

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)?

1. Legislation

- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA)
- Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards)

Under the legislation, Australian students with disability must be able to access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers.

2. Schools provide reasonable adjustments

Schools provide adjustments to students with disability, in consultation with parents, carers or guardians so students can access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers.

3. Schools provide data for the NCCD

- For the NCCD, schools count, in a consistent manner, the number of students with disability receiving adjustments to access and participate in education.
- School teams make professional judgements on eligible students based on the levels of adjustments provided, the categories of disability and the evidence to support the decisions made.
- This information is provided to education authorities and includes the year of schooling, the category of disability and level of adjustment provided.

No identifying information or personal details are provided to the Australian Government in the NCCD.

4. NCCD data is used

- As an evidence base, to give teachers, schools and sectors information about students with disability and the level of educational adjustment being provided
- To inform policy development and future planning to better equip schools and education authorities to support students with disability
- To improve understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of school teams and the broader community under the DDA and the Standards
- To capture the work of schools under the obligations of the DDA and the Standards, allowing students with disability to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students
- To highlight the individual needs of each student with disability by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them at school