## PRIVATE SCHOOL SURVEY 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR



## PLEASE NOTE:

The 2017-18 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 $2 b$.

## DEAR ADMINISTRATOR:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in the 2017-18 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 2017-18 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:

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


2a. Is this institution or organization still in operation?

b. Are any of grades K to 12 or comparable ungraded levels taught by this institution or organization?

(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.

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    075 1 \square Adult education or postsecondary education
    076 
    077 1 \square
    Prekindergarten, nursery school, early childhood center, or day care center
    078 1 \square Other - Please describe. }->\mp@subsup{}{}{079
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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.

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:
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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.

| CORRECT marking example (Use care to keep characters in their designated spaces.) | INCORRECT marking example - |
| :---: | :---: |
| $35$ | $35$ |
| 1 X Yes | $1 \square$ Yes ${ }^{1} \square$ |
| $2 \square \mathrm{No}$ | $2 \searrow$ No ${ }_{2} \square$ No |

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 | (1) <br> Does this school or program have students in this grade? | (2) <br> Number of students in this grade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Ungraded (including ungraded special education students) | $\begin{array}{llll} 135 & 1 & \square & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \\ & \square & \text { No } \end{array}$ | 140 |
| b. Nursery and prekindergarten | $\begin{array}{lll} 145 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & & \square \end{array} \text { No }$ | 150 |
| c. Kindergarten (traditional year of school primarily for 5-year-olds prior to first grade) | $\begin{array}{lll} 155 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & & \square \end{array} \text { No } \quad l$ | 160 |
| d. Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten (extra year of school for kindergarten-age children who are judged not ready for kindergarten) | $\begin{array}{lll} 165 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \square \end{array}$ | 170 |
| e. Transitional first (or prefirst) grade (extra year of school for children who have attended kindergarten but have been judged not ready for first grade) | $\begin{array}{lll} 175 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \square \end{array}$ | 180 |

4. Continued - How many students were enrolled in each of the following grade levels around the first of October?

|  | Grade levels | (1) <br> Does this school or program have students in this grade? | (2) <br> Number of students in this grade |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| f. 1st |  | $\begin{array}{rll} 185 & & \square \\ & \square \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \square \end{array}$ | 190 $\square$ |
| g. 2nd |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 195 & 1 \quad \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square \end{array}$ | 200 $\square$ |
| h. 3rd |  | Yes $\rightarrow$ <br> No | 210 |
| i. 4th |  | $\begin{array}{rll} 215 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & 2 & \square \end{array}$ | $220$ $\square$ |
| j. 5th |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 225 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \text { No } \end{array}$ | $230$ $\square$ |
| k. 6th |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 235 & & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \text { No } \end{array}$ | $240$ $\square$ |
| I. 7 th |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 245 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \text { No } \end{array}$ | 250 $\square$ |
| m. 8th |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 255 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \text { No } \end{array}$ | 260 $\square$ |
| n. 9th |  |  | 270 |
| o. 10th |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 275 & 1 & \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square & \text { No } \end{array}$ | 280 |
| p. 11th |  | 285 1 $\square$ <br>  Yes $\rightarrow$  <br>  $\square$ No | 290 |
|  | 12th | $\begin{array}{rl} 295 & 1 \quad \square \\ & \text { Yes } \rightarrow \\ & \square \end{array}$ | 300 |
| What was the total number of students enrolled in this school or program around the first of October? <br> © Please sum lines 4(a) through 4(q). |  |  | 305 |

6. Around the first of October, how many students enrolled in grades $\mathrm{K}-12$ 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?


Students
b. White, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

c. Black or African American, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?

d. Asian, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?


Students
e. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?


Students
f. American Indian or Alaska Native, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?


Students
g. Two or more races, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?


7a. Is this school or program coeducational?
335
 Yes

No, it is an all-female school
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 $\square$ Male students

8a. LAST school year (2016-17), were any students enrolled in 12th grade?
345
$\Gamma^{1} \quad \square$YesNo $\rightarrow$ GO TO item 9a below.
b. How many students were enrolled in 12th grade around October 1, 2016?

350 $\square$ 12th graders
c. How many students graduated from the 12th grade with a diploma LAST school year (2016-17)? $\omega^{\omega}$ 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
0None $\rightarrow$ GO TO item 9a below.
 Graduates
d. Of those who graduated with a diploma LAST school year (2016-17), approximately what percentage went to four-year colleges?
© If none, please mark ( $X$ ) the box.
Round to the nearest whole percent.
360 $\square$ Percent

9a. How long is the school day for a kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transitional first grade student?
© Mark ( $X$ ) only one box.
365School or program does not offer kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transtional first grade $\rightarrow$
Full day (4 hours or more per day)

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 attend 5 days per week), record the most days that a student would attend in a week.
370 $\square$ 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 $1 / 2$ time and prekindergarten $1 / 2$ 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:

0None $\square$ Full-time teachers

0 X None or
r $\square$ Teach at least $3 / 4$ time but less than full time

0None or $\square$ Teach at least $1 / 2$ time but less than $3 / 4$ time
This number includes the one full-time teacher who teaches kindergarten $1 / 2$ time and prekindergarten $1 / 2$ 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.

0None or $\square$ 1

Teach at least $1 / 4$ time but less than $1 / 2$ time
This includes the music teacher who teaches two days a week.

0None or $\square$ 1

Teach less than $1 / 4$ 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.

12 tOTAL TEACHERS
10. Around the first of October, how many persons were teaching in grades $\mathrm{K}-12$ 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
© If none, please mark $(X)$ the box.
385
0 $\square \quad$ None or $\square$ Full-time teachers

390
0None or $\square$ Teach at least $3 / 4$ time but less than full time

395
0None or $\square$

Teach at least $1 / 2$ time but less than $3 / 4$ time

400
0None or $\square$ Teach at least $1 / 4$ time but less than $1 / 2$ time

405 $\square$ Teach less than $1 / 4$ time
$\square$

## TOTAL TEACHERS

11. Which of the following best describes this school or program?
©́ Mark ( $X$ ) only one box.
415
$1 \quad$ REGULAR school - elementary or secondary
$2 \square$ MONTESSORI school
$3 \quad$ SPECIAL PROGRAM EMPHASIS school - such as a science or math school, performing arts school, talented or gifted school, foreign language immersion school, etc.

4SPECIAL EDUCATION school - primarily serves students with disabilities

5CAREER/TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL school - primarily serves students being trained for occupations

7EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OR DAY CARE CENTER - such as kindergarten only, prekindergarten and kindergarten only, kindergarten and transitional first grade only, day care and transitional kindergarten only, etc.
6ALTERNATIVE/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.

416 $\square$
12a. Is a major role of this school or program to support homeschooling?
420


2
 No
b. Is this school or program located in a private home that is used primarily as a family residence? 425


13a. Does this school or program have a religious orientation or purpose?
430Yes
$2 \square$
No $\rightarrow$ GO TO item 14 on page 12.
b. Is this school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution?

435Yes

2No

13c. What is this school's or program's religious orientation or affiliation?
${ }^{\omega}$ Mark ( $X$ ) only one box.
440

|  | $\text { Roman Catholic } \longrightarrow$ | Is this school - <br> © Mark ( $X$ ) only one box. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 $\square$ | African Methodist Episcopal | $445$ | Parochial (or inter-parochial) |
| ${ }^{3} \square$ | Amish | $2 \square$ | Diocesan |
| $4 \square$ | Assembly of God | ${ }^{3} \quad \square$ | Private |

5
6Brethren

7Calvinist
8Christian (no specific denomination)
9Church of Christ
10Church of God
$11 \quad \square \quad$ Church of God in Christ
$12 \quad \square$ Church of the Nazarene
${ }^{13} \quad \square$ Disciples of Christ
$14 \quad \square$ Episcopal
$15 \quad \square$ Friends
16 $\quad \square$ Greek Orthodox
$17 \quad \square$ Islamic
$18 \quad$ Jewish
$19 \quad$ Latter Day Saints
$20 \quad \square \quad$ Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
$21 \quad \square$ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (formerly AELC, ALC, or LCA)
22Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
${ }_{23} \quad \square$ Other Lutheran
$24 \quad \square$ Mennonite
$25 \quad \square$ Methodist
${ }^{26} \quad \square$ Pentecostal
$27 \quad \square$ Presbyterian
28Seventh-Day Adventist

29Other - Specify Z
$\square$



## OTHER SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS

Alternative School Network (ASN)National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)State or regional independent school associationNational Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)
1 Other school association(s) - Specify
641 $\qquad$
15. How many days are in the school YEAR for students in this school or program?

645 $\square$ Days per school YEAR
16. 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.
650 $\square$ Hours


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
2No
18. Please enter the date you completed this questionnaire.

Report month as a number, i.e., 01 for January, 02 for February, etc.

19. 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.
School or program name
700 $\square$
Mailing address
701
$\square$


20a. Is the physical or street address of this school or program the same as the mailing address? 705

b. Please print this school's or program's physical or street address.

Street
706 $\square$


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:

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Additional data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) on a variety of topics in elementary, secondary, postsecondary, and international education are available from NCES' website at: http://nces.ed.gov

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