


PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017-18 (MGLS:2017) Operational Field Test (OFT) and
Recruitment for Main Study Base-year Change Request

Agency/Subagency U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences		OMB Control Number 1850-0911 v.13
Enter only items that change		
	Current Record	New Record
Agency form number(s)	NA	NA
Annual reporting and record keeping hour burden		
Number of respondent	31,630	31,630
Total annual responses	34,952	34,952
Percent of these responses collected electronically	16.43%	16.43%
Total annual hours	17,391	17,391
Difference		0
Explanation of difference		NA
Program change		0
Adjustment		0
Annual reporting and record keeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized capital/startup costs	NA	NA
Total annual costs (O&M)	NA	NA
Total annualized cost requested	NA	NA
Difference		NA
Explanation of difference		
Program change		NA
Adjustment		NA
Other change**		
<p>The Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017-18 (MGLS:2017) is the first study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to follow a nationally representative sample of students as they enter and move through the middle grades (grades 6-8). The data collected through repeated measures of key constructs will provide a rich descriptive picture of the academic experiences and development of students during these critical years and will allow researchers to examine associations between contextual factors and student outcomes. The study will focus on student achievement in mathematics and literacy along with measures of student socioemotional wellbeing and other outcomes. The study will also include students with disabilities for whom descriptive information on their outcomes, educational experiences, and special education services will be collected. Base-year data for MGLS:2017 will be collected from a nationally representative sample of sixth-grade students beginning in January 2018, with annual follow-ups beginning in January 2019 and in January 2020 when most of the students in the sample will be in grades 7 and 8, respectively. In preparation for the national data collection, referred to as the Main Study, the data collection instruments and procedures must be field tested. An Item Validation Field Test (IVFT) was conducted in the winter/spring 2016 to determine the psychometric properties of items and the predictive potential of assessment and survey items so that valid, reliable, and useful assessment and survey instruments can be developed for the Main Study. An Operational Field Test (OFT) began in January 2017 to test the near-final instruments and the recruitment and data collection processes and procedures in preparation for the Main Study. District and school recruitment for the Main Study will begin in April 2017. OMB approved the Main Study recruitment and tracking of OFT students in December 2016 with the latest change request approved in January 2017 (OMB# 1850-0911 v.11-12). This request is to (1) provide a recommendation for the Main Study school-level incentive based on the results from the IVFT and OFT school incentive experiments; (2) describe the school-level report we will offer schools as a benefit of participation; (3) describe general enhancements to the Main Study recruitment effort; (4) add study informational webinars as a mode of outreach to state, district, and school officials; (5) clarify that students will be able to keep the earbuds used during MGLS assessments; (6) recommend offering a food event as token of appreciation to OFT and MS students for returning explicit parental consent forms; (7) update the confidentiality pledge cited as part of MGLS:2017 to account for the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 and cite data security and confidentiality requirements; and (8) present minor modifications in the language in the Main Study and OFT follow-up communication materials to be more compelling and likely to improve participation.</p>		
Signature of Senior Official or designee: 	Date: April 5, 2017	For OIRA Use _____

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