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## **I. Introduction to the NCES Common Core of Data Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Preliminary File: School Year 2008-09**

The Common Core of Data (CCD) nonfiscal surveys consist of data submitted annually to NCES by state education agencies (SEAs) in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the four outlying areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), the Department of Defense (DoD) dependents schools (overseas and domestic), and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). In order to provide data comparable across states to the maximum extent feasible, NCES and representatives of the SEAs have worked since the 1950s to develop and accept common data items and definitions. The 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and BIE report their school, agency, and state education data through the U.S. Department of Education's Education Data Exchange Network (EDEN), while DoD, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands submit their data through the CCD online collection maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau and Kforce Government Solutions. The purpose of the CCD nonfiscal surveys is to provide a listing of all open schools and agencies providing free public elementary and secondary education, along with basic descriptive statistical information on each school and agency listed, and the state as a whole. The CCD includes all settings in which free public education is provided to children. However, some SEAs do not provide information on education outside of the traditional public school system – such as schools in correctional facilities or hospitals – while others do provide this information.

To ensure accuracy of the CCD nonfiscal data, NCES works with contractors to screen, examine, and edit the original data that are submitted by the states through EDEN. The quality control process involves extensive cross year, file, and source data checks and iterative data reviews. It often takes several months to release the official dataset after the raw data are submitted. NCES has recognized the mounting interests in and needs for more timely CCD data. To balance between the timeliness and data integrity, NCES will publish the preliminary files for the CCD nonfiscal agency and school surveys starting with school year 2008-09. The main differences between the preliminary files and final released files are that: 1) the preliminary files do not contain data from the four outlying areas, DoD (overseas and domestic), and BIE either because the data were not submitted through EDEN or because the data were not sufficiently complete; 2) the preliminary files contain a subset of variables that are in the final released files; and 3) the variables in the preliminary files have not been completely edited while all the variables in the final released files will be fully edited. Additionally, the preliminary files include instances of missing data that were not reported by the time the file was created. It is anticipated that these data will be filled in the final file.

The Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Preliminary File includes data for the following variables: NCES school ID number, state school ID number, name of the school, name of the agency that operates the school, mailing address, physical location address, phone number, school type, operational status, full-time-equivalent (FTE) classroom teacher count, student total, and pupil/teacher ratio. The file also contains indicators of whether a school is Title I eligible, school-wide Title I eligible, a magnet school, a charter school, and/or a shared time school. The numerical variables have not been reviewed and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states. The categorical variables have been edited to the extent which they only contain valid values, but the accuracy of the variables has not been reviewed. For example, the Title I

eligible school indicator variable only allows a valid code of ‘1’, ‘2’, ‘M’, or ‘N’; therefore, a value of ‘3’ in the file would be suppressed and shown as missing. However, whether a school’s Title I eligibility was reported correctly has not been reviewed.

States report data to EDEN through multiple file groups that fall into four reporting schedules throughout the year. The data in the preliminary file came from three different files and were extracted from EDEN before August 14, 2009. Table 1 lists the data items included in each file and the exact dates when the three files were extracted from EDEN.

In the 2008-09 CCD Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Preliminary File, there are 103,218 records – one for each public elementary and secondary school in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Of the 103,218 records, 100,181 schools are coded as operating<sup>1</sup> and 3,037 schools are coded as non-operating schools. Among the operating schools, 90,234 are regular elementary and secondary, 2,285 are special education, 1,384 are vocational/technical, 6,278 are alternative/other schools.

The remainder of this document contains a user’s guide and appendixes. The user’s guide contains information on CCD methodology, including certain conditions that are unique to this data file, and limitations of the file.

- **Appendix A – Record Layout** gives the variable names and labels of the data elements discussed throughout the documentation, as well as their location in the data file.
- **Appendix B – Value Distribution and Field Frequencies** indicates the minimum, maximum, and mean values for each continuous variable as well as the frequency, percentage, cumulative frequency, and cumulative percent of all categorical variables.

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<sup>1</sup> The 100,181 operating schools include those that are currently open, new, added, changed agency, and reopened. Those schools are coded as 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8 for school status, respectively. The 3,037 nonoperational schools are closed (2), temporarily inactive (6), and future (7).

Table 1. File extraction dates for Directory, Other Directory, and Membership Files

State name	DIR <sup>1</sup>	OTHDIR <sup>2</sup>	MEMBER <sup>3</sup>	State name	DIR <sup>1</sup>	OTHDIR <sup>2</sup>	MEMBER <sup>3</sup>
Alabama	07/10	07/10	07/10	Nebraska	06/24	06/24	07/07
Alaska	06/23	06/23	07/07	Nevada	06/24	06/24	07/07
Arizona	06/23	06/23	07/07	New Hampshire	06/23	06/23	07/07
Arkansas	06/23	06/23	07/07	New Jersey	07/01	07/01	07/07
California	08/03	08/03	08/03	New Mexico	07/07	07/07	07/07
Colorado	06/23	08/18	07/07	New York	07/09	07/09	07/13
Connecticut	06/23	06/23	07/07	North Carolina	06/24	06/24	07/07
Delaware	06/30	06/30	07/07	North Dakota	06/24	06/24	07/07
District of Columbia	07/10	07/09	07/10	Ohio	06/24	06/24	07/07
Florida	08/07	08/07	08/07	Oklahoma	06/24	06/24	07/07
Georgia	06/23	06/23	07/07	Oregon	06/23	06/23	07/07
Hawaii	06/23	06/23	07/07	Pennsylvania	08/13	08/13	08/13
Idaho	06/23	06/23	07/07	Rhode Island	08/03	08/03	08/03
Illinois	08/11	08/11	08/11	South Carolina	06/24	06/24	07/07
Indiana	06/23	06/23	07/07	South Dakota	08/10	08/10	08/10
Iowa	07/06	07/06	07/07	Tennessee	06/30	06/30	07/07
Kansas	06/23	06/23	07/07	Texas	08/10	08/10	08/10
Kentucky	06/24	06/24	07/07	Utah	08/13	08/13	08/13
Louisiana	06/23	06/23	07/07	Vermont	06/24	06/24	07/07
Maine	08/05	08/06	08/05	Virginia	06/24	06/24	07/07
Maryland	06/23	06/23	07/07	Washington	06/11	06/11	07/07
Massachusetts	06/24	06/24	07/07	West Virginia	06/24	06/24	07/07
Michigan	06/24	06/24	07/07	Wisconsin	06/11	06/11	07/07
Minnesota	06/24	06/24	07/07	Wyoming	07/09	07/09	07/16
Mississippi	06/24	06/24	07/07	Puerto Rico	08/03	08/03	08/03
Missouri	06/24	06/24	07/07				
Montana	06/24	06/24	07/07				

<sup>1</sup> Directory file contains the following variables: NCESSCH, LEAID, STID, SCHNO, SEASCH, LEANM, SCHNAM, PHONE, MSTREE, MCITY, MSTATE, MZIP, MZIP4, LSTREE, LCITY, LSTATE, LZIP, LZIP4, TYPE, STATUS, CHARTR, FIPST, and LEVEL.

<sup>2</sup> Other Directory file contains the following variables: TITLE1, STITL1, MAGNET, SHARED, FTE

<sup>3</sup> Membership file contains the MEMBER variable.

## II. User's Guide

### A. Methodology

Data collected at different levels of aggregation (school, agency, and state) are provided by officials in each SEA. Since it is understood that local education staff have already provided information to SEA officials in conjunction with established administrative records systems, U.S. Department of Education staff do not contact local agency personnel to verify data except in unusual circumstances. Edits are performed by survey staff and referred to the SEA respondent for resolution. It is CCD policy to accept the judgment of the respondent unless there is a clear conflict or unacceptable inconsistency.

In the context of the CCD, a school is an organization that provides education, has an administrator, and is composed of students and staff.<sup>2</sup> The CCD school definition recognizes that this organization may encompass several locations, but must have a single contact point, which is the mailing address entered on the CCD school record. There may be situations in which students are attending two schools at the same time (e.g., a regular school and a vocational school). In these situations, a judgment must be made as to where the student should be counted. It is left to the SEA official to choose the school to which the students are accounted.

#### ***Comments about the Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Data Preliminary File***

Users of the data file need to be aware of certain characteristics of the file.

*Undercoverage.* Although CCD coverage of traditional public schools and school districts is virtually 100 percent, the same cannot be said for publicly funded education outside of traditional settings and organizations. The CCD asks states to report all free public education in their state regardless of who administers the schools or districts. However, there are states that do not report schools that are administered by state organizations other than SEAs (such as a health and human services or a corrections department).

*Missing data.* Not all states had reported all items by the time that the preliminary file was constructed. It is anticipated that these data items will be reported and included in the final file. These items are distinguished from cases in which states reported that data are missing.

*Missing value options.* All data elements are either completed by the state or have been filled with a "0," "-1," "-2," "-9," "M," "N," or "B."

- 0 – There are no occurrences of this data element. A value was expected and measured, but there were no cases in the category.

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<sup>2</sup> Schools in the CCD may have no reported enrollment but still serve students because students can only be reported among the membership of one school. For example, a vocational school may serve students who are dually enrolled in a regular school and the regular school reports their membership. This vocational school serves students, but would have no reported enrollment in the CCD because the students are included in the membership of the regular school.

- B (or -9 for numeric values) – A value was not reported but is expected to be available for the final file. A value was expected and the cell was blank when the data were extracted from EDEN.
- M (or -1 for numeric values) – A value was expected and the state reported that the value was not measured. (For example, a regular school that should report at least one student but cannot count the number of students would report -1.)
- N (or -2 for numeric values) – Data are not applicable. A value was neither expected nor measured. (For example, a shared time school may report -2 for total student count.)

*Suppressing data.* Invalid values were suppressed as missing for the variables that have not been fully edited to avoid misuse or misinterpretation of the data. For example, an invalid code of “7” for school type would be changed to “M” because there is no such school type code.

### ***Comments about the Variables***

Data users should also take note of certain conditions regarding each variable in the file. The code in parentheses before the variable description indicates the variable name, which is also referenced in Appendix A.

(FIPST) FIPS State Code. A list of the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) codes for each state and other jurisdiction. NCES assigned dummy codes for DoD (overseas and domestic) and BIE. See Table 2.

(LEAID) NCES Local Education Agency ID. Unique NCES local education agency ID number assigned to each record. The first two characters of this number are the FIPST code. An agency’s LEAID does not change over time.

(SCHNO) NCES School ID. SCHNO is a unique number within an LEA. Combining the NCES Local Education Agency ID with the NCES School ID allows the user to uniquely identify each school on the file. A school’s SCHNO does not change over time.

(STID08) State Local Education Agency ID. Each record contains a State Local Education Agency ID. State Local Education Agency ID numbers are assigned by SEAs and may not be unique across states. An agency’s STID may change over time as new STIDs are assigned by a state.

(SEASCH08) State School ID. Each record contains a State School ID. State School ID numbers are assigned by SEAs and may not be unique across states. A school’s SEASCH may change over time.

(LEANM08) Name of Education Agency. Each record includes the name of the agency that operates the school. NCES reviewed any record filling the 60 characters assigned, and may have adjusted the agency name to improve readability (i.e., applied standard abbreviations).

(SCHNAM08) Name of School. Each record has a school name. NCES reviewed any record filling the 50 characters assigned, and may have adjusted the school name to improve readability (i.e., applied standard abbreviations).

(MSTREE08) Mailing Street. This field may contain a street address or a P.O. Box number. Some mailing addresses consist solely of a city and state, indicated by an “N” in the street address field. NCES did not correct missing or bogus (e.g., “No Local Address”) addresses in the preliminary file.

(MCITY08) Mailing City. There can be valid cases in which a school is located in one city and has a mailing address in another city.

(MSTATE08) Mailing State (PO Abbreviation). Each record contains a mailing state. There are instances where a school that is part of one state’s education system reports a mailing address in another state; these situations have been confirmed by the reporting state. A list of the 14 schools that have a mailing state code different from their FIPS state code is included in Table 3.

(MZIP08, MZIP408) Mailing ZIP Code +4. Each record displays a mailing ZIP Code in this field. The +4 may be left blank if it is unknown.

(PHONE08) Area code + Telephone Number. NCES did not correct missing or bogus (e.g., “555-555-5555”) telephone numbers in the preliminary file.

(LSTREE08) Location Street. Location address of the school. This variable has not been edited. In some cases, SEAs may not report physical locations for the location street field, but rather report Post Office boxes or other addresses that do not represent the location of a school. In the preliminary file, the physical locations of those cases are given as reported by states. Missing, bogus, or non-location addresses (e.g., Post Office box numbers, “No Local Address”) will be resolved and replaced with verified addresses in the final released file.

(LCITY08) Location City. Each record displays a location city in this field.

(LSTATE08) Location State (PO Abbreviation). Each record displays a location state in this field.

(LZIP08, LZIP408) Location Zip Code +4. Each record displays a location Zip Code in this field. The +4 may be left blank if it is unknown.

(TYPE08) School Type Code. Each record contains a school type code.

- 1 = Regular school – provides instruction and services that do not focus primarily on vocational, special education, or alternative education although these programs may be included in addition to the regular academic curriculum.
- 2 = Special education school – focuses primarily on instruction for students with disabilities, and adapts curriculum, materials, or instruction to meet the needs of these students.

- 3 = Vocational education school – focuses primarily on vocational and technical education.
- 4 = Alternative/other school – addresses student needs that typically cannot be met in a regular school, provides nontraditional education.
- 5 = Reportable program – does not meet the CCD definition of a public school; typically, these are programs within a school or other institution that do not have a principal but report to some other administrator.

(STATUS08) Operational Status Code. Each record contains a status code to reflect the school's operational status for the 2008-09 school year. Valid responses include the following:

- 1 = School was operational at the time of the last report and is currently operational.
- 2 = School has closed since the time of the last report.
- 3 = School has been opened since the time of the last report.
- 4 = School was operational at the time of the last report but was not on the CCD list at that time.
- 5 = School was listed in previous year's CCD school universe as being affiliated with a different education agency.
- 6 = School is temporarily closed and expected to reopen within 3 years.
- 7 = School has never been operational but is scheduled to be operational within 2 years.
- 8 = School was closed on previous year's file but has reopened.

(TITLEI08) Title I Eligible School. This flag denotes a school designated under appropriate state and federal regulations as being eligible for participation in programs authorized by Title I of Public Law 103-382. The values for this variable have not been fully edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

(STITLE08) School-wide Title I. This flag denotes a program in which all the pupils in a school are designated under appropriate state and federal regulations as being eligible for participation in programs authorized by Title I of Public Law 103-382. The values for this variable have not been fully edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

(MAGNET08) Magnet School. This variable indicates whether a school is a magnet school. The values for this variable have not been fully edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

(CHARTR08) Charter School. This variable indicates whether a school is a charter school. The values for this variable have not been fully edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

(SHARED08) Shared Time School. A shared time school is a school offering vocational/technical education or other education services, in which some or all students are enrolled at a separate ‘home’ school, or school of record, and attend the shared-time school on a part-day basis. The values for this variable have not been fully edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

(FTE08) FTE Teachers. Counts of full-time-equivalent teachers are collected to the nearest hundredth. An FTE is the amount of time required to perform an assignment stated as a proportion of a full-time position. For example, a teacher working 4 hours a day when the full working day is 8 hours would be counted as 0.5 FTE. Some schools may report teachers, but not pupils, while other schools may report pupils in membership, but no teacher FTE. These can be valid records indicating situations in which more than one school provides services to pupils, but the pupils are attributed to a single school to avoid double counting, or where a teacher provides services to pupils, but not in a school (e.g., a teacher works directly from the LEA central office to serve hospital-homebound students). An example of the former situation might be a vocational school whose pupil membership is attributed to the high school that sends its pupils to obtain vocational services. The values for this variable have not been edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

(MEMBER08) Total Membership. This is the reported total membership of the school. Membership is the total student enrollment on October 1, or the school day closest to October 1, for a school year. The values for this variable have not been edited and are given in the preliminary file as reported from the states.

(PUPTCH08) Pupil/Teacher Ratio. This is a calculated pupil/teacher ratio: total reported membership (MEMBER08) divided by FTE classroom teachers (FTE08). The values are calculate to the nearest hundredth. The value of “-1” is assigned to the cases that contain the values of “-1”, “-2”, “-9” for FTE08 or MEMBER08 and the cases that contain the value of 0 for FTE08.

Table 2. State and other jurisdiction FIPS codes and abbreviations used in CCD datasets

State name/jurisdiction	FIPS	Abbreviation	State name/jurisdiction	FIPS <sup>1</sup>	Abbreviation
Alabama	01	AL	Ohio	39	OH
Alaska	02	AK	Oklahoma	40	OK
Arizona	04	AZ	Oregon	41	OR
Arkansas	05	AR	Pennsylvania	42	PA
California	06	CA	Rhode Island	44	RI
Colorado	08	CO	South Carolina	45	SC
Connecticut	09	CT	South Dakota	46	SD
Delaware	10	DE	Tennessee	47	TN
District of Columbia	11	DC	Texas	48	TX
Florida	12	FL	Utah	49	UT
Georgia	13	GA	Vermont	50	VT
Hawaii	15	HI	Virginia	51	VA
Idaho	16	ID	Washington	53	WA
Illinois	17	IL	West Virginia	54	WV
Indiana	18	IN	Wisconsin	55	WI
Iowa	19	IA	Wyoming	56	WY
Kansas	20	KS	Department of Defense dependents schools (overseas)	58 <sup>3</sup>	DO
Kentucky	21	KY			
Louisiana	22	LA			
Maine	23	ME			
Maryland	24	MD	Department of Defense dependents schools (domestic)	61 <sup>3</sup>	DD
Massachusetts	25	MA			
Michigan	26	MI			
Minnesota	27	MN			
Mississippi	28	MS	Bureau of Indian Education	59 <sup>3</sup>	BI
Missouri	29	MO			
Montana	30	MT	American Samoa	60	AS
Nebraska	31	NE			
Nevada	32	NV	Guam	66	GU
New Hampshire	33	NH			
			Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	69	MP
New Jersey	34	NJ			
New Mexico	35	NM			
New York	36	NY	Puerto Rico	72	PR
North Carolina	37	NC			
North Dakota	38	ND	U.S. Virgin Islands	78	VI

<sup>1</sup> Federal Information Processing Standards codes (01–78).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Postal Service state abbreviation codes.

<sup>3</sup> Not official U.S. FIPS code. The state abbreviations for Department of Defense dependents schools (overseas) are AA, AE, and AP to indicate schools located in Asia, Europe, and the Pacific, respectively. For Department of Defense dependents schools (domestic) and Bureau of Indian Education schools, state abbreviations correspond to the state in which the school is located.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Federal Information Processing Standards, (1987). "Codes for the Identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the Outlying Areas of the United States, and the Associated Areas" (FIPS pub 5-2).

Table 3. List of schools with mailing address in another state: School year 2008-09

Administration State	NCES ID	School Name	City	State
Arizona	040010302855	OMBUDSMAN - CHARTER EAST II	LIBERTYVILLE	IL
District of Columbia	110007800213	OAK HILL ACADEMY	LAUREL	MD
Idaho	160261000459	PLEASANT VALLEY ELEM-JR HIGH	JORDAN VALLEY	OR
North Dakota	380567000826	SQUAW GAP SCHOOL	SIDNEY	MT
	382034000714	EAST FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	FAIRVIEW	MT
Ohio	390130005419	HECTOR GARCIA ACADEMY	EAST	MI
	390131605418	STAR ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS	AUBURN	IN
	390132805384	HILLCREST SCIENCE ACADEMY	EAST LANSING	MI
	390501203842	BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SHARON	PA
South Dakota	467209000503	KLEIN ELEMENTARY - 08	VALENTINE	NE
	467209000504	LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY - 09	CROOKSTON	NE
	467209000506	LITTLEBURG ELEMENTARY - 12	VALENTINE	NE
Utah	490090000491	NAVAJO MOUNTAIN HIGH	TONALEA	AZ
Vermont	500002400180	RIVENDELL ACADEMY	ORFORD	NH

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, "Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Preliminary File: School Year 2008-09".

## **B. Limitations of the Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Data Preliminary File**

As mentioned in the introduction section, this preliminary file is created to provide users with data for purposes that may have a greater need for timeliness than for verified accuracy.

Although most of the variables in the file have been examined and edited, some variables are still being screened and checked. Two caveats should be noted. First, due to the incomplete data editing process, the file may contain errors that have not been detected and thus may not be representative of the characteristics for a particular school. Secondly, because states may revise their reported data after the preliminary file is published, the preliminary file may not reflect the final data that states submit.

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**Appendix A – Record Layout for the Common Core of Data  
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## Appendix A – Record Layout for the Common Core of Data Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey Preliminary File: School Year 2008-09

(\*) Fields have two explicit decimal places

(+) Fields represent subfields of the fields immediately preceding them.

The file contains data for the school year 2008-09 sorted by the NCES assigned school identification code (NCESSCH).

Note that all numeric fields contain a -9 to indicate a value was not reported but is expected to be available for the final file, a -1 to indicate a value was expected and the state reported that the value was not measured, and a -2 to indicate not applicable. Character fields use “B” for a value was not reported but is expected to be available for the final file, “M” for a value was expected and the state reported that the value was not measured, and “N” for not applicable. “AN” and “N” are alphanumeric and numeric data, respectively.

<b>Variable Name</b>	<b>Start Position</b>	<b>End Position</b>	<b>Field Length</b>	<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
NCESSCH	0001	0012	12	AN	Unique NCES public school ID (7-digit NCES agency ID (LEAID) + 5-digit NCES school ID (SCHNO)).
+FIPST	0001	0002	2	AN	Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) state numeric code.
+LEAID	0001	0007	7	AN	NCES local education agency (LEA) ID. NOTE: The state to which the LEA belongs is identified by the first two digits (FIPS code) of the LEAID.
+SCHNO	0008	0012	5	AN	NCES school ID. NOTE: SCHNO is a unique number within an LEA. By combining LEAID with SCHNO, each school can be uniquely identified within the total file (see NCESSCH above).
STID08	0013	0026	14	AN	State's own ID for the education agency.
SEASCH08	0027	0046	20	AN	State's own ID for the school.
LEANM08	0047	0106	60	AN	Name of the education agency that operates this school.
SCHNAM08	0107	0156	50	AN	Name of the school.
					NOTE: Throughout the remainder of this file, the following codes may appear as representing missing values whenever they are present in the data or the documentation.  M: when alphanumeric data are missing; that is, a value is expected but none was measured.  -1: when numeric data are missing; that is, a value is expected but none was measured.  N: when alphanumeric data are not applicable; that is, a value is neither expected nor measured.  -2: when numeric data are not applicable; that is, a value is neither expected nor measured.
PHONE08	0157	0166	10	AN	Telephone number of school.  NOTE: Position # 0157-0159 is the area code, and position #0160-0166 is the exchange and number.

<b>Variable Name</b>	<b>Start Position</b>	<b>End Position</b>	<b>Field Length</b>	<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
MSTREE08	0167	0196	30	AN	The mailing address of the school— may be a street address, a P.O. Box number, or, if verified that there is no address beyond CITY, STATE, and ZIP, the character “N.”
MCITY08	0197	0226	30	AN	School mailing address city.
MSTATE08	0227	0228	2	AN	Two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation of the state where the mailing address is located (see FIPS state codes and abbreviations used in CCD dataset).
MZIP08	0229	0233	5	AN	Five-digit U.S. Postal Service ZIP code for the mailing address.
MZIP408	0234	0237	4	AN	Four-digit (ZIP+4) code for the mailing address. If the mailing address has been assigned the additional four-digit +4 ZIP, this field contains that number; otherwise, this field is blank.
LSTREE08	0238	0267	30	AN	School location street address.
LCITY08	0268	0297	30	AN	School location city.
LSTATE08	0298	0299	2	AN	Two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation of the state where the school address is located (see FIPS state codes and abbreviations used in CCD dataset).
LZIP08	0300	0304	5	AN	Five-digit U.S. Postal Service ZIP code for the location address.
LZIP408	0305	0308	4	AN	Four-digit (ZIP+4) code for the location address. If the mailing address has been assigned the additional four-digit +4 ZIP, this field contains that number; otherwise, this field is blank.
TYPE08	0309	0309	1	AN	NCES code for type of school:  1 = Regular school 2 = Special education school 3 = Vocational school 4 = Other/alternative school 5 = Reportable program
STATUS08	0310	0310	1	AN	NCES code for the school status:  1 = School was operational at the time of the last report and is currently operational. 2 = School has closed since the time of the last report. 3 = School has been opened since the time of the last report. 4 = School was operational at the time of the last report but was not on the CCD list at that time. 5 = School was listed in previous year’s CCD school universe as being affiliated with a different education agency. 6 = School is temporarily closed and may reopen within 3 years. 7 = School is scheduled to be operational within 2 years. 8 = School was closed on previous year’s file but has reopened.

<b>Variable Name</b>	<b>Start Position</b>	<b>End Position</b>	<b>Field Length</b>	<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
TITLEI08	0311	0311	1	AN	Title I Eligible School. A Title I school designated under appropriate state and federal regulations as being eligible for participation in programs authorized by Title I of Public Law 103-382.  1 = Yes 2 = No
STITLI08	0312	0312	1	AN	School-wide Title I. A program in which all the pupils in a school are designated under appropriate state and federal regulations as being eligible for participation in programs authorized by Title I of Public Law 103-382.  1 = Yes 2 = No
MAGNET08	0313	0313	1	AN	Magnet school. Regardless of the source of funding, a magnet school or program is a special school or program designed to attract students of different racial/ethnic backgrounds for the purpose of reducing, preventing, or eliminating racial isolation and/or to provide an academic or social focus on a particular theme.  1 = Yes 2 = No
CHARTR08	0314	0314	1	AN	Charter school. A school that provides free elementary and/or secondary education to eligible students under a specific charter granted by the state legislature or other appropriate authority.  1 = Yes 2 = No
SHARED08	0315	0315	1	AN	Shared-time school. A school offering vocational/technical education or other education services, in which some or all students are enrolled at a separate "home" school and attend the shared-time school on a part-day basis.  1 = Yes 2 = No
MEMBER08	0316	0323	8	N	Total students, all grades: the reported total membership of the school.
FTE08	0324	0331	8 *	N	Total full-time-equivalent classroom teachers. Full-time equivalency reported to the nearest hundredth; field includes two explicit decimals.
PUPTCH08	0332	0339	8 *	N	Calculate pupil/teacher ratio: Total reported students (MEMBER08) divided by FTE classroom teachers (FTE08). Reported to the nearest hundredth; field includes two explicit decimals.

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Variable	Label	M <sup>1</sup>	N <sup>1</sup>	Other
NCESSCH	Unique School ID	0	0	103,218
LEAID	Unique Agency ID (NCES Assigned)	0	0	103,218
FIPST	FIPS State Number	0	0	103,218
STID08	State Local Education Number	0	0	103,218
SEASCH08	State School Identifier	0	0	103,218
LEANM08	LEA Name	0	0	103,218
SCHNAM08	School Name	0	0	103,218
PHONE08	School Phone Number	0	0	103,218
MSTREE08	School Mailing Address	0	0	103,218
MCITY08	School Mailing City	0	0	103,218
MSTATE08	School Mailing USPS State Abbreviation	0	0	103,218
MZIP08	School Mailing Zip	0	0	103,218
MZIP408	School Mailing Zip Plus 4	0	0	78,645 <sup>2</sup>
LSTREE08	School Location Address	0	0	103,218
LCITY08	School Location City	0	0	103,218
LSTATE08	School Location USPS State Abbreviation	0	0	103,218
LZIP08	School Location Zip	0	0	103,218
LZIP408	School Location Zip Plus 4	0	0	78,553 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> M indicates that the data are missing; a value was expected, but no value was measured. N indicates that the data are not applicable; a value was neither expected nor measured.

<sup>2</sup> There are 24,665 and 24,573 schools with blank cell for the MZIP408 and LZIP408 variables, respectively.

Variable	Label	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	-1 <sup>1</sup>	-2 <sup>1</sup>	-9 <sup>1</sup>
MEMBER08	All Students – Total	0	7,873.00	495.89	21	3,193	0
FTE08	Classroom Teachers	0	670.60	32.93	3,140	2,555	820
PUPTCH08	Pupil teacher Ratio	0	12,790.00 <sup>2</sup>	15.41	9,443	0	0

<sup>1</sup> -1 = the data were expected and the state reported that the data was not measured;

-2 = the data are not applicable;

-9 = the data were not reported but are expected to be filled in the final file.

<sup>2</sup> Value is not plausible, but this file does not suppress outliers.

School Type

TYPE08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 Regular school	91,909	89.04	91,909	89.04
2 Special education school	2,394	2.32	94,303	91.36
3 Vocational education school	1,442	1.4	95,745	92.76
4 Alternative/other school	7,004	6.79	102,749	99.55
5 Reportable program	469	0.45	103,218	100

School Operational Status

STATUS08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 School was operational at the time of the last report and is currently operational	97,948	94.89	97,948	94.89
2 School has closed since the time of the last report	1,993	1.93	99,941	96.83
3 School has been opened since the time of the last report	1,785	1.73	101,726	98.55
4 School was operational at the time of the last report but was not on the CCD list at that time	285	0.28	102,011	98.83
5 School was listed in previous year's CCD school universe as being affiliated with a different education agency	132	0.13	102,143	98.96
6 School is temporarily closed and expected to reopen within 3 years	541	0.52	102,684	99.48
7 School has never been operational but is scheduled to be operational within 2 years	503	0.49	103,187	99.97
8 School was closed on previous year's file but has reopened	31	0.03	103,218	100

Note: The following codes apply to all the tables below –

B = the data were not reported but are expected to be filled in the final file

M = the data were expected and the state reported that the data was not measured

N = the data are not applicable

#### Title I Eligible School

TITLEI08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 Yes	57,298	55.51	57,298	55.51
2 No	28,555	27.66	85,853	83.18
B	3,341	3.24	89,194	86.41
M	14,008	13.57	103,202	99.98
N	16	0.02	103,218	100

#### School-wide Title I

STITLI08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 Yes	37,727	36.55	37,727	36.55
2 No	19,571	18.96	57,298	55.51
B	3,341	3.24	60,639	58.75
M	14,008	13.57	74,647	72.32
N	28,571	27.68	103,218	100

#### Magnet School Indicator

MAGNET08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 Yes	2,945	2.85	2,945	2.85
2 No	74,252	71.94	77,197	74.79
B	3,339	3.23	80,536	78.03
M	2	0.00	80,538	78.03
N	22,680	21.97	103,218	100

Charter School Indicator

CHARTR08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 Yes	5,024	4.87	5,024	4.87
2 No	86,093	83.41	91,117	88.28
N	12,101	11.72	103,218	100

Shared Time Indicator

SHARED08	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 Yes	3,048	2.95	3,048	2.95
2 No	79,029	76.57	82,077	79.52
B	3,340	3.24	85,417	82.75
M	17,801	17.25	103,218	100