



Australian Government
Department of Education

Dear approved authority,

2024 Student Attendance Data collection

The 2024 Student Attendance (STATS) Semester 1 data collection will open in SchoolsHUB on Wednesday 19 June 2024 and is due by Friday 2 August 2024.

STATS data is:

- used as one of the measurements of schooling in Australia, agreed by all state, territory and the Commonwealth Ministers of Education
- provided to ACARA for reporting purposes. This includes publishing student attendance rates on the [My School](#) website and at the national, state/territory and school sector levels in various national reports such as [National Report on Schooling in Australia](#) and the [Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services](#).

The 2024 STATS collection process includes:

1. **Semester 1** student attendance – schools must provide and declare their Semester 1 data during the period Wednesday 19 June until Friday 2 August
2. **Term 3** student attendance – schools must provide and declare their Term 3 data during the period Wednesday 11 September until Friday 25 October.

Please carefully read the following documents that will assist you in completing the 2024 STATS collection:

- Important information about the 2024 STATS collection (Attachment A) which outlines your responsibilities and summarises important updates in 2024 STATS collection.
- Key Dates for the 2024 STATS collection (Attachment B).

For more information about the STATS collection:

- visit the [SchoolsHUB STATS page](#)
- email the STATS helpdesk at attendancehelpdesk@education.gov.au, or
- call 1800 677 027 (select option 2, then option 3).

If you need help accessing SchoolsHUB, visit the [SchoolsHUB User Management page](#) or call the SchoolsHUB helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (select option 1).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dennis Beissner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dennis Beissner
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Attachment A – Important information about the 2024 STATS collection

Approved authority responsibilities

As an approved authority, you must ensure:

- Semester 1 and Term 3 data is submitted for all school locations within their authority by the appropriate due dates and according to the [STATS Collection Data Technical Specification](#)
- your school(s) know how to provide their data to the collection
- your school location(s) in scope for the STATS 2024 are included in your submission
- you have advised your school(s) of their responsibilities for the STATS collection. This may include schools providing you data for uploading, or you directing your schools to upload data directly to SchoolsHUB
- you have advised the Department of Education of any changes of circumstances in your location(s)
- you and your school(s) have appropriate access to SchoolsHUB to submit and/or declare data.

About the STATS collection

STATS collects student attendance rate data for full-time students enrolled in years 1 through to 10 in primary, secondary and special schools (including ungraded students within the typical age group of students in Years 1 through to 10).

Student attendance data is collected by reference period (Semester 1 and Term 3) and by the following cohorts at each location (campus):

- All students (including Indigenous students), by year level and gender.
- Indigenous students, by year level and gender.

Schools are required to complete STATS for each of their locations as part of their obligations under the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and the [Australian Education Regulations 2023](#).

Changes to STATS for 2024

1. STATS help and support information has been updated and is available in the Downloads section on the [SchoolsHUB STATS page](#). Updated materials include:
 - Frequently asked questions
 - [Key dates](#)
2. The [STATS Data Technical Specification](#) has had minor updates. We encourage you to confirm your software provider has the current 2024 specification, which is available under downloads on the [SchoolsHUB STATS page](#).

Need help?

For help with the STATS collection:

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Key Dates: Student Attendance (STATS) data collection 2024

Date:	Event:	What you must do:
Wednesday 19 June 2024	Semester 1 reporting opens	Start providing your Semester 1 STATS data. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time students in Years 1 to 10, and • Any Ungraded students who are in the typical age group for students in Years 1 to 10.
Friday 2 August 2024	Semester 1 reporting closes	Finish providing your Semester 1 STATS data. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time students in Years 1 to 10, and • Any Ungraded students who are in the typical age group for students in Years 1 to 10. Declare the data is complete and correct for each of your school(s) and their location(s).
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Term 3 reporting opens	Start providing your Term 3 STATS data. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time students in Years 1 to 10, and • Any Ungraded students who are in the typical age group for students in Years 1 to 10.
Friday 25 October 2024	Term 3 reporting closes	Finish providing your Term 3 STATS data. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time students in Years 1 to 10, and • Any Ungraded students who are in the typical age group for students in Years 1 to 10. Declare the data is complete and correct for each of your school(s) and their location(s).