

Note to OMB

Student Level Achievement Data

There is no instrument for this data collection.

Student-Level Achievement Data. The evaluation team has asked the VPSC Program's sites to submit student-level achievement data for all of the students participating in the VPSC initiative and a comparison group of students. As part of their own implementation procedures, the sites should already have this information collected. Providing it for the evaluation team should be only a matter of copying existing records and duplicating relevant documentation. In addition, the sites strip all identifying information from the records (e.g., name, social security number), so that the files remain completely anonymous. The evaluation team estimates that these efforts, along with occasional phone or e-mail dialogue with the sites, will take approximately 3 business days (24 hours) for each grant administrator. The number of estimated respondents is 13 (a 100 percent response rate), for an annual burden of 312 person hours (see exhibit 1d).

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Lottery Data. When the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats, the VPSC Program stipulates that the sites must select students to participate on the basis of a lottery. During the *Final Phase* of the National Evaluation of the VPSC Program, the evaluation team intends to use data from a sample of the sites' lotteries to evaluate the choice initiatives more closely. The sample consists of up to three VPSC Program's sites that are planning to use lotteries in anticipation of oversubscription. The evaluation team will ask these sites to share the lottery results with the team, as well as subsequent student achievement scores for both the students placed in a school of choice through the lottery and the students applying but not placed through the lottery. The sites should have these data available and in a mode that is easy to share, requiring only the copying of existing records and the preparation of documentation, as well as the removal of any identifying information. The evaluation team estimates that these efforts will take approximately 5 business days (40 hours) for each site. The number of estimated respondents is 3 (a 100 percent response rate), for an annual burden of 120 person hours (see exhibit 1e).