

This is a request for emergency clearance for sampling and recruiting schools to participate in the field test of the High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSL:09). The HSL:09 is the most recent installment in the series of NCE's nationally representative longitudinal studies of high school students. The HSL:09 will assess students in math and science during the fall of their 9th grade year and again in the spring of most participating students' 11th grade year. The study will also survey students, their parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and school administrators twice during the secondary school years and follow students into their postsecondary years. The study will focus on how students navigate the transition between high school and the postsecondary world; what courses, majors (or first job), and careers students decide to pursue, when, why, and how.