

Special Education Placement Codes

Code	Description
1	<p>Public Day School (Ages 6 – 22 years)</p> <p>Use for students when special education services are provided in a regular school setting. Students in this setting have access to non-disabled peers (even though the individualized education program may not call for involvement with non-disabled peers). Instruction and discipline are designed, approved, and delivered under the direction of a public school board. This code may apply to students served through regional programs (i.e., funded through regional tuition reimbursement). NOTE: Age-appropriate community-based settings that include individuals with and without disabilities are considered regular school buildings, e.g., vocational settings and community colleges.</p>
2	<p>Public Separate School (Ages 6 – 22 years)</p> <p>Use for students served in separate buildings where only students with disabilities are served. This placement includes trailers or separate school wings when students are isolated from non-disabled peers, e.g., separate buses, lunch facilities, hallways, etc. Instruction and discipline are under the direction of a public school board. This code may apply to students served through regional programs (i.e., funded through regional tuition reimbursement).</p>
3	<p>Private Day School (Ages 6 – 22 years)</p> <p>Use for students <u>placed by the school division for purposes of special education</u> into approved private school programs, e.g., licensed as private special education schools through the Virginia Department of Education. Private day school programs are under the administration of a private entity; instruction and discipline are outside the purview of a public school board. Use this code for students who attend school during the day at a residential program if the student does not reside at the facility. Do not use this code for unilateral parent placements into private schools. <i>Private day school placements are funded through the Comprehensive Services Act.</i></p>
4	<p>Public Residential School (Ages 6 – 22 years)</p> <p>Use for students who reside and receive special education services in a state operated residential program. Students in these schools are reported by the state operated program.</p>

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5	<p>Private Residential School (Ages 6 – 22 years) Use for students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) placed into a private residential school/program by the school division for purposes of special education, or 2) placed through the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) for non-educational reasons into a residential program, e.g., a student in foster care placed through the Department of Social Services. Students placed through signed Parental Agreements are CSA placements. <p>Do not use this code for students placed by parents into residential programs for non-educational reasons. <i>Private residential schools are funded through the Comprehensive Services Act.</i></p>
6	<p>Homebound Placement (Ages 6 – 22 years) Use for students when special education services are provided in the home. Do not include students whose parents have opted to home school them and who receive special education at public expense.</p>
7	<p>Hospital Program (Ages 6 – 22 years) Use for students who are placed in and receiving special education and related services in hospital programs.</p>
8	<p>Correctional Education Program (Ages 6 – 22 years) Use for students served in local jails and state correctional education programs.</p>
17	<p>Attending a Regular Early Childhood Program (Ages 0 – 5 years) Use this code for every child attending a regular early childhood program, even if the child receives special education services in other environments. Regular Early Childhood Programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start • Kindergarten • Reverse Mainstream Classroom • Private Preschool • Preschool Classes offered to an eligible pre-kindergarten population by the public school system • Group Child Care <p><i>NOTE: A student who spends a small amount of time with non-disabled peers, e.g., snack, lunch, recess, does not meet the definition for placement code 17.</i></p>

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18	<p>Separate Class: Special Education Classroom (Ages 0 – 5 years)</p> <p>Use for special education programs that include less than 50 percent non-disabled children. These include, but are not limited to, special education and related services provided in special education classrooms in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular school buildings • Trailers or portables outside regular school buildings • Child care facilities • Hospital facilities on an outpatient basis • Other community-based settings
19	<p>Separate School (Ages 0 – 5 years)</p> <p>Use for students who receive educational programs in public or private day schools designed specifically for children with disabilities. <i>Students who are placed into approved private day schools for purposes of special education are funded through the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA).</i></p>
20	<p>Residential Facility (Ages 0 – 5 years)</p> <p>Use for students who receive educational programs in publicly or privately operated residential schools or residential medical facilities on an inpatient basis. Use this code for students who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) are placed into residential programs for purposes of special education, or 2) are placed into residential programs through the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) for non-educational reasons (e.g., students in foster care placed into residential programs through the Department of Social Services). Students who are placed into private residential programs through signed Parental Agreements are CSA placements. 3) are placed into state operated program 4) hospital settings on an inpatient basis <p><i>Students who are placed into private residential programs as described in #1 and #2 above are funded by the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA).</i></p>
21	<p>Home (Ages 0 – 5 years)</p> <p>Use for students who receive special education and related services in the principal residence of the child’s family or caregivers. Include children who receive special education <u>both</u> at home and in a service provider location. The term caregiver includes babysitters.</p>

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22	<p>Service Provider Location (Ages 0 – 5 years)</p> <p>Use for students who receive <u>all</u> of their special education and related services from a service provider. For example, speech instruction provided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private clinicians’ offices • clinician’s offices located in school buildings • hospital facilities on an outpatient basis • libraries and other public facilities <p>Do not use this code for students who also receive special education at home. Children who receive services both in a service provider location and at home are reported using code 21 – Home.</p>

Note: *The placement code reported on the December 1 Child Count must reflect the student’s placement in accordance with the least restrictive environment indicated in the student’s IEP (exception: students placed into private residential schools for non-educational reasons through CSA). When a student receives services in more than one placement setting, the placement where the student spends the majority of the time is reported. The placement code is determined by the setting in which services are provided regardless of who provides those services.*