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**SURVEY OF CLASSES THAT SERVE CHILDREN
PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

FAST RESPONSE SURVEY SYSTEM

This survey is authorized by (P.L. 103-382). While you are not required to respond, your cooperation is needed to make the results of this survey comprehensive, accurate, and timely.

What percentage of students enrolled at your school are eligible for federally funded free or reduced-price school lunch? _____ percent

DEFINITIONS FOR THE SURVEY

Classroom Teacher: Teacher who is formally responsible for a prekindergarten class or group of students, including part-time and full-time teachers and teachers of self-contained and special education classes but excluding teachers of special subjects (e.g., music).

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Student/English Language Learner (ELL): Student whose native or dominant language is other than English, and whose skills in listening to, speaking, reading, or writing English are such that he/she derives little benefit from school instruction in English.

School Day: The child's total school day includes the time spent with any teacher, as well as time spent on meals, naps, recess, and between activities. This does not include wrap-around care, such as before- and after-school child care.

LABEL

IF ABOVE SCHOOL INFORMATION IS INCORRECT, PLEASE UPDATE DIRECTLY ON LABEL.

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions before you answer the questions.

Note: This survey focuses on classes that serve children prior to kindergarten located at the school identified on the cover page. Please do not report classes or students located at other schools.

The focus of this survey is on **classes that serve children prior to kindergarten**, regardless of whether your school refers to those classes as prekindergarten, preschool, or some other name.

For the purpose of this study, we will refer to those classes as **prekindergarten** and will **INCLUDE** the following types:

A. Special education classes for children prior to kindergarten, i.e., classes prior to kindergarten that serve **ONLY** children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). These classes may include children who were old enough for kindergarten for the 2000-2001 school year, but who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

B. Classes primarily for 3- or 4-year-olds prior to kindergarten, including:

- General and combined/inclusive prekindergarten;
- Title I prekindergarten;
- Head Start classes that are part of a program administered by your school district; and
- Any other classes primarily for 3- or 4-year-olds prior to kindergarten.

These classes may have some children who are younger than 3 or older than 4.

When reporting your prekindergarten classes, please **EXCLUDE**:

- Classes primarily for children who are younger than 3, and
- Head Start classes that are **NOT** administered by your school district, even if they are located at your school.

A. Special education classes for children prior to kindergarten, i.e., classes prior to kindergarten that serve **ONLY** children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). For the purpose of this survey, we will call those classes special education prekindergarten.

1. Does your school have special education prekindergarten classes, i.e., classes prior to kindergarten that serve **ONLY** children with IEPs?

Yes 1 (*Continue with question 2.*)

No.....2 (*Go to question 6.*)

2. How many special education prekindergarten **classes** does your school have? _____

3. How many **children** are enrolled in the special education prekindergarten classes at your school?
_____ children

4. How many of the special education children reported in question 3 were... (*If none, write "0."*)

a. 3 years old as of October 1, 2000?..... _____

b. 4 years old as of October 1, 2000?..... _____

c. 5 years old or more as of October 1, 2000? _____

5. For the **LARGEST** special education prekindergarten class at your school, what is the number of students per classroom teacher? (*Count only classroom teachers as defined on cover page.*)
_____ students per teacher

B. Classes primarily for 3- or 4-year-olds, excluding the special education classes already reported in question 2 but including general and combined/inclusive prekindergarten, Title I classes, Head Start classes that are part of a program administered by your school district, and any other classes primarily for 3- or 4-year-olds prior to kindergarten. For the purpose of this survey, we will call those classes prekindergarten.

6. Does your school have prekindergarten classes primarily for **3- or 4-year-olds**, excluding the special education classes reported in question 2 but including the different types of prekindergarten listed above?

Yes 1 (Continue with question 7.) No 2 (Go to question 12.)

7. How many prekindergarten **classes** does your school have? (Exclude the special education prekindergarten classes reported in question 2.) _____ classes

8. How many **children** are enrolled in the classes reported in question 7? _____

9. How many of the children reported in question 8 were..... (If none, write "0.")

- a. 3 years old as of October 1, 2000?..... _____
- b. 4 years old as of October 1, 2000?..... _____
- c. 5 years old or more as of October 1, 2000? _____

10. How many of the children reported in question 8 have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? _____ children

11. For the **LARGEST** prekindergarten class reported in question 7, what is the number of students per classroom teacher? (Count only classroom teachers as defined on cover page.) _____ students per teacher

C. ALL prekindergarten classes reported in sections A and B i.e., special education prekindergarten and all other types of classes primarily for 3- or 4-year-olds prior to kindergarten.

12. What is the **TOTAL** number of prekindergarten classes at your school, i.e., the sum of classes reported in questions 2 and 7? _____ (If none, write "0" and then skip to question 21.)

13. Of **ALL** the prekindergarten **classes** at your school, how many are.....(Complete each row. If none, write "0.")

- a. Full day, 5 days per week?..... _____
- b. Full day, less than 5 days per week? _____
- c. Half day, 5 days per week? _____
- d. Half day, less than 5 days per week?..... _____
- e. Other (Please specify.) _____
- f. **TOTAL** classes (This should equal to the sum of classes reported in question 12.) _____

Full-day classes last for 4 hours or more. Half-day classes last for less than 4 hours. To calculate hours per day, count from the first bell to the last, including recess time, naptime, etc., but excluding time spent in before- and after-school child care.

14. Of ALL the prekindergarten **children** reported earlier, how many are.....(Complete each row. If none, write "0.")
- a. American Indian/Alaska Native?..... _____
 - b. Asian?..... _____
 - c. Black, non-Hispanic?..... _____
 - d. Hispanic?..... _____
 - e. White, non-Hispanic?..... _____
 - f. TOTAL children (This should equal the sum of children reported in questions 3 and 8.) _____
15. Of ALL the prekindergarten children at your school (i.e., special education and all other prekindergarten children), how many are . . . (Complete each row. If none, write "0.")
- a. Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch?..... _____
 - b. Limited English Proficient (LEP)/English Language Learners (ELL)? (See definition of LEP/ELL on cover page.) _____
16. Of ALL the prekindergarten children at your school (i.e., special education and all other prekindergarten children), how many currently receive each of the following services at your school? Please include services provided by the school and those provided by outside groups. (Complete each row. If none, write "0.")
- a. Meals (excluding snacks)..... _____
 - b. Transportation _____
 - c. Extended day (before or after school) care..... _____
17. Did (or will) your school receive money from the following sources for prekindergarten services for the 2000-2001 school year? (Complete each row.)
- | | Yes | No | Don't know |
|--|-----|----|------------|
| a. State or local education funds | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b. Head Start | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c. Title I, Part A..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d. Title I, Part B (Even Start) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e. Federal or local programs for children with disabilities..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f. Child care funds through a state or local agency..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g. Other (Please specify.)..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
18. What is the total number of prekindergarten classroom teachers at your school? (See definition of classroom teachers on cover page.) _____ teachers
19. Of the prekindergarten **classroom** teachers reported in question 18, how many are paid..... (Complete each row. If none, write "0.")
- a. Using the same pay scale as the elementary school teachers in your district? _____
 - b. Less than they would receive if the elementary teacher pay scale were used?
 - c. More than they would receive if the elementary teacher pay scale were used?
20. How many of the prekindergarten classroom teachers reported in question 18 do NOT have a bachelor's degree? _____
21. How many of the prekindergarten classroom teachers reported in question 18 have a teaching certificate that requires at least a bachelor's degree? _____
22. Which of the following grades are taught at your school? (Circle all that apply.)
- PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 UNGRADED

Thank you. Please keep a copy for your records.