

Conditions of Use and NonDisclosure Agreement

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study – Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 Assessment Battery

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS- K: 98-99) Assessment Battery is designed for use in a national longitudinal study of young children, the ECLS-K: 98-99. It was developed strictly for research purposes and to estimate characteristics of groups of children. The battery was not designed to assess children’s abilities and skills to help guide decisions about individual children.

1. I will have the right to use the items that constitute the ECLS-K: 98-99 Assessment Battery in my study. I will not offer such rights to any other person(s) or entity(ies) for any other purpose. Except as provided by this agreement, all rights in and to all items existing from test instruments will be retained by the copyright holder of those items.
2. I will not include item-level data in data files provided for public use. Reports will contain normative and criterion-referenced status and gain scores for participants using IRT-based formulas.
3. I will restrict and control the release of the individual ECLS-K: 98-99 test battery data and individual items. Items will only be considered for release to qualified researchers who make a specific request to conduct research that requires information on the Item wordings and Item-level statistics. Individuals who are granted access to this Item level information are required to abide by NCES’s policy and procedures for proprietary data (i.e., restricted use license procedures).
4. I will not use the ECLS-K: 98-99 test battery for any commercial purposes.
5. I have read, understand and agree to all provisions of the U.S. Department of Education’s Guidelines for the Release and Use of ECLS-K: 98-99 Test Instruments and Student Item-Level Response Data (Guidelines).
6. I have completed the Application for the Use of ECLS-K: 98-99 Test Instruments and Student Item-Level Response Data and have identified all persons who will be allowed to have access to “secured-use” instruments. They all have read, understand and agree to all provisions of the Guidelines cited above.

I have read, understand, and agree to all conditions of use of the Department of Education’s Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K: 98-99) Assessment Battery.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____