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PRIVATE SCHOOL SURVEY 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR



PLEASE NOTE:

The 2015-16 Private School Survey is intended to include all private -

► SCHOOLS that teach ANY of the following -

- At least one grade from 1 to 12
- Ungraded students from 5 to 18 years old
- Kindergarten traditional year of school primarily for 5-year-olds prior to first grade
- Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten extra year of school for kindergarten-age children who are judged not ready for kindergarten
- Transitional first (or prefirst) grade extra year of school for children who have attended kindergarten but have been judged not ready for first grade

► EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND DAY CARE CENTERS that have ANY of the following -

- Kindergarten
- Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten
- Transitional first (or prefirst) grade

For example:

An early childhood center that has a nursery school, a prekindergarten program, and a kindergarten would be eligible for this survey, since it includes a kindergarten.

But an early childhood center that has a nursery school and a prekindergarten program ONLY would NOT be eligible for this survey, since it does not include kindergarten. You would mark box 2 in item 2b.

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PLEASE CONTINUE WITH ITEM 1 ON PAGE 3.



DEAR ADMINISTRATOR:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in the 2015-16 Private School Survey, a national data collection valuable to private schools across the country. NCES is authorized to conduct this survey under the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA: 20 U.S.C., § 9543).

WHY IS NCES SPONSORING THIS SURVEY?

This data collection seeks to obtain current information about private schools, such as type of school, length of school year, number of students and teachers, and number of high school graduates, if applicable. The data will be used to produce a web-based private school search tool and statistical summaries about the providers of private education in the United States.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY?

The 2015-16 Private School Survey includes all private schools and early childhood programs that provide educational instruction to students in kindergarten and *at least* one grade from 1 to 12.

WHY SHOULD YOUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY?

Private schools are a significant segment of the nation's educational system. Results from previous surveys show that approximately 25 percent of all elementary and secondary schools in the United States are private institutions; these schools enroll approximately 10 percent of the nation's children and employ 13 percent of the nation's teachers. NCES has instituted this survey in recognition of the important role of private education in the United States. While there is no penalty for not responding, a high response rate is very important to maintain high data quality. We encourage you to participate in this voluntary survey.

WHERE SHOULD YOU MAIL YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE?

Please return your completed questionnaire using the enclosed envelope. If you do not have the return envelope, please mail your questionnaire to:

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU ATTN: DCB 60A 1201 E. 10TH STREET JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47132-0001

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT EFFORT.

SINCERELY,

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1. Please print your name, title, and school telephone number.
YOUR NAME TITLE
SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER 052
2a. Is this institution or organization still in operation? Yes Month Day Year
Yes World Day Year
No - Please record the date when closed.
b. Are any of grades K to 12 or comparable ungraded levels taught by this institution or organization?
Mark (X) all that apply, then GO TO item 2c below. No
(1) Which of the following describes the reason(s) this institution or organization does NOT teach any of grades K-12 or comparable ungraded levels? Mark (X) all that apply, then GO TO item 3 below. Adult education or postsecondary education Tutoring program or before and after school program Prekindergarten, nursery school, early childhood center, or day care center Other - Please describe. →
C. Is this a private school or program? For this survey, all non-public elementary or secondary schools are considered private schools. For example, Roman Catholic schools, Hebrew day schools, Lutheran schools, private boarding schools, nonsectarian private schools, private schools that provide special education services to public school districts, private schools that receive tuition for some students from public school districts. Yes Which of the following best describes your school or program? Mark (X) only one box, then GO TO item 3 below. Public school, including public charter, state-run, Bureau of
Indian Education, or Department of Defense school Other → Please describe the type of school or program. 131
3. If you marked "No" for any of items 2a-c, do not complete this questionnaire. Please return it in the enclosed envelope. If you do not have the return envelope, mail your questionnaire to: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU ATTN: DCB 60A 1201 E. 10TH STREET JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47132-0001 If you marked "Yes" for all of items 2a-c above, continue with item 4 on page 4.

INSTRUCTIONS

The data you enter on this form will be captured through the use of imaging technology. Please print all information clearly in ordinary characters, using a black ballpoint pen.

- **a.** If you are unsure about how to answer a question, please give the best answer you can rather than leaving it blank.
- **b.** If you have any questions, call the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-888-329-5890. Someone will be available to take your call Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Ungraded levels. The term "ungraded levels" refers to schools that classify students by an alternative means other than particular grade levels (e.g., Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, etc.)

- 4. How many students were enrolled in each of the following grade levels around the first of October?
 - Report only for the school or program named on the front of this questionnaire.
 - Do NOT include postsecondary or adult education students.
 - Do NOT include children who are enrolled only in day care at this school or program.
 - in column (1), mark (X) "Yes" or "No" for each grade level.
 - In column (2), record the number of students for each grade level with "Yes" marked in column (1).

	Grade levels		oo st	program nts in this		(2) ber of students n this grade
		135	1	Yes →	140	
a.	Ungraded (including ungraded special education students)		2	No		
		145	1	Yes →	150	
b.	Nursery and prekindergarten		2	No		
		155	1	Yes →	160	
C.	Kindergarten (traditional year of school primarily for 5-year-olds prior to first grade)		2	No		
d.	Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten (extra	165	1	Yes →	170	
	year of school for kindergarten-age children who are judged not ready for kindergarten)		2	No		
e.	Transitional first (or prefirst) grade (extra year of school for children who have attended	175	1	Yes →	180	
	kindergarten but have been judged not ready for first grade)			No		



	Grade levels	school have st	(1) oes I or uder grad	program nts in this		(2) nber of st n this gra
		185		Yes →	190	
f.	1st	2		No		_
		195		Yes →	200	
g.	2nd	2		No		L,
		205		Yes →	210	
h.	3rd	2		No		L,
		215		Yes →	220	
i.	4th	2		No		L,
		225		Yes →	230	
j.	5th	2		No		
		235		Yes →	240	
k.	6th	2		No		, ,
		245		Yes →	250	
I.	7th	2		No		
		255		Yes →	260	
m.	8th	2		No		
		265		Yes →	270	
n.	9th	2		No		
		275		Yes →	280	
0.	10th	2		No		,
		285		Yes →	290	
p.	11th	295		No		,
		295		Yes →	300	
q.	12th	2	Ш	No		

6.	Around the first of October, how many students enrolled in grades K-12 and comparable ungraded levels were –
	 Do NOT include nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education students. Do NOT include children who are enrolled only in day care at this school or program. If none, please mark (X) the box.
	a. Hispanic or Latino, regardless of race?
320	None or Students
	b. White, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
330	None or Students
	c. Black or African American, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
325	None or Students
	d. Asian, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
316	None or Students
	e. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
318	None or Students
	f. American Indian or Alaska Native, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
310	None or Students
	g. Two or more races, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
332	None or Students
7a.	Is this school or program coeducational?
335	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	No, it is an all-female school GO TO item 8a on page 7.
	No, it is an all-male school
♦ b.	Around the first of October, how many MALE students in grades K-12 and comparable ungraded levels were enrolled in this school or program?
	 Do NOT include nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education students. Do NOT include children who are enrolled only in day care at this school or program. If none, please mark (X) the box.
340	None or Male students



	LAST school year (2014-15), were any students enrolled in 12th grade?
345	-₁ □ Yes
	2 No → GO TO item 9a below.
	How many students were enrolled in 12th grade around October 1, 2014?
350	12th graders
C.	How many students graduated from the 12th grade with a diploma LAST school year (2014-15)? Include 2015 summer graduates. Do not include students who received only vocational certificates, certificates of attendance, or certificates of completion. If none, please mark (X) the box.
355	0 None → GO TO item 9a below.
Ţ	Graduates Graduates
d.	Of those who graduated with a diploma LAST school year (2014-15), approximately what percentage went to four-year colleges?
	 ★ If none, please mark (X) the box. ★ Round to the nearest whole percent.
360	None or Percent
9a.	How long is the school day for a kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transitional
	first grade student?
365	Mark (X) only one box.
	School or program does not offer kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transtional first grade → GO TO instructions for item 10 at top of page 8.
	Full day (4 hours or more per day)
г{	2 Half day (less than 4 hours per day)
↓	Both offered
b.	How many days per week does a kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transitional
	first grade student attend? • If the number of days per week varies (e.g., some students attend 3 days per week and some
370	attend 5 days per week), record the most days that a student would attend in a week.
	Days per week



INSTRUCTIONS AND AN EXAMPLE FOR ITEM 10

In item 10, we ask for the number of teachers for grades K-12 by the amount of time they teach at THIS school or program.

Example:

The following is an example to illustrate how to report teachers in this item for a school or program that includes prekindergarten through grade 8.

If this school or program has eight full-time teachers for grades 1-8, one full-time teacher who teaches kindergarten $\frac{1}{2}$ time and prekindergarten $\frac{1}{2}$ time, a music teacher who teaches two days each week, a physical education teacher who teaches three days each week, and a teaching principal who teaches one 30-minute class each day, you would complete item 10 as follows:

0		None	or	8	Full-time teachers
0	X	None	or	1 1	Teach at least ¾ time but less than full time
0		None	or	2	Teach at least ½ time but less than ¾ time This number includes the one full-time teacher who teaches
					kindergarten ½ time and prekindergarten ½ time. The time he or she spends teaching prekindergarten is not counted in item 10.
					This number also includes the physical education teacher who teaches three days a week.
0		None	or	1	Teach at least ¼ time but less than ½ time
					This includes the music teacher who teaches two days a week.
0		None	or	1	Teach less than ¼ time
					This includes the principal who teaches one 30-minute class each day. The time he or she spends working as a principal is not included in item 10.
				1 2	TOTAL TEACHERS



10.	Around the first of October, how many persons were teaching in grades K-12 and/or COMPARABLE ungraded levels at this school or program in the following time categories? • Consider only the amount of time an individual works as a teacher during a typical week at THIS school or program.
	 Include: Regular classroom teachers Teachers who teach subjects such as music, art, physical education, and special education Teaching principals or administrators who teach a regularly scheduled class at this school or program Do NOT include: Teachers who teach ONLY nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education Student teachers, teacher aides, day care aides, or short-term substitute teachers Counselors, library media specialists or librarians, speech therapists, social workers, or
	administrators UNLESS they also teach a regularly scheduled class at THIS school or program ightharpoonup If none, please mark (X) the box.
385	None or Full-time teachers
390	None or Teach at least ¾ time but less than full time
395	None or Teach at least ½ time but less than ¾ time
400	None or Teach at least ¼ time but less than ½ time
405	None or Teach less than ¼ time
	410 TOTAL TEACHERS



REGULAR school – elementary or secondary				of the following best describes this school or program?
3 SPECIAL PROGRAM EMPHASIS school – such as a science or math school, performing arts school, talented or gifted school, foreign language immersion school, etc. 4 SPECIAL EDUCATION school – primarily serves students with disabilities 5 CAREER/TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL school – primarily serves students being trained for occupations 7 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OR DAY CARE CENTER – such as kindergarten only, prekindergarten and kindergarten only, indergarten and transitional first grade only, day care and transitional kindergarten only, etc. 6 ALTERNATIVE/OTHER school – offers a curriculum designed to provide alternative or nontraditional education; does not specifically fall into the categories of regular, special program emphasis, special education, or vocational school – Please describe. 12a. Is a major role of this school or program to support homeschooling? 140 12a. Is a major role of this school or program to support homeschooling? 15 No 16 No 17 Yes 2 No 18 No 19 Yes 2 No 19 Yes 2 No 30 Or item 14 on page 12 435 Service of the school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution? 18 Service of the school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution?	415			
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1			416	
b. Is this school or program located in a private home that is used primarily as a family residence 1 Yes 2 No 13a. Does this school or program have a religious orientation or purpose? 1 Yes 2 No → GO TO item 14 on page 12. b. Is this school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution? 1 Yes	12a.	ls	a m	ajor role of this school or program to support homeschooling?
b. Is this school or program located in a private home that is used primarily as a family residence 1	420	1		Yes
1		2		No
1	b.	- Is	this	school or program located in a private home that is used primarily as a family residence
13a. Does this school or program have a religious orientation or purpose? 1	425	1		Yes
1		2		No
1	13a.	Do	oes t	his school or program have a religious orientation or purpose?
b. Is this school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution? 1 Yes	430	1		Yes
435 1 Yes		2		No → GO TO item 14 on page 12.
1 L Yes	♥ b.	_ Is	this	school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution?
2 No	435	1		Yes
	100			No
	100	2	Ш	NO TO THE REPORT OF THE PERSON
		2		
		2		
		2		



13c.	W	hat is Mark	s this school's or program's religious orientation or affiliation? (X) only one box.
440	1		Roman Catholic Is this school – Mark (X) only one box.
	2		African Methodist Episcopal African Methodist Episcopal African Methodist Episcopal African Methodist Episcopal
	3		Amish 2 Diocesan
	4		Assembly of God Private
	5		Baptist
	6		Brethren
	7		Calvinist
	8		Christian (no specific denomination)
	9		Church of Christ
	10		Church of God
	11		Church of God in Christ
	12		Church of the Nazarene
	13		Disciples of Christ
	14		Episcopal
	15		Friends
	16		Greek Orthodox
	17		Islamic
	18		Jewish
	19		Latter Day Saints
	20		Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
	21		Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (formerly AELC, ALC, or LCA)
	22		Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
	23		Other Lutheran
	24		Mennonite
	25		Methodist
	26		Pentecostal
	27		Presbyterian
:	28		Seventh-Day Adventist
	29		Other – Specify
		441	

14.	. To which of the following associations or organizations does this school or program belong? • Mark (X) all that apply.					
450	1		This school or program does NOT belong to ANY associations or organizations			
	RI	ELIG	ious			
455	1		Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) (or School of Tomorrow)			
460	1		American Association of Christian Schools (AACS)			
465	1		Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)			
467	1		Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS)			
468	1		Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS)			
470	1		Christian Schools International (CSI)			
180	1		Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA)			
185	1		Friends Council on Education (FCE)			
490	1		General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (GCSDAC)			
492	1		Islamic School League of America (ISLA)			
495	1		Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA)			
500	1		National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES)			
505	1		National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)			
510	1		National Christian School Association (NCSA)			
515	1		National Society for Hebrew Day Schools (Torah Umesorah)			
520	1		Oral Roberts University Educational Fellowship (ORUEF)			
522	1		The Jewish Community Day School Network (RAVSAK)			
525	1		Solomon Schechter Day School Association (SSDSA)			
530	1		Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools (SBACS)			
535	1		Other religious school association(s) – Specify			
		536				



(Mark	k (X) all that apply.
SI	PECI	AL EMPHASIS
1		American Montessori Society (AMS)
1		Association Montessori International (AMI)
1		Other Montessori association(s)
1		Association of Military Colleges and Schools (AMCS)
1		Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)
1		National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)
1		Other association(s) for exceptional children
1		European Council for International Schools (ECIS)
1		National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
1		National Association of Laboratory Schools (NALS)
1		National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS)
1		Other special emphasis association(s) − Specify ✓
	606	
0	THE	R SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS
1		Alternative School Network (ASN)
1		National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
1		State or regional independent school association
1		National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)
1		The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)
1		Other school association(s) − Specify _✓
	641	

15. 645	How many days are in the school YEAR for students in this school or program?
	Days per school YEAR
16. 650	How long is the school DAY for students in this school or program? • Report BOTH hours and minutes, e.g., 06 hours and 00 minutes, 05 hours and 45 minutes, etc. • If the length of day varies by grade level, record the longest day.
	Hours AND Minutes
17.	Does this school or program have a library media center? (A library media center is an organized collection of printed and/or audiovisual and/or computer resources which is administered as a unit, is located in a designated place or places, and makes resources and services available to students, teachers, and administrators. A library media center may be called a school library, media center, resource center, information center, instructional materials center, learning resource center, or any other similar name.)
660	1 Yes
	2 No
18a.	Does this school participate in the National School Lunch Program (that is, the federal free or reduced-price lunch program)?
661	1 Yes
	2 ☐ No → GO TO item 19a below.
b.	Around the first of October, how many students at this school were APPROVED for free or reduced-price lunches?
	 ♠ Do NOT include nursery or prekindergarten students. ♠ If none, please mark (X) the box.
662	None or K-12 students approved
19a.	Around the first of October, did any students enrolled in this school receive Title I services at this school or at any other location? (Title I is a federally funded program that provides educational services, such as remedial reading or remedial math, to children who live in areas with high concentrations of low-income families.)
663	1 Yes
	2 ☐ No → GO TO item 20 on page 15.
b.	How many students participate in the Title I program?
	• If none or all, please mark (X) the box.
664	□ No K-12 students
	1 All K-12 students
665	K-12 students



20.	Please enter the date you completed this questionnaire. • Report month as a number, i.e., 01 for January, 02 for February, etc.					
670	Month Day Year					
21.	Please verify this school's or program's name and mailing address that are printed below.					
	If any part of the name and mailing address is incorrect, enter the correction(s), as necessary, in the appropriate space(s) below.					
700	School or program name					
700						
701	Mailing address					
702	City					
703	State ZIP Code + 4					
22a.	Is the physical or street address of this school or program the same as the mailing address? Yes					
Г	_ 2 □ No					
b.	b. Please print this school's or program's physical or street address.					
706	Street					
707	City					
	State ZIP Code					
708	709 709					
THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY. YOUR TIME AND EFFORT ARE APPRECIATED.						
PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RETURN ENVELOPE, MAIL YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO:						
	U.S. CENSUS BUREAU					

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For additional data collected by various Federal agencies, including the Department of Education, visit the Federal Statistics clearinghouse at: http://www.fedstats.gov

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