SPRING 2002
SCHOOL FACT SHEET

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study
Kindergarten Class of 1998-99

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INTRODUCTION

Instructions for Completing this Form

This form is an important part of a major longitudinal study of children's early educational experiences beginning with kindergarten and continuing through grade 5.

This form collects information from your school records regarding your school and your attendance policies.

To complete this form, please refer to your school records and record your answers directly on the form by circling the appropriate number or by writing your responses in the spaces provided.

If you have questions about completing this form, please call the Respondent Hotline at 1-800-750-6206.

Thank you very much for your help.

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1. Circle all grade levels included in your school.

   a. Ungraded............................................................................... 1
   b. Programs for special needs children................................. 2
   c. Prekindergarten................................................................. 3
   d. Kindergarten....................................................................... 4
   e. 1st...................................................................................... 5
   f. 2nd..................................................................................... 6
   g. 3rd..................................................................................... 7
   h. 4th..................................................................................... 8
   i. 5th..................................................................................... 9
   j. 6th.................................................................................... 10
   k. 7th.................................................................................... 11
   l. 8th.................................................................................... 12
   m. 9th.................................................................................... 13
   n. 10th.................................................................................. 14
   o. 11th.................................................................................. 15
   p. 12th.................................................................................. 16

2. Is this a public school? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER.

   a. Yes ................................................................................... 1 (GO TO Q3)
   b. No .................................................................................... 2 (SKIP TO Q4)

3. Is your school a… CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE.

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<td>b. School with a magnet program (e.g., science/math school, foreign language immersion school)? ....................... 1</td>
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<td>d. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or tribal school? ......... 1</td>
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<td>e. Special Education school – primarily serves children with disabilities? ...................................................... 1</td>
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   SKIP TO Q5
4. Is your school a … CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE.

   Yes     No

   a. Catholic....................................................................................  1  2
      Diocesan?................................................................................  1  2
      Parish? ....................................................................................  1  2
      Private order?..........................................................................  1  2

   b. Private, other religious affiliation? ........................................... 1  2

   c. Private school accredited by NAIS? ........................................  1  2

   d. Other private?..........................................................................  1  2

   e. Special Education school—primarily serves children with
disabilities?..............................................................................  1  2

   f. An Early Childhood Center (school or center includes
preschool and/or early elementary grades)? .........................  1  2

5. What are the start and end dates for this school for the 2001-2002 school year?

   START _____ / ____ / ____
   MONTH DAY 2002

   END _____ / ____ / ____
   MONTH DAY 2002

6. How many school days are there in the school year? ________ DAYS

7. Does the school keep student attendance records? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER.

   a. Yes ..........................................................................................  1

   b. No ............................................................................................  2 (SKIP TO Q10)

8. Does the school differentiate excused absences from unexcused absences? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER.

   a. Yes ..........................................................................................  1

   b. No ............................................................................................  2 (SKIP TO Q10)

9. Does the school differentiate excused tardiness from unexcused tardiness? CIRCLE ONE NUMBER.

   a. Yes ..........................................................................................  1

   b. No ............................................................................................  2

10. Date questionnaire completed:

    _____ / ____ / ____
    MONTH DAY YEAR
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Please return this completed questionnaire in the envelope provided to:

Galen McKeever  
Westat  
9274 Gaither Road, W-14  
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877-1420

Or you may give it to the ECLS-K field supervisor at your school.
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