

Indicator 2: Drop Out

Vermont's drop-out rate is calculated by dividing the count of IEP students ages 14-21 who were reported as dropped out by the total count of IEP students in the same age group.

$$\text{Indicator 2 Percentage} = \frac{\text{Number of youth with IEPs who exited special education due to dropping out}}{\text{Total number of youth with IEPs age 14-21}} \times 100$$

Data Sources: Same data as used for reporting to the Department under section 618 of the IDEA, using the definitions in EDFacts file specifications C002 and C009.

Vermont definition of dropout: In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn". If a truant officer is unable to verify that the student has transferred to a different school or approved educational program (e.g., home school) before the end of the year, the student is considered a dropout. A summer dropout is a student who completed the previous school year, who was absent for the first 10 days of the current school year, and who does not transfer to a different educational program.