

PSC Solution: TIP0030

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Solution Type: Technical Tip

Title: How to find all files that collect a specific type of data

This article explains how to find all files and data groups that collect a specific type of data, such as count of students by disability status.

The Data Framework, located within ESS, is useful for this task. To access the Data Framework, log in to ESS and then from the left-hand menu on the Home page, select ESS, then Data Framework.

Use the Categories link to view a list of all data types collected within *EDFacts*. You may then search the Categories to view associated permitted codes and category sets. You may also search within the permitted codes to view their definitions and a list of all files that collect data with those codes.

In our example, searching for “disability status” within Categories, then selecting Disability Status (IDEA) from the search results yields:

**Category Detail**

Data Framework > Categories > Category Detail

Category: **Disability Status**

Purpose: IDEA

Abbreviation: DISABSTATIDEA

Comments:

Definition: An indication of whether children (students) are Children with Disabilities (IDEA). Code set based on the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

School Year: 2009-2010

Permitted Codes Associated:

Permitted Code Value	Code Abbreviation	Definition
Children with one or more disabilities (IDEA)	WDIS	Children with disabilities (IDEA)
Children without disabilities	WODIS	Children without disabilities
Missing	MISSING	Missing

Category Sets Associated:

Data Group	Table Type	Category Set
Educational services during expulsion table	Educational Services Table	Disability Status (IDEA), Educational Services
Graduates/Completers Tables	Graduates/Completers Tables	Diploma/Credential, Disability Status (IDEA), Sex (Membership)
High School Graduation Rate Indicator Status	High School Graduation Rate Indicator Status	Disability Status (IDEA)

Program Presence Type Data Groups Associated:  
None

This information offers you the data groups for which each category set was collected. You can then look up the names of the corresponding file specifications using ESS > Data Framework > Data Groups to find which files collect those data elements.