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Special Education Teacher Background Survey

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study



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Completing this survey will help us learn more about special education teachers and the children they serve.

Thank you for your time!

To show our appreciation, we have included with your invitation a check that equals \$20 for the teacher background survey plus \$7 for every child for whom you've been asked to complete a survey.

Please return the survey to **your school coordinator or an ECLS staff member.**The survey should be sealed in the envelope we provided you. Do <u>not</u> mail this survey unless you are provided with an additional mailing envelope.

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The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS) by the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002, 20 U.S.C. §9543). The data are being collected for NCES by Westat, a U.S.-based research organization. All of the information you provide may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this voluntary information collection is 1850-0750 v.22. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average approximately 15 minutes per teacher background survey including instructions and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate, suggestions for improving this information collection, or any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of these data, please write directly to: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, National Center for Education Statistics, PCP, 550 12th St., SW, 4th floor, Washington, DC 20202. # 1850-0750 v.22.

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Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Special Education Teacher Survey (Teacher Level) Fall 2021 – Form SPA1-FT

Dear Special Education Teacher or Related Service Provider,

Your school has agreed to participate in the **Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS)**, a nationwide study of elementary-aged children, their schools, teachers, and parents. As part of the study, we are asking teachers at your school to complete surveys. You have been asked to complete surveys because one or more of the children you serve are participants in this study. The teacher survey contains questions about you and your classroom practices. There are also brief surveys for each of the sampled children that you teach. These surveys contain questions about the children's skills and abilities.

The ECLS collects information from teachers of children who are in the study and from the special education teachers or related service providers of sampled children who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Our purpose is to investigate the relationship between the children's academic progress and various school, classroom, teacher, and home characteristics.

Taking part in the study is voluntary. You may stop at any time or choose not to answer a question you do not want to answer. However, only you can provide this information. Although we realize you are very busy, we urge you to complete this survey as completely and accurately as possible. You may find at least some of the information we are asking for in the child's IEP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

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MARKING DIRECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND USE A BLACK OR BLUE BALL POINT PEN TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. DO NOT USE PENCIL OR FELT-TIP PEN.

MARKING BOXES

It is important that you mark an "X" in the box next to your answers and print clearly.

Shown below is the correct way to mark your answers, along with examples of incorrect ways.

Correct Mark:



Incorrect Marks:

Light and thin, outside the box, thick or scrawled.



How to Change an Answer:

Completely black out the box of the incorrect answer and mark an "X" in the box next to the correct answer.



PRINTING ANSWERS IN BOXES:

Answers should be printed clearly and should not touch or cross any of the box lines. Do not cross zeroes or sevens. That is, do not write a zero with a line through it like this – θ , and do not write a seven with a line through it like this – \mathcal{F} .

Write one number per box like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Write words like this:

John Smith



The first several questions pertain to your roles and responsibilities.

1.	Whi	ich of the following best describes your current position in this school? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
		Special education teacher
		Special education teacher consultant
		General education teacher
		Special education classroom aide
		Speech-language pathologist
		Physical therapist
		Physical therapy assistant or aide
		Occupational therapist
		Occupational therapy assistant or aide
		School psychologist
		School counselor
		School social worker
		Other (Please specify):
2.		w do you classify your main assignment at this school, that is, the activity at which you spend most your time during this school year? MARK ONE RESPONSE. Regular full-time teacher or service provider
		Regular part-time teacher or service provider
	_	Itinerant teacher or service provider (that is, your assignment requires you to provide instruction or related services at more than one school)
		Long-term substitute (that is, your assignment requires that you fill the role of a teacher on a long-term basis, but you are still considered a substitute)
		Teacher aide
		Other (Please specify):

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	IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE O	GO TO Q8 ON PAGE 4
3.	As of today's date, how many children was WRITE NUMBER IN BOX.	with and without IEPs do you teach or serve?
	With IEPs	Without IEPs
4.		with IEPs that you teach or serve are the following ages? CHILDREN OF A PARTICULAR AGE, WRITE "0."
		Number of Children
	a. 3 years old	
	b. 4 years old	
	c. 5 years old	
	d. 6 years old	
	e. 7 years old	
	f. 8 years old	
	g. 9 years old or older	
	h. Total (sum of a-g)	

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5.	How many of the children with IEPs that you teach or serve belong to each of the following
	racial-ethnic groups? WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."

Please count each child only once. Hispanic children should only be counted in the Hispanic or Latino/Latina category regardless of race.

		Number of Children
a.	Hispanic or Latino/Latina of any race	
b.	American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	
c.	Asian, non-Hispanic	
d.	Black or African American, non-Hispanic	
e.	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	
f.	White, non-Hispanic	
g.	Two or more races, non-Hispanic	
	of today's date, how many boys and girls	s with IEPs do you teach or serve?
W	RITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."	
N	RITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."	Number of Children
	RITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0." Number of boys	
a.		

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8.	During the school year, how many children with IEPs have you worked with or provided services for on average, each <u>week</u> ? (Include children you work with directly, as well as children for whom you consult with the general education teacher and/or another special education teacher or service provider.) MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	<u> </u>
	11-20
	21-40
	More than 40
9.	During this school year, where have you worked with children with IEPs? INCLUDE ONLY CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL. MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	In a general education classroom
	In a special education classroom
	In a non-classroom space (for example, office, therapy room, small work space, mobile van, etc.)
	In a location outside of the school setting (for example, a child's home, a private clinic, etc.)
	Other (Please specify):
10.	For how many students do you serve as case manager? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	1-10
	11-20
	21-40
	More than 40
	None
11.	Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement. I am satisfied with my class size or caseload (that is, the total number of students you teach or serve). MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Strongly disagree
	Disagree
	Neither disagree nor agree
	Agree
	Strongly agree

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	THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT STUDENTS' CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR. IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q17 ON PAGE 8
12.	How often does disruptive student behavior interfere with your instruction? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Never
	Seldom
	Usually
	Always
13.	How much time <u>per day</u> would you estimate that you spend handling disruptive student behavior? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Less than ½ hour
	1/2 hour to less than 1 hour
	1 to less than 1½ hours
	1½ to less than 2 hours
	2 to less than 2½ hours
	2½ to less than 3 hours
	3 hours or more

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d. Relationships and social skills (teaching students prosocial behavior and skills to develop meaningful relationships)
 e. Responsible decision making (teaching

students to identify and analyze problems, understand consequences, and take responsibility for their decisions)

14. The next set of questions relates to your instructional activities and resources. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the following behavioral support practices are characteristic of your teaching?

MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a.	Routines are consistently implemented.						
b.	Expectations of students are clearly communicated in positive terms.						
C.	You gain the attention of all students before beginning a lesson.						
d.	You solicit both group and individual responses to questions.						
e.	You provide all students with individual opportunities to respond to questions.						
f.	There is a system for documenting and rewarding appropriate student behavior.						
g.	You use a continuum of consequences to discourage inappropriate student behavior.						
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that you teach the following social and emotional competencies to the students that you teach or serve? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.						
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a.	Self-awareness (teaching students to recognize their own feelings, interests, strengths, and limitations)						
b.	Self-management (teaching students to regulate emotions and manage daily stressors)						
C.	Social awareness (teaching students to take the perspective of others and appreciate similarities and differences)						

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16. How strongly do you agree or disagree that you utilize the following practices? *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.*

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	Display pictures, posters, artwork, and other décor that reflect diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds					
b.	Ensure that all notices and communications to families and caregivers are written in their language of origin					
C.	Use alternative formats and varied approaches to communicate and share information with families and caregivers					
d.	Screen books, movies, and other media resources for negative cultural, ethnic, or racial stereotypes before using them with students					

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The next questions ask about professional development.

17.	In the <u>past 12 months</u> , did you participate in any professional development activities pertaining to the use of evidence-based practices for working with students with disabilities? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Yes
	No → GO TO Q21 on page 9
18.	In the past 12 months, how many hours did you spend on these activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	4 hours or less
	5-8 hours
	9-12 hours
	13-16 hours
	17-20 hours
	21-24 hours
	25-28 hours
	29-32 hours
	33 hours or more
19.	Overall, how helpful were these activities to you? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Very unhelpful
	Unhelpful
	Neither unhelpful nor helpful
	Helpful
	Very helpful
20.	To what extent was the professional development you received in the past 12 months relevant to your role teaching or serving students with disabilities? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Not relevant
	Somewhat relevant
	Relevant
	Very relevant



21. In the <u>current school year</u> , do you work closely with a master or mentor teacher who was assigned to you by your school or district? MARK ONE REPSONSE.						no was assigned	
		Yes					
		No GO TO Q24-1 on page 10]				
22.	Но	ow frequently do you work with your a	assigned	master or n	mentor teach	er? MARK	ONE RESPONSE.
		At least once a week					
		Once or twice a month					
		A few times a year					
		Once or never					
23.		rerall, to what extent did your assigne eas? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH R		To a	To a moderate	ove your s To a great	Not applicable/
			at all	extent	extent	extent	work responsibility
	a.	Providing large group instruction					
	b.	Providing small group or one-on-one instruction or therapy					
	c.	Managing students' behavior					
	d.	Completing paperwork					
	e.	Conducting student assessments					
	f.	Finding needed human or material resources					
	g.	Communicating with parents					
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24-1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements about your <u>school</u>. *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.*

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	The level of child misbehavior (for example, noise, horseplay, or fighting in the halls or cafeteria) in this school interferes with my teaching.					
b.	Many of the children I teach are not capable of learning the material I am supposed to teach them.					
C.	I feel accepted and respected as a colleague by most staff members.					
d.	Teachers in this school are continually learning and seeking new ideas.					
e.	Routine administrative duties and paperwork interfere with my job of teaching.					
f.	Parents are supportive of school staff.					
g.	There is a great deal of cooperative effort among the staff members.					
h.	In this school, staff members are recognized for a job well done.					
i.	The academic standards at this school are too low	·. 🔲				
j.	There is broad agreement among the entire school faculty about the central mission of the school.					
k.	The school administrator sets priorities, makes plans, and sees that they are carried out.					
l.	The school administration's behavior toward the staff is supportive and encouraging.					



	RESPONSE.	•							
	I get all the resources I need.								
	I get most of the resources I need.								
	I get some of the resources I need.								
	I don't get any of the resources I need.								
-3	In general, how adequate is each of the MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.	following for a second for the secon	or your stud	ents with IE Often	Ps? Sometimes				
		with my students	Never adequate	not adequate	not adequate	Always adequate			
	a. Digital tablets (such as an iPad)								
	b. Visual display technology (for example, SMART Board $^{\circledR}$)								
	c. Computers (with internet access)								
	d. Licensed computer software packages								
4.	Do you implement any of the following with IEPs? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.	technology	use practic	es in teachin	g or serving :	students			
	Encourage students to use personal ce	ell phones ar	nd/or tablets	as tools					
	Encourage or require students to use tablets or other digital devices provided by the school as tools								
	Encourage or require students to use school computers as tools								
	Provide web-based instruction								
	Provide blended learning								

THE NEXT SET OF QUESTIONS PERTAINS TO THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF INSTRUCTIONAL

TECHNOLOGY. IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 28, ON PAGE 15.



24-5.	PL	ease report the following about the co EASE INCLUDE ANY DESKTOP, LAPTOP, C SED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL OR ADMINISTR	OR OTHER CO	MPUTER-T	YPE DEVICE (FC		•
	a.	Total number of devices					
	b.	Number with internet access					
24-6.	la	ease report the following about the coptops on carts). PLEASE INCLUDE ANY EXAMPLE, TABLETS) USED FOR INSTRUCTION	DESKTOP, LAP	TOP, OR O	THER COMPUT	ER-TYPE D	EVICE (FOR
	a.	Total number of devices					
	b.	Number with internet access					
24-7.	de	ow frequently do you or your students evices such as a Chrome Book) in the for CH ROW.	-				SPONSE ON Not
24-7.	de	vices such as a Chrome Book) in the fo	-				SPONSE ON
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24-7.	a. b.	Daily assignments Internet research	ollowing insti	ructional a	ectivities? MAR	K ONE RE	SPONSE ON Not applicable
24-7.	a. b. c.	Prices such as a Chrome Book) in the formal control of the formal	ollowing insti	ructional a	ectivities? MAR	K ONE RE	SPONSE ON Not applicable



24-0.		ow frequently do you or your students (tivBoard) in the following instructional		active whit	eboard (for ex	ampie, Si	MAKI Board®
		ARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable to my role
	a.	Daily assignments					
	b.	Internet research					
	C.	Special projects					
	d.	Presentations					
	e.	Homework					
	f.	Accessing digital resources available through the district (intranet)					
24-9.		ow frequently do your students use dig		ıs (still or v	ideo) in the fo	llowing in	structional
	ac	ctivities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH	H ROW. Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable to my role
	a.	Daily assignments					
	b.	Special projects					
	c.	Presentations					
	d.	Homework					
24-10		ow frequently do your students use dig ctivities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH		(such as ar	n iPad) in the f	ollowing	instructional
			Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable to my role
	a.	Daily assignments					
	b.	Internet research					
	c.	Special projects					
	d.	Presentations					
	e.	Homework					
	f.	Accessing digital resources available through the district (intranet)					



IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q35 ON PAGE
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25.		e next few questions ask about your beliefs a		_		you agree	with
	ead	ch of the following statements? MARK ONE R	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
	a.	If I try really hard, I can get through even to the most difficult or unmotivated students.					
	b.	If some students in my class are not doing well, I feel that I should change my approach to the subject.					
	C.	By trying a different teaching method, I can significantly affect a student's achievement.					
	d.	There is really very little I can do to ensure that most of my students achieve at a high level.					
	e.	I work to create lessons so my students will enjoy learning and become independent thinkers.					
	f.	I feel sometimes it is a waste of my time to try to do my best as a teacher.					
	g.	The attitudes and habits students bring to my class greatly reduce their chances for academic success.					
	h.	My success or failure in teaching is due primarily to factors beyond my control rather than to my own effort or ability.					
26.		what extent do you agree or disagree with e truction? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH RO		following s		it applies	to your
			Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
	a.	The amount a student can learn is primarily related to family background.					
	b.	If a student did not remember information I gave in a previous lesson, I would know how to increase his or her retention in the next lesson.					
	C.	If a student in my class becomes disruptive and noisy, I feel assured that I know some techniques to redirect the student quickly.					



27. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements on working with children. MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

					Neither		
			Strongly disagree	Disagree	disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
	a.	I really enjoy my present job.	<u>uisagree</u>	Disagree		Agree	
			Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
	b.	I am certain I am making a difference in the lives of the children I work with.					
	C.	If I could start over, I would choose this again as my career.					
	Th	e next set of questions ask for your back	ground in	formation	•		
28.	Wł	nat is your gender? MARK ONE RESPONSE.					
		Male					
		Female					
29.	ln ^v	what year were you born? WRITE IN YEAR BEL	LOW.				
		YEAR					
30.	Αp	e you Hispanic or Latino/Latina? MARK ONE Foreson who is Hispanic or Latino/Latina is of Cub Central American, or other Spanish culture or or	an, Dominic		. Puerto Rican	, South	
		Yes					
] No					
31.	Wł	nich best describes your race? MARK ALL THA	Τ ΔΡΡΙ Υ				
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		American Indian or Alaska Native					
		Asian					
		Black or African American					
		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					
] White					



32.	What is the highest level of education you have completed? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Did not complete high school
	High school diploma or equivalent/GED
	Some college or technical or vocational school
	Associate's degree
	Bachelor's degree
	Master's degree
	An advanced professional degree beyond a master's degree (for example, Ph.D., MD, Ed.D.)
33a	. What is the name of the college or university where you earned your highest degree? If not applicable please go to Q34.
33b	COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY In what city and state is it located? (If outside the U.S., please note the country.)
	CITY STATE
	The next few questions pertain to your years of experience.
34.	If you have an associate's or bachelor's degree, what was your undergraduate major field of study? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Early childhood education
	Elementary education
	Special education
	Other education-related major (such as secondary education, educational psychology, education administration, music education, etc.)
	Non-education major (such as history, English, etc.)



33.	MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	Early childhood education
	Elementary education
	Special education
	Other education-related major (such as secondary education, educational psychology, education administration, music education, etc.)
	Non-education major (such as history, English, etc.)
36.	Have you ever taken a college course in the following areas? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	Early childhood education
	Elementary education
	Special education
	English as a Second Language (ESL) or teaching English language learners
	Child development
	Methods of teaching reading or language arts
	Methods of teaching mathematics
	Methods of teaching science
	Classroom management
	None of the above
37.	Did any of your college or graduate school courses address issues related to the following? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	Response to Intervention
	Early Intervening Services
	None of the above



38.		e next few questions ask about your credentials. Which of the rtificate you currently hold in this state? MARK ONE RESPONSE	_	es the teaching
		Regular or standard state certificate or advanced professional ce	rtificate	
		Certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the con	npletion of a proba	tionary period
		Certificate that requires some additional coursework, student tear regular certification can be obtained	aching, or passage	of a test before
] Certificate issued to persons who must complete a certification $\mathfrak p$	orogram in order to	continue teaching
		I do not hold any of the above certifications in this state.		
39.	dis	nich of the following credentials, licenses, or certificates do yo rabilities? DO NOT INCLUDE ACADEMIC DEGREES, SUCH AS A BA PH.D. MARK ALL THAT APPLY.		_
		Disability-specific credential		
		Special education credential (for more than one disability catego	ory)	
		Early childhood special education credential		
		General education credential		
		Speech-language pathology license or credential		
		Other professional license, credential, or endorsement (Please sp	pecify):	
		None of the above		
		IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q45 ON PAGE 19		
40.		nich of the following best describes the type of educator prepaile earning your current and initial certification? MARK ONE II		ou participated in
			Current Certification	Initial Certification
	a.	Traditional four-year program based at an institution of higher education		
	b.	Alternative program based at an institution of higher education		
	c.	Alternative program <u>not</u> based at an institution of higher education		
	d.	Other preparation program		



41.	Have you taken the exam for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Yes
	No GO TO Q43
42.	What was the result of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards exam? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Awaiting test results
	Passed
	Have not yet passed
43.	Counting this school year, how many years have you worked in your current school, including part time? WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE "1."
	Year(s)
44.	Counting this school year, how many <u>total</u> years have you been working with children in any school, including years in which you worked part time? This would include other assignments such as teaching in a regular classroom or otherwise providing services to children. WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE "1."
	Year(s)
45 .	Counting this school year, how many <u>total</u> years have you been working with children receiving special education or related services in any school, including years in which you worked part time? WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE "1."
	Year(s)



46.	How long do you plan to continue to teach or provide related services? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	As long as I am able
	Until I am eligible for retirement benefits from this job
	Until I am eligible for retirement benefits from a previous job
	Until I am eligible for Social Security benefits
	Until a specific life event occurs (for example, parenthood, marriage)
	Until a more desirable job opportunity comes along
	Definitely plan to leave as soon as I can
	Undecided at this time
47.	Please fill in the boxes below with the date the survey was completed.
	2021
	MONTH DAY YEAR

Thank you very much for answering these questions and taking the time to participate in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study.