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PRIVATE SCHOOL SURVEY 2005–2006 SCHOOL YEAR

PLEASE NOTE:

The 2005–2006 Private School Survey is intended to include all private –

SCHOOLS that teach ANY of the following -

- At least one of grades 1 12
- Ungraded students between 5 and 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 CHILD CARE CENTERS that have ANY of the following –

- Kindergarten
- Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten
- Transitional first (or prefirst) grade

For example:

FORM **PSS-1** (7-26-2005)

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 a kindergarten. You would mark box 2 in item 2d.

PLEASE CONTINUE WITH ITEM 1 ON PAGE 3.



DEAR ADMINISTRATOR:

We are requesting your participation in an important national data collection that is very valuable to private schools across the country.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS SURVEY?

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in the 2005-2006 Private School Survey. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the survey for NCES as authorized by Public Law 107-279, Title I, Part E, Sections 151(b) and 153(a) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002.

WHY IS NCES SPONSORING THIS SURVEY?

The purpose of this data collection effort is 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 any. We will use the data 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 2005-2006 Private School Survey includes all private schools and early childhood programs that provide educational instruction to students in kindergarten or *at least* one of grades 1-12.

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; these schools enroll approximately 10 percent of the nation's children and employ 13 percent of the nation's teachers. The National Center for Education Statistics has instituted this survey in recognition of the importance of private education in the United States.

While there is no penalty for not responding, a high response rate is very important to the success of the survey. 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, mail your questionnaire to:

U.S. Census Bureau Current Surveys Check-in Unit 60A 1201 East 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT EFFORT.

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•		Please print your name, title, and school telephone number in case we have questions about any of your responses. YOUR NAME
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		TITLE
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001		SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER Area code Number
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F	or qı riday	uestions regarding this survey, please call the Census Bureau at 1–800–221–1204, Monday through /, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time).
	2a.	Is the institution or organization named on the front of this questionnaire a school?
105	Г	1 Yes \rightarrow GO TO item 3 below.
_	•	2 No – Please explain \rightarrow 106 \rightarrow GO TO Item 3 below.
		Is this school a private school? (For this survey, all elementary or secondary schools that are non-public are considered private schools, e.g., 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, etc.)
130	Г	1 Yes
		No – Please describe the type of school (e.g., public school, Bureau of Indian Affairs school, state school, charter school, etc.)
		$\rightarrow GO \ TO \ item \ 3 \ below.$
_	C.	Is this school still in operation?
100	Г	1 Yes
		No – Please record the date when the school closed. \vec{k}
		Month Day Year
	¥	101 102 103 GO TO item 3 below.
		Does this school teach any students in AT LEAST one of grades K to 12, or comparable ungraded levels?
115	Г	1 Yes
		2 No – Please record the grade level(s) taught in this school (e.g., nursery and prekindergarten, adult education, postsecondary). ∠
		$\rightarrow GO TO item 3 below.$
-	• e.	Is this school located in the United States?
125		1 Yes
		No – Please specify the country in which this school is located. \mathbf{z}
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	3. I ii	f you marked "No" for any of items 2a–e, do not complete this questionnaire. Please return it in the enclosed envelope. If you do not have the return envelope, mail your questionnaire to: U.S. Census Bureau Current Surveys Check-in Unit 60A 1201 East 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001
	li	f you marked "Yes" for all of items 2a–e above, continue with item 4.
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- **d.** Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten (*extra year of school for kindergarten-age children who are judged not ready for kindergarten*)
- **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)



Yes ->

Yes ->

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No

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

Grade levels	Doe	1) es this ogram have n this grade?	st	(2) Imber of Iudents his grade
f. 1st	1 185 2	Yes → No	190	,
g. 2nd	1 195 2	Yes → No	200	,
h. 3rd	1 205 2	Yes → No	210	,
i. 4th	1 215 2	Yes → No	220	,
j. 5th	1 225 2	Yes → No	230	,
k. 6th	1 235 2	Yes → No	240	,
I. 7th	1 245 2	Yes → No	250	,
n. 8th	1 255 2	Yes → No	260	, .
n. 9th	1 265 2	Yes → No	270	,
0. 10th	1 275 2	Yes → No	280	, .
p. 11th	1 285 2	Yes → No	290	,
q. 12th	1 295 2	Yes → No	300	,
 What was the total number of school/program around the solution of the school of the sc	first of October?	d in this	305	, Students



·	7.	 Around the first of October, how many students were: Do not include nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education students, or children who are enrolled only in day care at this school/program.
		• If none, please mark (X) the box.
	a.	Hispanic, regardless of race?
320		0 None or , Students
	b.	White, not of Hispanic origin?
330		0 None or , Students
	C.	Black, not of Hispanic origin?
325		0 None or , Students
	d.	Asian or Pacific Islander?
315		0 None or , Students
	е.	American Indian or Alaska Native?
310		0 None or Students
-	8a.	Is this school/program coeducational?
335	Г	-1 Yes
		 No, it is an all-female school No, it is an all-male school GO TO item 9a on page 7.
	b.	How many MALE students attended this school/program around the first of October?
		Do NOT include nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education students, or children who are enrolled only in daycare at this school/program.
		• If none, please mark (X) the box.
340		0 None or , Male students



— 1	Yes	
2	No → GO TO item 10a below.	
Но	w many students were enrolled in 12th grade around	l October 1, 2004?
	12th graders	
Но	w many students graduated from the 12th grade last	school year (2004-2005)
	Include 2005 summer graduates. Do not include students w certificates, certificates of attendance, or certificates of com	
•	Graduates	
	None -> GO TO item 10a below.	
0	None -> GO TO item 10a below.	
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INSTRUCTIONS AND AN EXAMPLE FOR ITEM 11

In item 11, we ask for the number of teachers for grades K – 12 by the amount of time they teach at THIS school/program.

If this school/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 11 as follows:

o None	or 8	Full-time teachers
o X None	or	Teach at least ¾ time but less than full time
0 None	or 2	Teach at least ½ time but less than ¾ time This number includes the one full-time teacher who teaches kindergarten ½ time and prekindergarten ½ time. The time he/she spends teaching prekindergarten is not counted in item 11. This number also includes the physical education teacher who teaches three days a week.
0 None	or 1	Teach at least ¼ time but less than ½ time This includes the music teacher who teaches two days a week.
0 None	or 1	Teach less than ¼ time This includes the principal who teaches one 30-minute class each day. The time he/she spends working as a principal is not included in item 11.
	12	TOTAL TEACHERS



11. Around October 1, 2005, how many persons were teaching in grades K–12 and/or COMPARABLE ungraded levels at this school/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/program.
- If none, please mark (X) the box.
- *include:*
 - Regular classroom teachers;
 - Teachers who teach subjects such as music, art, physical education, and special education;
 - Teaching principals/administrators who teach a regularly scheduled class at this school/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/librarians, speech therapists, social workers, or administrators UNLESS they also teach a regularly scheduled class at THIS school/program.

385	0 None	or	Full-time teachers
390	0 None	or	Teach at least ¾ time but less than full time
395	0 None	or	Teach at least $\frac{1}{2}$ time but less than $\frac{3}{4}$ time
400	o None	or	Teach at least $\frac{1}{4}$ time but less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time
405	0 None	or	Teach less than ¼ time
		410	TOTAL TEACHERS



	€Ма	rk (X) only one box.
	1	REGULAR elementary or secondary
	2	MONTESSORI
	3	Elementary or secondary with a SPECIAL PROGRAM EMPHASIS (such as science/math school, performing arts school, foreign language immersion school, talented/gifted school, etc.)
	4	SPECIAL EDUCATION school – primarily serves students with disabilities
	5	VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL school – primarily serves students being trained for occupations
	6	ALTERNATIVE – 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 – <i>Please describe</i> .
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	7	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM/CHILD CARE CENTER (e.g., kindergarten only, prekindergarten and kindergarten only, kindergarten and transitional first grade only, day care and transitional kindergarten only, etc.)
b.	ls a ı	major role of this school/program to support homeschooling?
	1	Yes
	2	No

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- 2 No

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Yes



	— 1	Yes
↓	2	No → GO TO item 15 on page 12.
b.	ls th	is school/program affiliated with a religious organization or institution?
	1	Yes
	2	No
C.	Wha	t is this school's/program's religious orientation or affiliation?
	🌢 Má	ark (X) only one box. 🛛 📦 Mark (X) only one box.
	1	Roman Catholic
	2	African Methodist Episcopal 2 Diocesan
	3	Amish 3 Private
	4	Assembly of God
	5	Baptist
	6	Brethren
	7	Calvinist
	8	Christian (no specific denomination)
	9	Church of Christ
	10	Church of God
	11	Church of God in Christ
	12	Church of the Nazarene
	13	Disciples of Christ
	14	Episcopal
	15	Friends
	16	Greek Orthodox
	17	Islamic
	18	Jewish
	19	Latter Day Saints
	20	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
	21	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (formerly AELC, ALC, or LCA)
	22	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
	23	Other Lutheran
	24	Mennonite
	25	Methodist
	26	Pentecostal
	27	Presbyterian
	28	Seventh-Day Adventist
	29	Other – Specify
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15	To which of the following associations or organizations does this school/program belong?	
	Mark (X) all that apply.	
450	This school/program does NOT belong to ANY associations or organization	ons.
	RELIGIOUS	
455	Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) (or School of Tomorrow)	
460	American Association of Christian Schools (AACS)	
465	Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)	
467	Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS)	
468	Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS)	
470	1 Christian Schools International (CSI)	
480	Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA)	
485	1 Friends Council on Education (FCE)	
490	General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (GCSDAC)	
492	1 Islamic School League of America (ISLA)	
495	Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA)	
500	National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES)	
505	National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)	
510	National Christian School Association (NCSA)	
515	National Society for Hebrew Day Schools (NSHDS)	
520	Oral Roberts University Educational Fellowship (ORUEF)	
525	1 Solomon Schechter Day Schools (SSDS)	
530	Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools (SBACS)	
535	1 Other religious school association(s) – Specify 📈	
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15. Continued -

To which of the following associations or organizations does this school/program belong?

• Mark (X) all that apply.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS

540	1	American Montessori Society (AMS)
542	1	Association Montessori International (AMI)
545	1	Other Montessori association(s)
550	1	Association of Military Colleges and Schools (AMCS)
555	1	Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)
560	1	Bilingual School Association (BSA)
565	1	Council of Bilingual Education (CBE)
570	1	Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
575	1	National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)
580	1	Other association(s) for exceptional children
585	1	European Council for International Schools (ECIS)
590	1	National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
595	1	National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE)
600	1	National Association of Laboratory Schools (NALS)
602	1	National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS)
605	1	Other special emphasis association(s) – Specify $$

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OTHER SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS

610	1	Alternative School Network (ASN)
615	1	Institute for Independent Education (IIE)
620	1	National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
622	1	State or regional independent school association
625	1	National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools (NCACS)
630	1	National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)
635	1	The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)
640	1	Other school association(s) – Specify $$

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645	Days per school year
17.	 How long is the school day for students in this school/program? Report BOTH hours and minutes, e.g., "5" hours and "45" minutes, "6" hours and "0" minutes, etc. If the length of day varies by grade level, record the longest day. Include the
	time for lunch and recess.
650	Hours
	AND
655	Minutes
18.	Does this school have a library or 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 library, media center, resource center, information center, instructional materials center, learning resource center, or some other name.)
660	1 Yes
	2 No
19.	2 No Not counting interruptions, how many minutes did it take to complete this questionnaire?
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21. Please verify this school's/program's name and mailing address that are printed on the front of this questionnaire.

If any part of the name and mailing address is incorrect, enter the correction(s), as necessary, in the appropriate space(s) below.

	as necessary, in the appropriate space(s) below.
	School/program name
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	Mailing address
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	City
02	
	State ZIP Code + 4
03	704
222	Is the physical or street address of this school/program the same as the mailing
<i>22</i> a.	address?
05	1 Yes
Г	-2 No
b.	Please print this school's/program's physical or street address.
	Street
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	City
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	State ZIP Code
08	709
	THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY. YOUR TIME AND EFFORT ARE APPRECIATED.
Р	LEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.
F YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RETURN ENVELOPE, MAIL YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO:	
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http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss

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' web site at:

http://nces.ed.gov

For additional data collected by various Federal agencies, including the Department of Education, visit the FedStats site at:

http://www.fedstats.gov

