# Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2023-24 (ECLS-K:2024)

# Kindergarten and First-Grade National Data Collection and Transfer School Recruitment

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# Attachment A-5 Infographics

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# **Plan for Distributing Infographics**

There have been no changes to the infographics that were used for the K-1 field test, and which are proposed for use in the national kindergarten and first-grade rounds, since previous approved revision (OMB# 1850-0750 v.24). New infographics for this submission are denoted below.

Some of the infographics have been or will be translated into Spanish and the translated text will be included in this attachment with a future OMB revision request.<sup>1</sup> Materials that will include translated infographics are denoted with an asterisk ("\*").

## Fall Kindergarten and Spring Kindergarten

	Social/ Academi c skills	Activiti es with childre n	Use of technolo gy	School support of families	Material s sent home	Barriers to participati on	Children going to school	Common activities for families	Sense of belongin g (NEW)
*MyECLS log in	X			Х	Х		Х		
screen									
(Attachment F)									
ECLS study	X			X					
overview	(selecte								
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Teacher fact						Х			Х
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(Attachment A-1)									)
Teacher web						Х			
portal									
(Attachment F)									
Teacher/School			Х	Х	Х		Х		
administrator									
survey reminder									
letters/ emails									
(Attachment A-1)									
*Parent fact sheet	Х	Χ							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only the selected statistics from the Activities with Children infographic that will appear on the Parent Fact Sheet have been translated.

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*Parent web portal (Attachment F)						Х		Х	
*Parent consent/ survey reminder letters/emails (Attachment A-1)			X	X	X	Х	X	X	

# Fall First Grade (MyECLS Landing Page only) and Spring First Grade

	Positive learning behavior s (NEW)	Participa tion in summer activities (NEW)	School programs and services available to parents and families (NEW)	Languag e- minority students (NEW)	School safety measu res (NEW)	School neighb orhood proble ms (NEW)	Sense of belongin g (NEW)	Use of technolo gy	Barriers to participati on
*MyECLS log in screen (Attachment F)	Х	Х	Х						
ECLS study overview (Attachment A- 1 and A-2)									
Teacher fact sheet (Attachment A- 1)							X (selecte d)		Х
Teacher web portal (Attachment F)									Х
Teacher/School administrator survey reminder letters/ emails (Attachment A- 1)				X	Х	Х		Х	
*Parent fact sheet (Attachment A-		X (selected )							

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*Parent consent/ survey reminder letters/emails (Attachment A- 1)				X	X	X		X	Х

## Social and Academic Skills

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# What do we know about kindergartners in the United States? How do they interact with their classmates?

A lot of what we know about kindergartners in the U.S. comes from teachers and parents who participated in the previous ECLS studies.





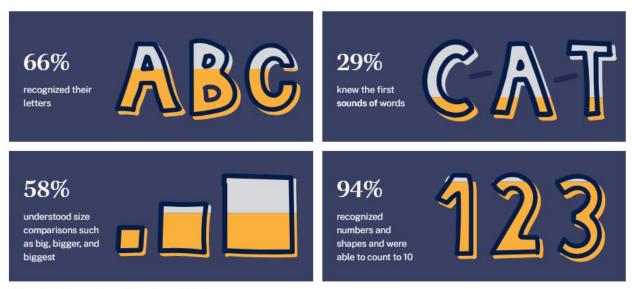






#### What kinds of things do kindergartners know?

The previous ECLS studies worked with kindergartners to learn about their knowledge and skills.



NOTE: Data were collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

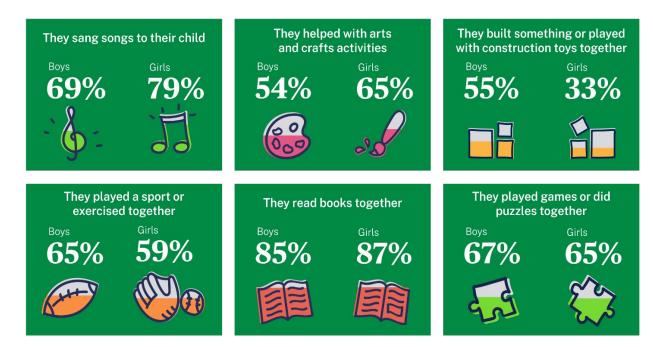
SOURCE: West, J., Denton, K., and Germino-Hausken, E. (2000). America's Kindergartners (NCES 2000-070). Retrieved July 31, 2020, from https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2000/2000070.pdf.

# **Activities**

#### with Children

# What do parents and their kindergartners do when they spend time together?

From the last ECLS study conducted from 2010 through 2016, we learned that parents and their kindergartners kept busy during a typical week!



Note: Percentages are kindergartners whose parents reported that child and family members did home activities together three or more times in a typical week.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2020). Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011). Data retrieved July 31, 2020, from Table B1a, https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

# ¿Qué hacen los padres y los niños de *kindergarten* cuando pasan tiempo juntos?<sup>2</sup>

¡Del último estudio de ECLS realizado desde 2010 hasta 2016, aprendimos que los padres y sus niños(as) de *kindergarten* se mantenían muy ocupados durante una semana normal!

Ayudaban con las actividades de arte y manualidades Niños 54% Niñas 65% Jugaban un deporte o hacían ejercicio juntos Niños 65% Niñas 59% Jugaban juegos o armaban rompecabezas juntos Niños 67% Niñas 65%

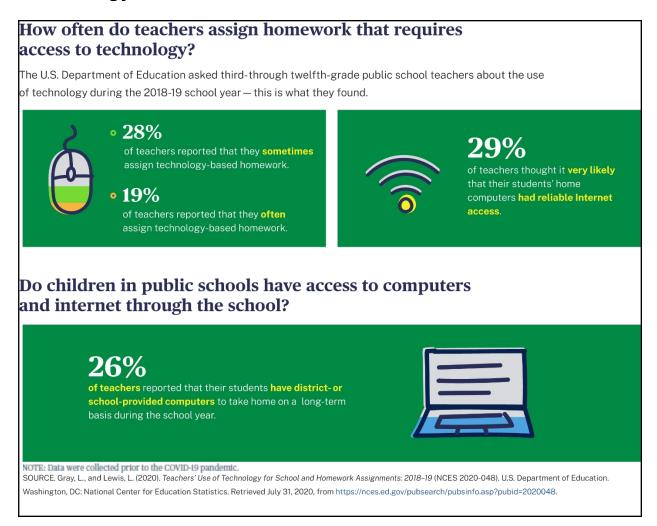
Nota: Los porcentajes se refieren a los niños y niñas de *kindergarten* cuyos padres respondieron que el niño(a) y miembros de la familia hacían juntos actividades en el hogar tres o más veces en una semana normal.

Los datos fueron recopilados antes de la pandemia de COVID-19.

FUENTE: Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos, Centro Nacional para Estadísticas de Educación (2020). Estudio Longitudinal de la Primera Infancia, Clase de *Kindergarten* de 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011). Datos extraídos el 31 de julio de 2020 de la tabla B1a, https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Only a selection of the "Activities with Children" graphics appear on the parent fact sheet and thus require Spanish translations. The remainder of the graphics do not need Spanish translation.

# **Use of Technology**



# Resultados de estudios anteriores del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos

# ¿Con qué frecuencia los maestros asignan tarea para el hogar que requiere acceso a tecnología?

El Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos preguntó a maestros y maestras de 3° a 12° grado en escuelas públicas sobre el uso de tecnología durante el año escolar 2018-19 y esto es lo que se encontró:

- 28% de los maestros respondió que **algunas veces** asignan tarea que requiere acceso a tecnología.
- 19% de los maestros respondió que a **menudo** asignan tarea que requiere acceso a tecnología.
- 29% de los maestros consideraba **muy probable** que las computadoras en los hogares de sus estudiantes tuvieran acceso estable a Internet.

# ¿Los niños de escuelas públicas tienen acceso a computadoras y a Internet a través de sus escuelas?

26% de los maestros respondió que sus estudiantes tienen computadoras proporcionadas por el distrito escolar o por la escuela para llevarse a casa por periodos prolongados durante el año escolar.

NOTA: Los datos fueron recopilados antes de la pandemia de COVID-19.

FUENTE: *Use of Technology for School and Homework Assignments: 2018–19* (NCES 2020-048). U.S. Department of Education. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics. Datos extraídos el 31 de julio de 2020, de <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2020048">https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2020048</a>.

# **School Support of Families**

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## How do schools support their families?

In the last ECLS, the U.S. Department of Education asked school principals in schools with kindergartners about involvement opportunities for parents, like visiting the school or having home visits.



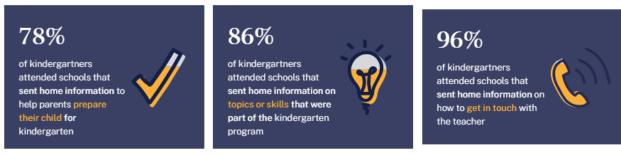
NOTE: Data were collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2020). Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011). Data retrieved July 31, 2020, from Table A2a, https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

#### **Materials Sent Home**

# How do schools support their kindergarten families?

In the last ECLS, the U.S. Department of Education asked school principals about ways they supported their kindergartners' families, like sending home important information.



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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2020). Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011). Data retrieved July 31, 2020, from Table C2a, https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

# **Barriers to Participation**

#### **Parent Involvement in Schools**

One way that results from the ECLS can be used is to help educators understand how, on average, children's families engage in their child's learning and school activities—such as parent-teacher conferences, back-to-school nights, PTA meetings, or science fairs. We learned the following from the parents of the ECLS students when they were in their second-grade year.



NOTE: Data were collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SOURCE: Redford, J., Huo, H., and McQuiggan, M. (2019). Barriers to Parent-School Involvement for Early Elementary Students (NCES 2017-165). U.S. Department of Education. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics. Retrieved July 31, 2020, from https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2017165.

# **Children Going to School**

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# How do kindergartners like school?

Most kindergartners were excited about going to school and liked their teacher, as reported by parents in the last ECLS.



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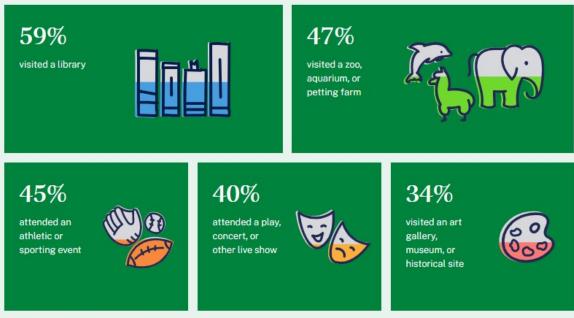
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## **Common Activities for Families**

# Findings from previous ECLS studies

### What kinds of activities do parents do with their kindergarten children at least once a month?

Parents reported on activities family members did with their kindergartners in the last ECLS.



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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2020). Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011). Data retrieved July 31, 2020, from Table B2a https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

# **Sense of Belonging**

# Does students' sense of belonging at school vary by different family characteristics, such as household income and parents' level of education?

The ECLS helps us learn about how family characteristics may be related to children's connections to school. For example, in the 2015–16 school year, when most ECLS students were in fifth grade, we learned about children's sense of school belonging.

Overall, 41% of ECLS students reported "always" having a sense of belonging at school.



46%

of ECLS students whose parents' highest level of education was a **graduate or professional degree** reported "always" having a sense of school belonging



41%

of ECLS students whose parents' highest level of education was a high school diploma reported "always" having a sense of school belonging



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2022). Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010–11 (ECLS-K:2011), Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Public-Use Data File. Data retrieved May 31, 2022, from Table D1a, https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

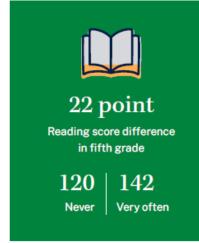
## **Positive Learning Behaviors**

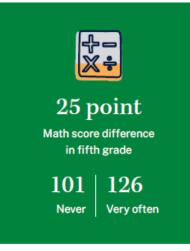
# Do children who display positive learning behaviors at kindergarten entry perform better academically over time?

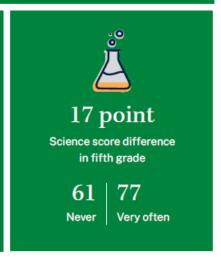
In the last ECLS, we learned from teachers how often children showed positive learning behaviors in the following areas: attentiveness, eagerness to learn, independence, ability to adapt easily to changes, organization, and ability to follow classroom rules.

ECLS students who exhibited positive learning behaviors very often in the fall of kindergarten scored higher on study-designed assessments not only during kindergarten, but also 5 years later, when most students were in fifth grade.

Of ECLS students who **very often** versus **never** displayed positive learning behaviors in fall of kindergarten, there is a:







NOTE: Possible scores for the reading assessment range from 0 to 167; in spring 2016, the standard deviation for the reading assessment was 14.0. Possible scores for the mathematics assessment range from 0 to 159; in spring 2016, the standard deviation for the math assessment was 15.8. Possible scores for the science assessment range from 0 to 100; in spring 2016, the standard deviation for the science assessment was 11.6. Estimates are based on a sample of children who were enrolled in kindergarten for the first time in the 2010-11 school year. In 2015-16, most of the children were in fifth grade, but 7.6 percent were in fourth grade or other grades (e.g., sixth grade, ungraded classrooms). Differences were calculated using unrounded estimates and may, therefore, differ from differences using rounded estimates.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2020). Digest of Education Statistics 2019. Data retrieved May 31, 2022, from Tables 220.40, 220.41, and 220.42, https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/2019menu\_tables.asp.

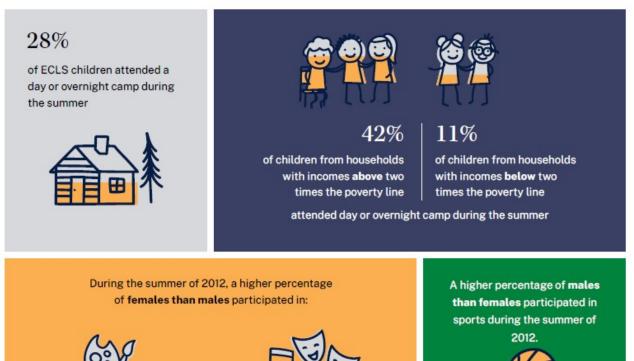
## **Participation in Summer Activities**

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Arts and crafts

91% + 83%

The ECLS helps us learn about the role child and family characteristics may play in what children do during the summer. For example, we heard from ECLS parents about their children's participation in summer activities and camp attendance during the summer of 2012, when most children were rising second-graders.



of females | of males | of males | of males

Music/performing arts

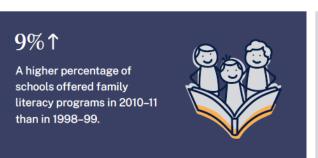
63%

51%

# **School Programs and Services Available to Parents and Families**

### School Programs and Services Available to Parents and Families

In the last two ECLS studies, the U.S. Department of Education asked school principals what types of programs and services to support parents and families were available at their schools.



5% ↑

A higher percentage of schools offered health or social services in

2010-11 than in 1998-99.



7%↑

A higher percentage of schools offered new family orientations in 2010–11 than in 1998–99.



16%↓

A lower percentage of schools offered parenting education programs in 2010–11 than in 1998–99.



NOTE: Differences between years are calculated using unrounded estimates and may, therefore, differ from differences using rounded estimates. Health or social services are services offered collaboratively by service agencies such as hospitals. Parenting education programs may include classes on child development, education in being a parent, and understanding children's special needs.

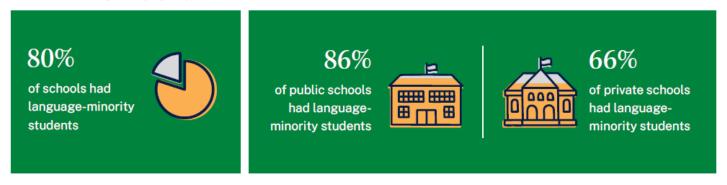
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998–99 (ECLS-K), Kindergarten-Eighth Grade Public-Use Data File, and Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010–11 (ECLS-K:2011), Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Public-Use Data File. Data retrieved May 31, 2022, from Table A3a, https://nces.ed.gov/ecls/tables.asp.

# **Language-Minority Students**

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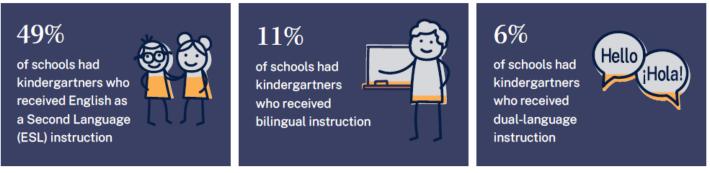
#### Schools with Language-Minority Students

In the 2010–11 school year, schools containing kindergarten classes reported on whether they had language-minority students — that is, students coming from a home where a non-English language is typically spoken.



#### Types of Instruction for Language-Minority Students

The ECLS also gathered information about what types of instruction language-minority students received in kindergarten.

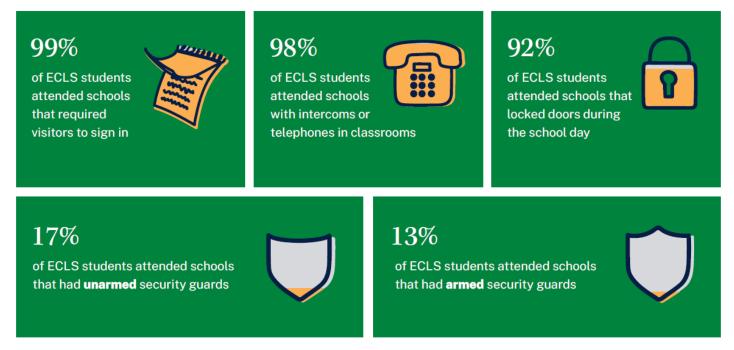


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# **School Safety Measures**

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In the 2015–16 school year, when most ECLS students were in fifth grade, we learned from school principals about what security measures schools had in place.



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# **School Neighborhood Problems**

# What types of problems exist in school neighborhoods?

When most of the students from the last ECLS were in fifth grade, we learned from school principals about their perceptions of the prevalence of different types of problems in the school's neighborhood.



34%

of ECLS students attended schools where crime in the neighborhood was a problem 31%

of ECLS students attended schools where selling or using drugs or excessive drinking in public was a problem

25%

of ECLS students attended schools where violence in the neighborhood was a problem 17%

of ECLS students attended schools where gangs in the neighborhood were a problem 16%

of ECLS students attended schools where tensions based on racial, ethnic, or religious differences in the neighborhood were a problem

NOTE: School principals were asked, "How much of a problem are the following in the neighborhood where this school is located?"

SOURCE: Wang, K., Chen, Y., Zhang, J., and Oudekerk, B.A. (2020). Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2019 (NCES 2020-063/NCJ 254485). National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, and Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Washington, DC. Data retrieved May 31, 2022, from Figure S2.1, https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2020/2020063.pdf.