submitted by **December 13, 2024**.

## Is the survey designed to allow comments?

**Answer:** Yes. There is an optional comment box at the end of the survey.

## Will I have to complete another survey next year?

**Answer:** If your child continues to receive special education services, you will be asked to complete the Indicator 8 Survey annually. Your feedback provides valuable information for your school division as well as for the state.