Dear Dr. Waitoller:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on June 25, 2013.

You have requested the following information between 2000 and 2013: Number of IEP ONLY by disability category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP ONLY by racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP by disability category and by race in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP who are LEP in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in 80% LRE category ONLY by disability category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in 80% LRE category ONLY by Racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in 80% LRE category by disability and racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in 40-79% LRE category ONLY by disability category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in 40-79% LRE category ONLY by Racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in 40-79% LRE category by disability and racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in <40% LRE category ONLY by disability category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in <40% LRE category ONLY by Racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Number of IEP in <40% LRE category by disability and racial category in each school identified by RCDTS number; Any data available on academic outcomes (including participation in state assessments) for students with disabilities by race and disability category, in each school; and any discipline data available by race and disability category.

Per your July 1 phone call with ISBE’s Amanda Simhauser and Gwendolyn Williams, you modified your request for the above data to be provided by race and disability at the school-level for Chicago Public Schools and at the district-level for the rest of the state. On July 2, our agency requested an extension until July 23.
The attached documents (13-393-waitoller-doc1.xlsx through 13-393-waitoller-doc4.xlsx) are provided in response to your request. The first spreadsheet provides the CPS counts from 2009-2012, which are the years we collected this data. Please note we are only able to provide percentages. The second spreadsheet provides the IEP counts by disability and then by race for school districts. The third spreadsheet provides the EE counts by disability and race. Data for disability was only available back to 2005, while race data was available back to 2007. The fourth spreadsheet provides the discipline incident and incident duration by disability category at the school-level in Chicago and the district-level for the rest of the state.

The following link to the FACTS manual will help you decipher race and disability codes: http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/34-30_sped_facts.pdf.

This link provides the region-county-district-type (RCDT) code for each district: http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/directories.htm.

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7 (1) (a), cell sizes less than 10 have been redacted. Even in the absence of disclosing student names, small group sizes could reveal student identities.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Simhauser at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information

Attachments