Troubleshooting Federal Child Count Reports



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Overview

- The Federal Child Count (FCC)
 - Includes students with disabilities who are receiving special education services according to their IEPs as of October 31
 - Is used in determining the amount of Special Education Part-B IDEA and Early Childhood Special Education funds allocated to the state
 - Is collected from all LEAs except for ESCs and JVSDs through the Education Management Information System (EMIS) and is submitted to the US Department of Education (USDOE)
- This presentation will focus on troubleshooting the EMIS FCC Reports, which are generated throughout the EMIS data submission process



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EMIS Data Collections and the FCC Snapshot

- Collections containing the FCC report
 - Beginning of Year Student (S) Collection
 - SOES Beginning of Year Student (S) Collection
- Collections are scheduled to close December 21, 2020
 - FCC will close when the above collections close
 - There is no appeal for the FCC



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FCC Reports

- Level 2 Reports
 - (FCCD-001) Federal Child Count Detail
 - (FCCS-001) Federal Child Count Statement of Assurances
- FCC Reports are updated nightly
- Can contain data reported by other LEAs
- Review the most recent version of the reports throughout the data collection process
- Submit updated EMIS data to make corrections to the reports

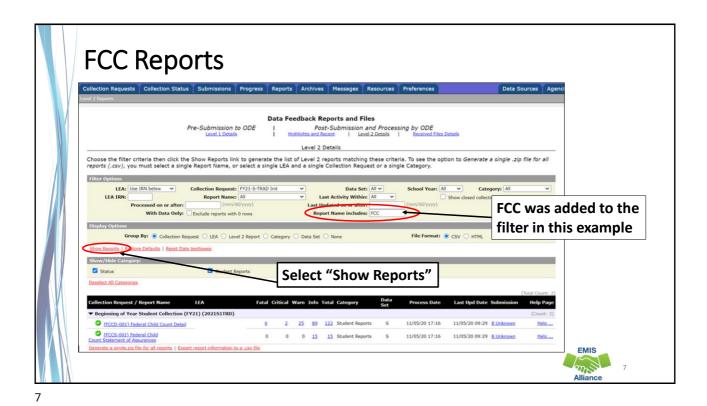


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Level 2 Reports

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Beginning of Year Student Collection (FY21)
FY21-S-TRAD Init: Collection required for all Traditional Districts, JVSDs, ESCs, and State Supported Schools. Source file(s) for GI, FS, FD, FN, GE, ... 🕚
          Submissions: September 10, 2020 - December 21, 2020 (47 days till close)
                                                                                                              From ODE: Level 2 Reports
                Status: The collection was submitted October 29, 2020 at 12:28:20 PM by
    Submission Status: Processing Completed (October 29, 2020 at 12:28:15 PM)
   Submission Number: 9 (attempt 3)
               Actions: Start Collection
                                                                                                         Prepare Outputs: Level 1 Validations
                                                         Select the Level 2 Reports link
 SOES Beginning of Year Student Collection (FY21)
FY21-S-SOES Init: Collection required for all Community Schools. Source file(s) for GI, FS, FD, FN, GE, FE
           Submissions: August 03, 2020 - December 21, 2020 (47 days till close)
                                                                                                           From ODE: Level 2 Reports
                 Status: The collection was submitted October 26, 2020 at 11:50:36 AM by
     Submission Status: Processing Completed (October 26, 2020 at 11:50:23 AM)
   Submission Number: 16 (attempt 1)
               Actions: Start Collection
Add New Scheduled Collection
                                                                                                      Prepare Outputs: View submission 16 Data
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Formatting the FCC Detail Report

Open the (FCCD-001) Federal Child Count Detail Report

- Wrap text header row
- Freeze top row
- Expand all columns
- Apply filters
- Better yet, run your macro!



Quick Check

The Federal Child Count Detail Report contains student detail data as it pertains to the count. This report is critical in the data review and error correction process and should be carefully reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

- Are you using the most recent version of the report?
- Are you able to open and format the CSV report to begin the review process?
- Can you apply filters to all columns?



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Troubleshooting the Federal Child Count Detail Report



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Troubleshooting the FCC Detail Report

The next series of slides will review data contained in the report including

- Severity Codes and Numbers
- Federal Child Count Flag
- Who is and is not included in my FCC?
- FCC Report Data
- Status Codes and corrective actions



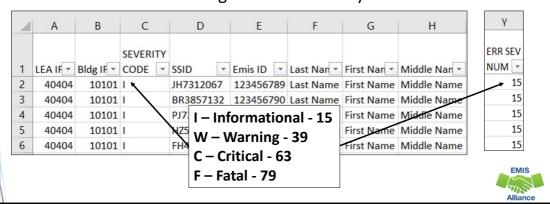
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Severity Numbers and Codes

Severity Numbers (ERR SEV NUM) are aligned with Severity Codes

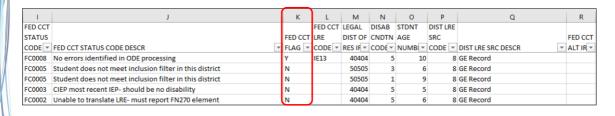
- Report is sorted least severe to most severe
- Severity Code will be noted for each Status Code
- Review all students regardless of Severity Code



Federal Child Count Flag

FFD CCT FLAG

- Y Student is intended to be included in the Federal Child Count
- N Student not included in the Federal Child Count
- Review all students on the report regardless of flag





Who is included in my FCC?

- In most cases, students count at their resident district except for students attending -
 - Community Schools
 - STEM Districts
 - Ohio School for the Blind
 - Ohio School for the Deaf
 - Buckeye United (DYS)
 - Pilot Programs
- Non-Public students receiving related services count at the traditional district providing the related services if active IEP event is reported as of October 31



Who is not included in my FCC?

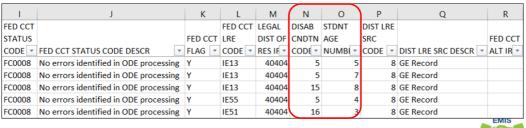
- Students with a disability as of October 31, who are not being reported with an active IEP event as of October 31
- Students reported with the following IEP outcomes
 - IEPR IEP Complete Parental Refusal
 - IENS IEP Complete Not Served
 - IEDP IEP Resulted in Due Process
- Refer to the FCC Level 2 Report Explanation, section "Include in USDOE Count" for additional information and exceptions



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FCC Report Data

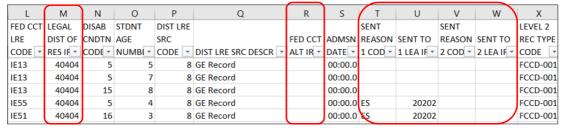
- Disability Condition Code
 - Student must be reported to EMIS with a disability as of October 31 to be included on the report
 - Review for accuracy
- Student Age Number
 - Student's age as of October 31



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FCC Report Data, cont'd

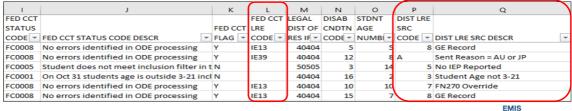
- Legal District of Residence
- FED CCT ALT IRN
 - Populated for Status Code FC0006 with LEA IRN where the student will count
- Sent Reasons and IRNs
 - Displays if relevant to the FCC





FCC Report Data, cont'd

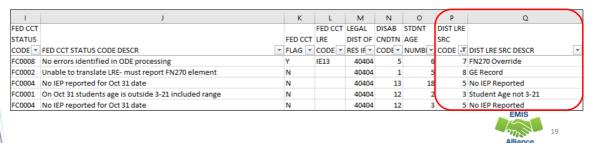
- FED CCT LRE Code Least Restrictive Environment Code
 - If this is blank, the student is not included in the count
 - Value comes from IEP, FN270, or is derived
- DIST LRE SRC CODE and DIST LRE SRC DESCR
 - Source codes indicate what data the report is looking at
 - Use in combination with the Status Code value to determine what is being reported for each student





LRE Source Codes, cont'd

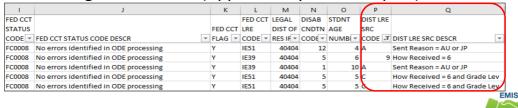
- 1 No Disability on October 31 *New*
- 3 Student's age is not 3 21
- 5 No IEP Reported
- 7 FN270 Override
- 8 GE Record



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LRE Source Codes, cont'd

- 9 How Received = 6
 - FED CCT LRE CODE will be IE39 Ages 5 and up, Not Grade Level PS
 - FED CCT LRE CODE will be IE39 Ages 6 and up, Grade Level PS
- C How Received = 6 and Grade Level = PS *New*
 - FED CCT LRE CODE will be IE51 if Ages 3 to 5 and Grade Level PS
- A Sent Reason = AU or JP
 - FED CCT LRE CODE will be IE39 if age 6 or older and IE51 if age 3-5
- B Changed to DYS LRE (Appears only on DYS report) *New*



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Quick Check

The Federal Child Count Detail Report contains data specific to students with disabilities. Understanding each column of data is important to begin analyzing the data for accuracy and completeness. There is not an error for everything, so time spent reviewing all data on the report is recommended.

- Are all students appearing on the report as expected?
- Has someone verified the data for accuracy?
- Has updated EMIS data been submitted to correct any inaccuracies on the report?



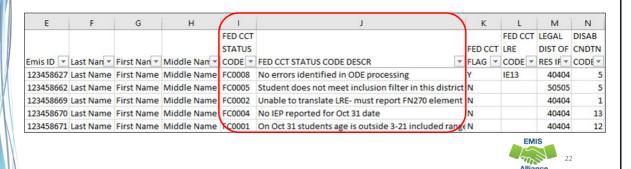
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FED CCT Status Codes

FED CCT STATUS CODE and FED CCT STATUS CODE DESCR

- Indicates the status of a student as it relates to inclusion in the count
- Indicates that a data issue exists or that no errors are identified
- Data with no errors on the report should still be reviewed for accuracy



FED CCT Status Code FC0001

Filter on FC0001

- On Oct 31 Student age is outside the 3-21 included range (Fatal)
 - Source Code 3 Student age is not 3 21
 - FED CCT FLAG N
- View the student's reported date of birth on the Student Demographic (GI) Record to confirm age
- If the student's date of birth is incorrect, make the correction and submit updated EMIS data



FED CCT Status Code FC0002

Filter on FC0002

- Unable to translate LRE-must report FN270 element (Critical)
 - Source Code 7 FN270 Override
 - or Source Code 8 GE Record
 - FED CCT Flag N
- As of October 31 the student's IEP Outcome (LRE) must agree with the student's age and grade level
 - For ages 3-5 and in preschool, the LRE should be in the IE51 to IE72 range, if not report an LRE within this range on the FN270
 - For ages 5 and over and in kindergarten or higher, LRE should be in the IE13 to IE39 range, if not report an LRE within this range on the FN270



Age, Grade Level, and Expected LRE

- Age 3 to 5, Preschool Grade Level Count as Preschool Student
 - Preschool LRE Expected (IE51-IE72)
- Age 4, Kindergarten Grade Level Count as Preschool Student
 - Preschool LRE Expected (IE51-IE72)
- Age 5 and up, Kindergarten Grade Level Count as School Aged Student
 - School Aged LRE Expected (IE13-IE39)
- Age 6 and up, Any Grade Level, including Preschool Count as School Aged Student
 - School Aged LRE Expected (IE13-IE39)

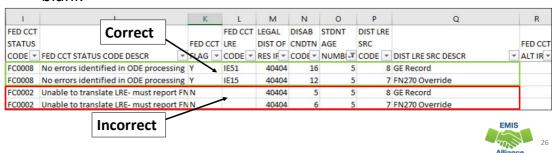


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Reporting the FN270 Element

Updated October 31 IEP Outcome Element (FN270)

- The current IEP outcome and FN270 values should not be the same
- When the FN270 value is reported correctly the LRE that aligns with the student's age and grade level will appear in the column FED CCT LRE CODE
- When reported incorrectly the FED CCT LRE CODE column will be blank



FED CCT Status Code FC0003

Filter on FC0003

- CIEP most recent IEP should be no disability (Warning)
 - Source Code 8 GE Record
 - FED CCT FLAG N
- Verify the CIEP event and confirm that the student's disability code is being reported as ending on the date of the CIEP event
- If the student's disability code on the Student Attributes Effective Date (FD) Record is not reported as ended, make the correction and submit updated EMIS data



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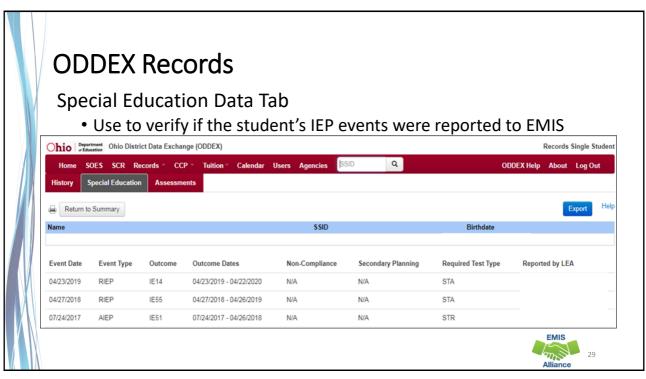
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FED CCT Status Code FC0004

Filter on FC0004

- No IEP reported for Oct 31 date (Fatal)
 - Source Code 5 No IEP Reported
 - FED CCT Flag N *NEW*
 - FED CCT LRE CODE Blank *NEW*
- Verify the student's special education event records as of October 31
- Verify the most recent IEP was reported to EMIS
- Report an NIEP if appropriate





NIEP Date Type - No IEP

- NIEP events using the non-compliance reasons 10 or 11 should be reported no longer than 30 days
 - 10 Student newly transferred in; IEP adoption determination not complete; services being provided based on prior IEP
 - 11 IEP expired; new IEP not in place; services being provided based on prior IEP
- NIEP events using the non-compliance reason of 12 can be used until the end of the IEP that did not get reported to EMIS



FED CCT Status Code FC0005

Filter on FC0005

- Student does not meet inclusion filter in this district (Warning)
 - Source Code 5 No IEP Reported
 - or Source Code 7 FN270 Override
 - or Source Code 8 GE Record
 - FED CCT Flag N
- Shared students can have this Status Code at the educating district
- Shared students where IEPs are not reported can also have this Status Code with Source Code 5 – No IEP Reported
- Refer to the Federal Child Count Report Explanation, section "Include in USDOE Count"



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FED CCT Status Code FC0005, cont'd

Filter on FC0005

- Student does not meet inclusion filter in this district (Warning)
 - Source Code 9 How Received = 6
 - FED CCT Flag N
- Non-Public special education students receiving related services from reporting district with No IEP reported on October 31
 - Report does not consider ISPs
 - If no IEP in place on October 31, then the student is not included in the FCC



Multiple District Tie Breakers

- 1. Will count at Buckeye United if reported by Buckeye United (060988)
- Will count where Reporting IRN = District of Residence IRN
 ~OR~ counts where Reporting IRN is reporting a How Received code of
 M (Community School) or K (STEM District)
- 3. If multiple entities are claiming the student in the same way (as #2 above), then the student is included at the entity with the later admission date
- 4. If entities are claiming the student in the same way (as #2 above) and reporting the student with the same admission date, then the student will not count for any district



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FED CCT Status Code FC0006

Filter on FC0006

- Student counting in alternative district does not count in your district (Warning)
 - Source Code 5 No IEP Reported verify if special education events need to be reported for this student
 - or Source Code 7 FN270 Override
 - or Source Code 8 GE Record
 - or Source Code 9 How Received = 6
 - or Source Code A Sent Reason AU or JP
 - FED CCT Flag N
- Student counts at the IRN in the FED CCT ALT IRN column
- Review data in ODDEX to compare how data is being reported
- Communicate with the alternative district to determine how this student should be reported



FED CCT Status Code FC0007

Filter on FC0007

- Student excluded -conflict in where student should count (Fatal)
 - Source Code 7 FN270 Override
 - Or Source Code 8 GE Record
 - FED CCT Flag N
- Could not determine where this student should count, so the student will not be counted at either entity
- Review data in ODDEX to compare how data is being reported by both entities
- Communicate with the other entity to determine how this student should be reported



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FED CCT Status Code FC0008

Filter on FC0008

- No errors identified in ODE processing (Informational)
 - Source Code 7 FN270 Override
 - or Source Code 8 GE Record
 - or Source Code 9 How Received = 6
 - or Source Code A Sent Reason = AU or JP
 - or Source Code B Changed to DYS LRE (appears on Buckeye United FCC Report)
 - or Source Code C How Received = 6 and Grade = PS
 - FED CCT Flag Y
- Data for the students should be reviewed for accuracy
- Apply filters to verify elements such as disability conditions and LREs
- District staff can be very helpful in verifying data accuracy and completeness



Quick Check

The Federal Child Count Detail report will display students who are and who are not included in your count. The report will also indicate students with issues preventing them from being included. Check this report often as it can be effected by another entity's EMIS reporting.

- Have all status codes been reviewed, and all reporting issues corrected?
- When corrections have been made in the student information system (SIS), has that updated data been submitted to EMIS?
- Based on inclusion criteria are all of your special education students being counted correctly?



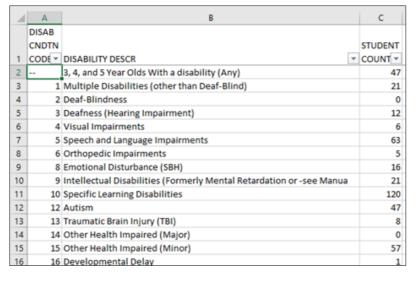
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Troubleshooting the Federal Child Count Statement of Assurances Report



Open the FCC Statement of Assurances Report



Format the report by wrapping the text in the header row and expanding all columns

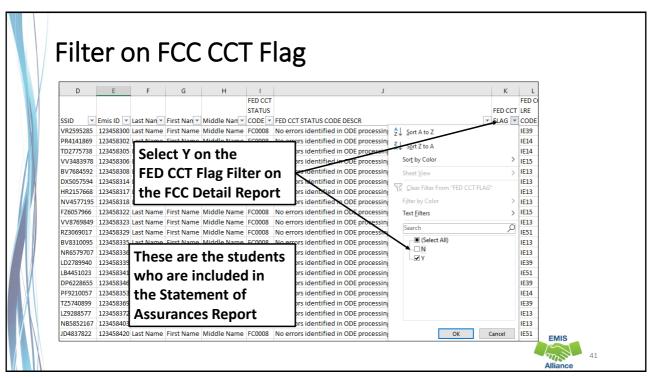


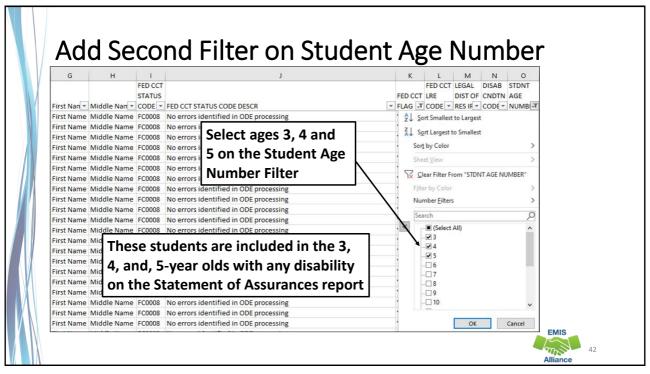
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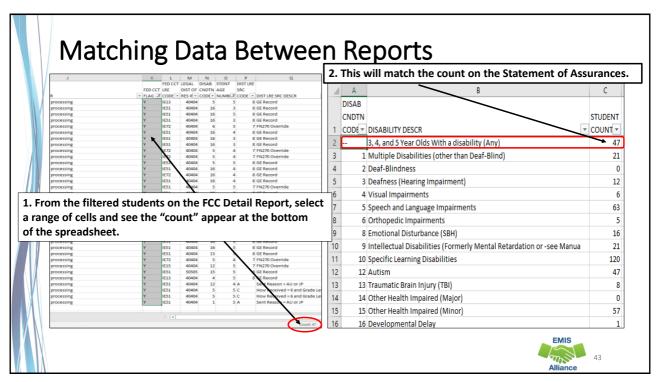
Understanding Statement of Assurances

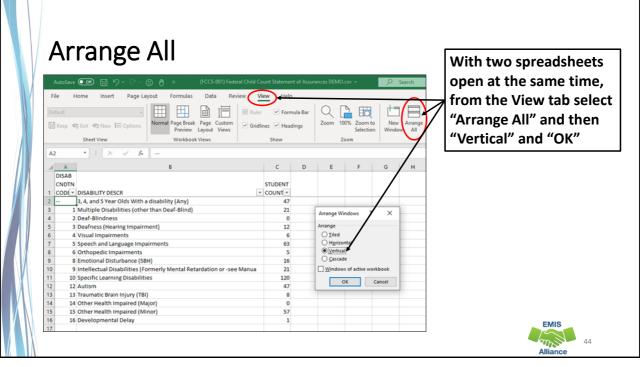
- The report includes
 - only students who have a FED CCT Flag = Y
 - all students age 3 to 5 in the first category
 - students age 6 to 21 in each disability specific category
- Using the above criteria the next series of slides will match the FCC Detail Report against the FCC Statement of Assurances Report
- When you are told that the counts on this report are incorrect, filtering allows you to show which students are included or not included

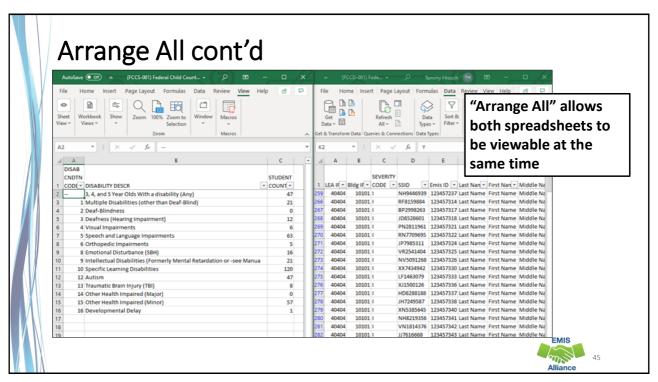


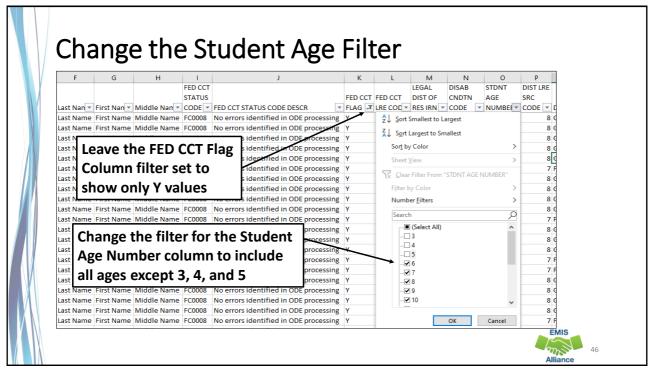


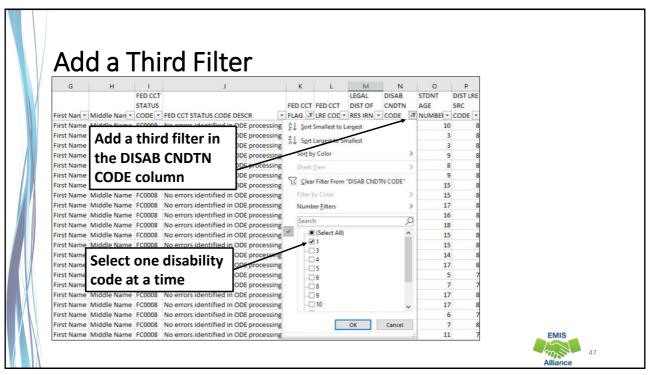


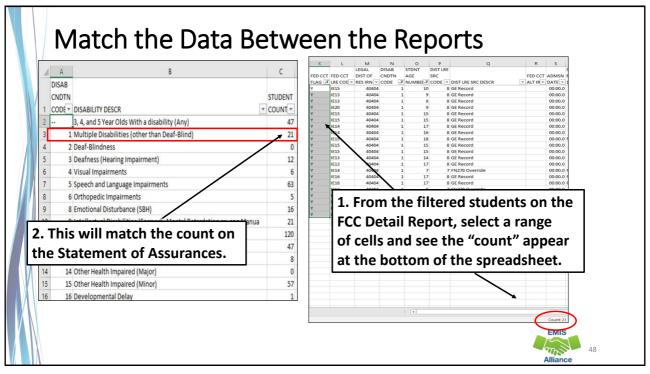












Quick Check

The Federal Child Count
Statement of Assurances
Report is derived from the
same data that is on the FCC
Detail Report. Using filters,
you can match the data
between the reports. The
Statement of Assurances is
sometimes requested by
auditors.

- Can you match the data between the two reports using filters?
- Are you seeing the numbers of students that you were expecting?
- Has this data been shared with others in your district?



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Summary

- The FCC Reports contain both data to verify and issues to correct
- Some issues can be corrected, and some are simply stating the fact that the student cannot be included in the count
- Work with district staff to verify that the data is both correct and complete
- "No errors" does not necessarily mean that your data is accurate



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Resources

- Federal Child Count Detail Report and Federal Child Count Statement of Assurances Report Explanation
 - ODE Home > Data > EMIS > Documentation > EMIS Validation and Report Explanations
- EMIS Manual
 - ODE Home > Data > EMIS > Documentation > EMIS Manual
- Your district staff
- Your ITC



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Questions?

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