



# Newsletter

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## ***Welcome to the SmartData Dashboard Special Education Disproportionality Reference Guide***

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Arkansas Department of Education used state set-aside ARP ESSER funds to contract with Hughes Technology for all districts in Arkansas to have access to the [SmartData Dashboard](#).

Managing performance, tracking behavior, and maintaining safety standards is difficult for any size district - until now. This automated data dashboard is an early warning and early intervention system that allows school districts to focus on student achievement, student discipline, and student safety.

**To get started using SmartData, please contact [Support@HughesEducation.net](mailto:Support@HughesEducation.net). Staff members can request school-level or district-level access pending superintendent approval.**

Since the implementation of SmartData, the Office of Special Education has worked with Hughes Technology to include the State's calculation for Significant Disproportionality. While Significant Disproportionality is officially calculated using Cycle 4 data, the SmartData Dashboard is refreshed nightly allowing districts to see the changes in your data as you implement various strategies or interventions.

The Dashboard's significant disproportionality risk ratio results uses the same calculation, including the merge of early childhood data into district child count and enrollment, and the cell and N size selected by the state to meet the federal regulations.

**ALL 14 areas and seven race/ethnicities are examined.** The only difference is the federal requirement is tied to Cycle 4 child count and Cycle 7 discipline and the Dashboard is refreshed nightly. The results in the Dashboard are only as accurate as your eSchool data. This is especially true for discipline. Data entry needs to occur in a timely manner for the Dashboard to be beneficial.

# SmartData Dashboard

**Step 1:** Login to [smartdatadashboard.com](https://smartdatadashboard.com)

Username: school email address

Password: Last name capital first letter @ 1: Example: Smith@1

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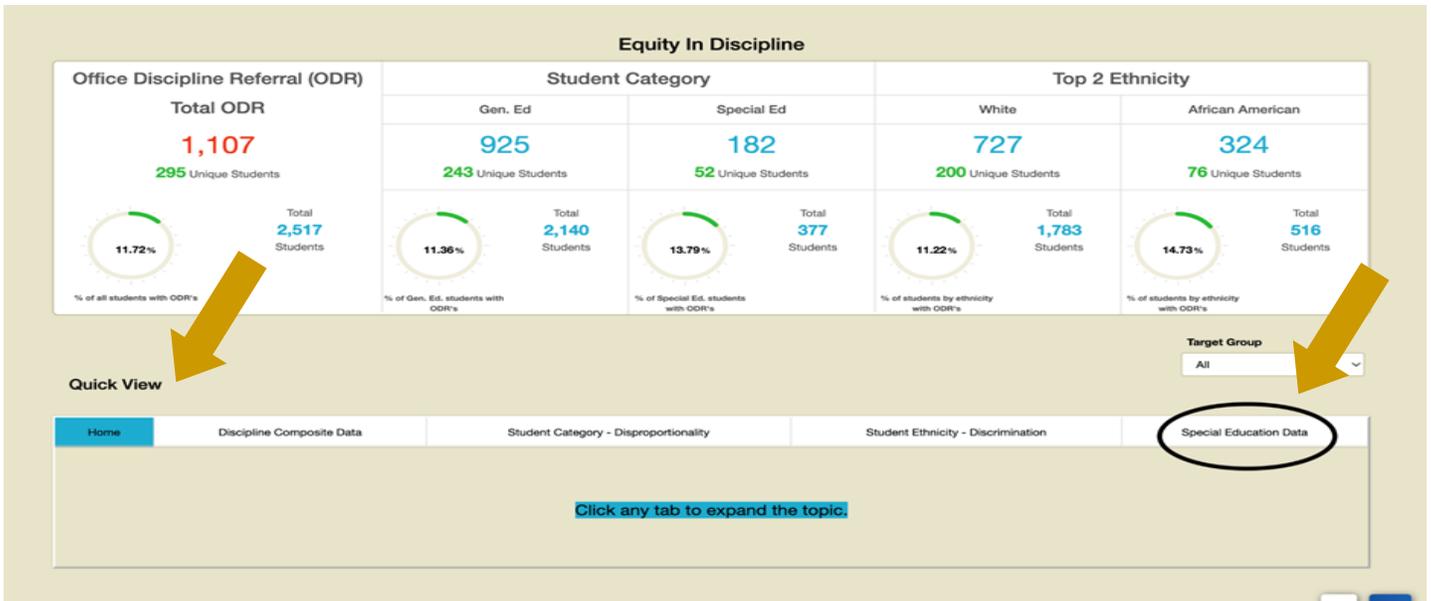
**Step 2:** Click on Equity in Discipline:



Office Discipline Referral (ODR)	Student Category		Top 2 Ethnicity	
	Gen. Ed	Special Ed	White	African American
<b>Total ODR</b> <b>1,107</b> 295 Unique Students	<b>925</b> 243 Unique Students	<b>182</b> 52 Unique Students	<b>727</b> 200 Unique Students	<b>324</b> 76 Unique Students
<b>11.72%</b> Total 2,517 Students % of all students with ODR's	<b>11.36%</b> Total 2,140 Students % of Gen. Ed. students with ODR's	<b>13.79%</b> Total 377 Students % of Special Ed. students with ODR's	<b>11.22%</b> Total 1,783 Students % of students by ethnicity with ODR's	<b>14.73%</b> Total 516 Students % of students by ethnicity with ODR's

# SmartData Dashboard

**Step 3:** Scroll down and click on Quick View Tab: **Special Education Data**



**After clicking on the Special Education Data Tab, a new screen will open.**

**Step 4:** Explore the data tabs to find possible at-risk areas for disproportionality based on placement or discipline.

- As you look at the screen shot on the next page, SmartData refers to identification, disability category, and educational environment as **placement indicators**. They are displayed in the top row while discipline indicators are displayed in the bottom row.
- Any tab highlighted with purple indicates a possible risk ratio of 3.0 or greater and should be investigated further.
- For a risk ratio to calculate you must meet the minimum cell and n size requirement of 5 and 15, respectively. If the comparison data does not meet the minimum requirements, an Alternate Risk Ratio will be used to compare the district data to the state. See the last column for the alternate risk ratio flag.
- Any tab highlighted with red indicates a possible risk ratio of 2.0 or greater and should be investigated further to avoid further risk.

# SmartData Dashboard

Target Group: All

Quick View

Home | Discipline Composite Data | Student Category - Disproportionality | Student Ethnicity - Discrimination | Special Education Data

Academic Year: 2021-2022

SpEd Representation Data By Campus  
 SpEd Representation-(Ages 3-21) Rates and Ratios  
 SpEd Placement - (Ages 6-21) Regular Class < 40%  
 SpEd Placement - (Ages 6-21) Regular Class >= 80%  
 SpEd Placement - (Ages 6-21) Separate Settings Rate  
 SpEd Discipline - (Ages 3-21) OSS and Expulsion <= 10 Days  
 SpEd Discipline - (Ages 3-21) OSS and Expulsion > 10 Days  
 SpEd Discipline - (Ages 3-21) ISS <= 10 Days  
 SpEd Discipline - (Ages 3-21) ISS > 10 Days  
 SpEd Discipline - (Ages 3-21) Total Removal

Top 5 are placement indicators  
Bottom 5 are discipline indicators

SpEd Representation-(Ages 3-21) Rates and Ratios, SPED STUDENTS COUNT: 1555, STUDENTS COUNT: 11026

ETHNICITY	SPED	STUDENTS	RATIO	SPED (ALL OTHER)	STUDENTS (ALL OTHER)	RATIO (ALL OTHER)	SD RISK RATIO	STATE ALT. CALCULATION
African American	340	1,575	21.59	1215	9451	12.9	1.7	
Asian	38	396	9.6	1517	10630	14.3	0.7	
Hispanic	203	1,410	14.4	1352	9616	14.1	1.0	
Native American	20	117	17.09	1535	10909	14.1	1.2	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	22	177	12.43	1533	10849	14.1	0.9	
White	932	7,351	12.68	623	3675	17.0	0.7	YES
Total	1,555	11,026	14.10					

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For Questions/Assistance Email: [Support@HughesEducation.net](mailto:Support@HughesEducation.net)

## **REQUESTING SCANTRON SURVEY FORMS**

To **request Scantron forms** email Nancy Rea before April 15, 2023. Her email is [nerea@ualr.edu](mailto:nerea@ualr.edu)

Please include the following in your email:

1. District LEA Names
2. District LEA Numbers
3. Type of Survey being requested:  
School Age and/or Early Childhood  
(for EC English and/or Spanish)
4. Number surveys requesting
5. Name of the requestor
6. Contact Number of the requestor
7. Mailing Address

A new process for requesting scantron forms is coming. Please watch your email in the next few weeks for information.

Be sure to mail completed scan forms to IDEA Data & Research by June 30, 2023.

IDEA Data & Research Office  
UA Little Rock  
2801 S. University Ave  
Stabler Hall - Suite 406  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
(501) 916-3219

## **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Data Entry Training for eSchool and MySped Resource can be offered virtually and face-to-face.
- Face-to-face is held at:  
ASPCN Computer Lab  
101 East Capitol,  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Please refer to ASTIS for dates and times. ASTIS is located on the [ARKSPED Portal](#) page.

- [Commissioner Memo](#) for Cycle 7 Reporting Requirements and Review Webinars is posted.

## ***Questions about training opportunities?***



Training contact:  
Khala Quarles  
at: (501) 916-3219  
[kpquarles@ualr.edu](mailto:kpquarles@ualr.edu)

## ***Important Resources***

### **IDEA Data & Research Office**

UA Little Rock  
2801 S. University Ave  
Stabler Hall - Suite 406  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
(501) 916-3219

### **DIS/APSCN**

(501) 682-HELP (4357) Option 3  
1-800-435-7989 Option 3  
DIS.CallCenter@arkansas.gov (24 hour email)

### **Special Education Home Page**

<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/offices/special-education>

### **Important links from the Special Education home page:**

The IDEA Data & Research web page is where you can find links to the

- Data Dictionaries
- User Guides (in MySped Resource under Support)
- Training Opportunities
- DATA Talk video series
- Recorded webinars, and more.

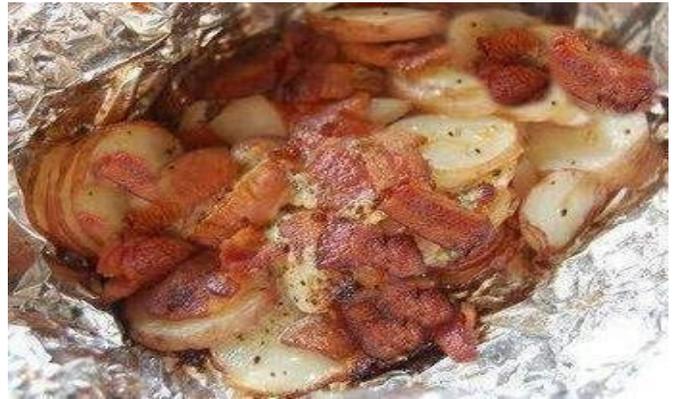
Please visit regularly as we are always adding new information.

### **ARKSPED Portal**

A secured web portal where LEAs review and submit data to the ADE via MySped Resource. There is also a link to the **School Age and Early Childhood Family Outcomes Survey**.  
[Click here to visit the ARKSPED Portal](#)

## ***Just for Fun Recipe***

### **Potato, Bacon & Onion Foil Packet**



### **Ingredients to make 3 packets**

- 3 double sheets of heavy-duty foil
- 1 packet onion soup powder
- 10-12 baby red potatoes, thinly sliced
- 12 slices of cooked and crumbled bacon
- 1 small onion thinly sliced and diced
- 1 cup cheese (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Sour cream for serving (optional)

### **Instructions for 3 packets**

- 1) Spray top sheets of foil packets with cooking spray.
- 2) In bowl, mix potatoes, bacon, onion and soup powder.
- 3) Top each sheet with equal portions of mix.
- 4) Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 5) Add 1 tablespoon butter to each serving.
- 6) Wrap securely.
- 7) Grill for 20 to 30 minutes. Or bake it in the oven at 350° for 35 minutes or till potatoes are done.
- 8) Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve in foil, topped with sour cream if desired