



North Carolina ECATS Newsletter

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Welcome to this month's edition of the ECATS Newsletter.

Final Migration Update

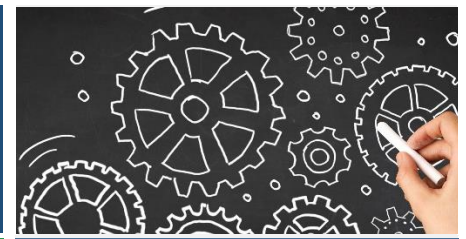
The final migration of legacy systems began on Sunday, June 16, 2019 with the shutdown of the CECAS, EdPlan and Goalview systems. The ECATS team is continuing to migrate historical data from these systems over to the ECATS system. Additionally, migrated data validations are being performed on the migrated data. There have been no schedule delays or issues reported. As such, the ECATS system remains on schedule for the week of July 15, 2019 go-live.

Training Update

Training for the Special Education and Service Documentation modules began on June 10, 2019, and sessions were held each day that week in select regional locations. Five training sessions have been completed for Special Education, and eight training sessions have been completed for Service Documentation. Districts with year-round schools were given first priority for the June training dates, but registration for July sessions are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Training dates and locations, as well as LEA training seat allotments and links for training registration were distributed in a memo by DPI on May 31, 2019. For questions related to ECATS training, please email sherry.thomas@dpi.nc.gov.

Designated participants should attend one full-day of training for the Special Education module and one half-day for the Service Documentation module, as appropriate. Training is being delivered as a train-the-trainer model, and participants are provided with access to the ECATS Training site. It is recommended that each LEA carefully select representatives who are comfortable with technology and will be champions for local users. These individuals will be responsible for local ECATS training in each LEA, and will serve as key contacts for colleagues and help to enhance acceptance of the new system.

As a reminder, a communication was provided by DPI addressing some policy questions received during the first week of ECATS training. As a result version #2 of the EC Process Training Modules was released on June 23, 2019. It is will be beneficial to review that document in advance of future PCG trainings of LEA trainers.



PROJECT TIME LINE

June 16 – week of July 15, 2019

Final Data Migration Period

Week of July 15, 2019

Statewide Implementation – Special Education/Service Documentation Go-Live

Winter 2020

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

FAQ

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

Q: What are the requirements to access ECATS? Will the ECATS system open and work on Chromebooks or Chrome browsers?

A: The only technical requirements to access ECATS are a strong internet connection and a current version of an internet browser. ECATS is accessible from any electronic device with internet access, using an updated browser.

Q: How do users access the ECATS system for their LEA?

A: ECATS will be accessed through the IAM (NCEdCloud). Each user will use the same username to access IAM for ECATS as they do for PowerSchool, Canvas, etc. This may be their State Staff UID or it may be their NCID. The username currently used to access IAM will be the same username used to access IAM when ECATS goes live.