



## North Carolina ECATS Newsletter

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Welcome to this month's edition of the ECATS Newsletter. We hope you are having a great new school year.

### ECATS Implementation

The ECATS team is continuing its work to deliver an exceptional product to its customers. While continuing our daily drive at further completion of system functionality, we are also scheduling out the remaining work for implementation and beyond.

Keeping in mind the expectation to deliver an exceptional product, we have taken measures to reinforce our practices and approach. The teams have utilized these opportunities to continue to troubleshoot and resolve outstanding issues.

### Special Education Module: Current Focus

The EC team continues to revise and hone the system as part of the preparation process for go-live. Recent conversations have involved reviewing state and federal reporting processes, addressing ongoing testing feedback, and reviewing key system features targeted for the next round of system releases. As adjustments are made to the system, we are updating training materials, including manuals and videos, to ensure these resources are ready for go-live.

### MTSS Module: Current Focus

The MTSS team is working on developing new features that will be included in the ECATS rollout or shortly thereafter. Additionally, the team is working through 3rd party data integration setup and training materials for users.

### Service Documentation (Medicaid) Module: Current Focus

The Service Documentation team is continuing to test and configure the system to ensure readiness for go live. Training materials and tutorial videos are also being prepared to provide users and stakeholders across North Carolina with the resources needed for efficient and compliant service documentation.

### Transition Tips - Data Cleanup

In preparation for the implementation date, it is not too early to perform house cleaning activities. For example, from an administrative perspective, you should deactivate user account access to those no longer affiliated with your LEA, Charter or SOP. Also you should deactivate duplicate user accounts affiliated with your LEA, Charter or SOP.



### PROJECT TIMELINE

#### TBD – TBD

Blackout Period

#### TBD 2019

Statewide Implementation – Special Education/Service Documentation Go Live

#### TBD 2019

MTSS Go Live for First Implementers

### RESOURCES

#### DPI ECATS Website:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ecats/>

#### DPI Contact:

We welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and questions. Please send ECATS project related inquiries to [ECATS.INFO@DPI.NC.GOV](mailto:ECATS.INFO@DPI.NC.GOV)

### FAQ

Click [here](#) for the FAQ section. This will be updated on an ongoing basis.

**Q: Will EOG/EOC data and student grades upload into the MTSS module?**

**A:** Yes, EOG/EOC data and grades will upload from PowerSchool for use in the appropriate ECATS modules.

**Q: When a student transfers from another district in state, does the EC information automatically transfer over when they enroll?**

**A:** The student record will appear in the new district according to data feeds to reflect the LEAs PowerSchool instance, and then approved users can complete the transfer of the EC documentation within ECATS.

**Q: Where is the secure server PCG is to provide? How will logins be maintained?**

**A:** The PCG servers are located in PCG's secure data centers. Logins for ECATS will all be channeled through North Carolina's EdCloud portal with access managed by IAM.