# Commonwealth of Virginia Public Schools Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Special Education Performance Report

The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) requires each state to report to the public on state-level data and to report on whether the state met state targets described in the State’s special education [State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/?navid=250).

Reference key for symbols used with data in the tables throughout this document:

| Symbol | Definition |
| --- | --- |
| % | Percent |
| ≥ | Greater than or equal to |
| ≤ | Less than or equal to |

## Indicator 1: Graduation

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance (based on data from 2020-2021) | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent of youth with individualized education programs (IEPs) exiting special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma | 71.20% | ≥71.24% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 2: Dropouts

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance (based on data from 2020-2021) | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent of youth with IEPs who exited special education due to dropping out | 8.30% | ≤6.41% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 3: Participation and Performance on Statewide Assessments

### 3a. Participation Rate for Children with IEPs for English/Reading

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 99.60% | ≥95.00% | Met Target |
| Grade 8 | 97.63% | ≥95.00% | Met Target |
| High School | 83.65% | ≥95.00% | Did Not Meet Target |

### 3a. Participation Rate for Children with IEPs for Math

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 99.46% | ≥95.00% | Met Target |
| Grade 8 | 97.15% | ≥95.00% | Met Target |
| High School | 92.45% | ≥95.00% | Did Not Meet Target |

### 3b. Proficiency Rate for Children with IEPs against Grade-Level Academic Achievement Standards for English/Reading

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 42.90% | ≥38.55% | Met Target |
| Grade 8 | 33.82% | ≥31.18% | Met Target |
| High School | 48.41% | ≥48.45% | Did Not Meet Target |

### 3b. Proficiency Rate for Children with IEPs against Grade-Level Academic Achievement Standards for Math

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 35.98% | ≥28.45% | Met Target |
| Grade 8 | 30.62% | ≥22.25% | Met Target |
| High School | 72.43% | ≥38.10% | Met Target |

### 3c. Proficiency Rate for Children with IEPs against Alternate Academic Achievement Standards for English/Reading

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 74.17% (Baseline) | ≥74.17% | Not Applicable |
| Grade 8 | 71.95% (Baseline) | ≥71.95% | Not Applicable |
| High School | 79.22% (Baseline) | ≥79.22% | Not Applicable |

### 3c. Proficiency Rate for Children with IEPs against Alternate Academic Achievement Standards for Math

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 65.63% (Baseline) | ≥65.63% | Not Applicable |
| Grade 8 | 66.72% (Baseline) | ≥66.72% | Not Applicable |
| High School | 72.89% (Baseline) | ≥72.89% | Not Applicable |

### 3d. Gap in Proficiency Rates for Children with IEPs and All Students against Grade-Level Academic Achievement Standards for English/Reading

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 28.77% | ≤29.17% | Met Target |
| Grade 8 | 37.65% | ≤38.03% | Met Target |
| High School | 33.40% | ≤33.03% | Did Not Meet Target |

### 3d. Gap in Proficiency Rates for Children with IEPs and All Students against Grade-Level Academic Achievement Standards for Math

| Grade Level | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Grade 4 | 29.78% | ≤26.84% | Did Not Meet Target |
| Grade 8 | 35.74% | ≤33.71% | Did Not Meet Target |
| High School | 18.03% | ≤21.77% | Met Target |

## Indicator 4: Suspension/Expulsion

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022  Significant  Discrepancy  Determination | 2021-2022  State Target | State Target  Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **4a.** Percent of divisions identified with significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than ten days in a school year for children with IEPs. **Target – 0%** | 50.00% | 0% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **4b.** Percent of divisions identified withsignificant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than ten days in a school year for children with IEPs; and policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy, as defined by the State, and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards. **Target – 0%** | 0% | 0% | Met Target |

## Indicator 5: Education Environments (Children Aged 5 (Kindergarten)-21)

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **5a.** Students included in regular classroom 80 percent or more of the day | 69.22% | ≥72.10% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **5b.** Students included in regular classroom less than 40 percent of the day | 10.87% | ≤8.15% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **5c.** Students served in separate public or private school, residential, home-based,  or hospital facility | 3.82% | ≤3.81% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 6: Preschool Environments

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **6a.** Percent of children with IEPs aged three through five who are enrolled in a preschool program attending a regular early childhood program and receive the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program | 25.58% | ≥24.90% | Met Target |
| **6b.** Percent of children with IEPs aged three through five who are enrolled in a preschool program attending a separate special education class, separate school, or residential facility | 39.08% | ≤38.60% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **6c.** Percent of children with IEPs aged three through five who are enrolled in a preschool program receiving special education and related services in the home | 4.97% | ≤6.00% | Met Target |

## Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes

### 7a. Positive Social-Emotional Skills (Including Social Relationships)

| Outcome | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **A1.** Percent entered below age expectations | 89.53% | ≥91.50% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **A2.** Percent functioning within age expectations | 41.42% | ≥55.25% | Did Not Meet Target |

### 7b. Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills (Including Early Language/Communication and Early Literacy)

| Outcome | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **B1.** Percent entered below age expectations | 91.19% | ≥94.50% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **B2.** Percent functioning within age expectations | 34.24% | ≥38.25% | Did Not Meet Target |

### 7c. Use of Appropriate Behavior to Meet Their Needs

| Outcome | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **C1.** Percent entered below age expectations | 88.50% | ≥91.50% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **C2.** Percent functioning within age expectations | 48.55% | ≥61.25% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 8: Parent Involvement

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities | 83.70% | ≥82.00% | Met Target |

## Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation in Special Education and Related Services

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 Disproportionate Representation Determination | 2021-2022  State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent of divisions identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services. | 3.79% | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| The VDOE concluded that, in one or more cases, inappropriate identification contributed to the disproportionate representation; therefore, the divisions are not in compliance with requirements relating to the evaluation and/or eligibility under IDEA. **Target – 0%** | 0% | 0% | Met Target |

## Indicator 10: Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disability Categories

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 Disproportionate Representation Determination | 2021-2022  State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent of divisions identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services. | 47.86% | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| The VDOE concluded that, in one or more cases, inappropriate identification contributed to the disproportionate representation; therefore, the divisions are not in compliance with requirements relating to the evaluation and/or eligibility under IDEA. **Target – 0%** | 0.85% | 0% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 11: Timeline for Eligibility

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Children with parental consent for initial evaluation, who were evaluated and eligibility determined within 65 business days | 97.78% | 100% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 12: Part C to Part B Transition

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Children determined eligible and IEPs developed and implemented by their third birthdays | 97.89% | 100% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 13: Secondary IEP Goals and Transition Services

| Indicator Description | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent of youth aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age-appropriate transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals and annual IEP goals related to the student’s transition services needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority. | 95.58% | 100% | Did Not Meet Target |

## Indicator 14: Postsecondary Outcomes

| Percent of youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school were: | 2021-2022 State Performance | 2021-2022 State Target | State Target Met |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **14a.** Enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school | 35.32% | ≥36.00% | Did Not Meet Target |
| **14b.** Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school | 73.90% | ≥66.00% | Met Target |
| **14c.** Enrolled in higher education or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment within one year of leaving high school | 80.41% | ≥73.00% | Met Target |