PRIVATE SCHOOL SURVEY
2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

PLEASE NOTE:
The 2007-2008 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 DAY CARE CENTERS that have ANY of the following -
  • Kindergarten
  • Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten
  • Transitional first (or prefirst) grade

For example:
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:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in the 2007-2008 Private School Survey, a national data collection that is very valuable to private schools across the country. 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 2007-2008 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. NCES 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
ATTN: DCB 60A
1201 E. 10TH STREET
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47132-0001

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT EFFORT.

SINCERELY,

MARK SCHNEIDER
COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS
NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

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1. Please print your name, title, and school telephone number in case we have questions about any of your responses.

YOUR NAME

TITLE

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER

2a. Is the institution or organization named on the front of this questionnaire a school?

☐ Yes
☐ No - Please explain ➔

b. 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.)

☐ Yes
☐ No - Please describe the type of school, (e.g., public school, Bureau of Indian Affairs school, state school, charter school, etc.) ➔

c. Is this school still in operation?

☐ Yes
☐ No - Please record the date when the school closed. ➔

d. Does this school teach any students in AT LEAST one of grades K to 12, or comparable ungraded levels (e.g., K to 6, 9 to 12, PK to 12, PK to K, etc.)?

☐ Yes
☐ No - Please record the grade level(s) taught in this school (e.g., nursery and prekindergarten, adult education, postsecondary). ➔

e. Is this school located in the United States?

☐ Yes
☐ No - Please specify the country in which this school is located. ➔

3. If 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:

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If you marked "Yes" for all of items 2a-e above, continue with item 4.
**INSTRUCTIONS**

The data you enter on this form will be captured through the use of imaging technology. Please print all information clearly in ordinary characters, using a black ballpoint pen.

**CORRECT** marking example –
(Use care to keep characters in their designated spaces.)

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**INCORRECT** marking example –

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**a.** If you are unsure about how to answer a question, please give the best answer you can rather than leaving it blank.

**b.** If you have any questions, call the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-800-221-1204. Someone will be available to take your call Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

4. At the end of this questionnaire, you will be asked how long it took to complete this questionnaire. To help you with this, please record the time you begin.

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Time started

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

- Report only for the school or program named on the front of this questionnaire.
- Do NOT include postsecondary or adult education students, or children who are enrolled only in day care at this school or program.
- In column (1), mark (X) “Yes” or “No” for each grade level.
- In column (2), record the number of students for each grade level with “Yes” marked in column (1).

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<td>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)</td>
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6. What was the total number of students enrolled in this school or program around the first of October? **Please sum lines 5(a) through 5(q).**

| Students | 305 |
7. Around the first of October, how many students enrolled in grades K-12 and comparable ungraded levels were –
   - Do NOT include nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education students, or children who are enrolled only in day care at this school or program.
   - If none, please mark (X) the box.
   a. Hispanic or Latino, regardless of race?
      - 0 None or [ ] Students
   b. White, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
      - 0 None or [ ] Students
   c. Black, not of Hispanic or Latino origin?
      - 0 None or [ ] Students
   d. Asian or Pacific Islander?
      - 0 None or [ ] Students
   e. American Indian or Alaska Native?
      - 0 None or [ ] Students

8a. Is this school or program coeducational?
   - 1 Yes
   - 2 No, it is an all-female school
   - 3 No, it is an all-male school

8b. Around the first of October, how many MALE students in grades K-12 and comparable ungraded levels were enrolled in this school or program?
   - Do NOT include nursery, prekindergarten, postsecondary, or adult education students, or children who are enrolled only in day care at this school or program.
   - If none, please mark (X) the box.
   - 0 None or [ ] Male students
9a. LAST school year (2006-2007), were any students enrolled in 12th grade?

1. Yes
2. No ➜ GO TO item 10a below.

b. How many students were enrolled in 12th grade around October 1, 2006?

12th graders

GO TO item 10a below.

c. How many students graduated from the 12th grade with a diploma last school year (2006-2007)?

Include 2007 summer graduates. Do not include students who received only vocational certificates, certificates of attendance, or certificates of completion.

If none, please mark (X) the box.

0. None ➜ GO TO item 10a below.

Graduates

GO TO item 10a below.

d. Of those who graduated with a diploma last school year, approximately what percentage went to four-year colleges?

Include 2007 summer graduates. Do not include students who received only vocational certificates, certificates of attendance, or certificates of completion.

If none, please mark (X) the box.

Round to the nearest whole percent.

0. None or Percent

GO TO instructions for item 11 at top of page 8.

10a. How long is the school day for a kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transitional first grade student?

Mark (X) only one box.

0. School or program does not offer kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transitional first grade ➜ GO TO instructions for item 11 at top of page 8.

1. Full day (4 hours or more per day)

2. Half day (less than 4 hours per day)

3. Both offered

b. How many days per week does a kindergarten, transitional kindergarten, or transitional first grade student attend?

If the number of days per week varies (e.g., some students attend 3 days per week and some attend 5 days per week), record the most days that a student would attend in a week.

GO TO instructions for item 11 at top of page 8.
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 or program.

Example:
The following is an example to illustrate how to report teachers in this item for a school or program that includes prekindergarten through grade 8.

If this school or program has eight full-time teachers for grades 1-8, one full-time teacher who teaches kindergarten ½ time and prekindergarten ½ 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:

- None or 8 Full-time teachers
- None or Teach at least ¾ time but less than full time
- None or Teach at least ½ time but less than ¾ time
- None or Teach at least ¼ time but less than ½ time
- None or Teach less than ¼ time

TOTAL TEACHERS
11. Around the first of October, how many persons were teaching in grades K-12 and/or COMPARABLE ungraded levels at this school or 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 or program.

Include:

- Regular classroom teachers
- Teachers who teach subjects such as music, art, physical education, and special education
- Teaching principals or administrators who teach a regularly scheduled class at this school or 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 or librarians, speech therapists, social workers, or administrators UNLESS they also teach a regularly scheduled class at THIS school or program

If none, please mark (X) the box.

- [ ] None or 0 Full-time teachers
- [ ] None or 0 Teach at least ¾ time but less than full time
- [ ] None or 0 Teach at least ½ time but less than ¾ time
- [ ] None or 0 Teach at least ¼ time but less than ½ time
- [ ] None or 0 Teach less than ¼ time

TOTAL TEACHERS
12a. Which of the following best describes this school or program?

- [ ] REGULAR school – elementary or secondary
- [ ] MONTESSORI school
- [ ] SPECIAL PROGRAM EMPHASIS school – such as a science or math school, performing arts school, talented or gifted school, foreign language immersion school, etc.
- [ ] SPECIAL EDUCATION school – primarily serves students with disabilities
- [ ] CAREER/TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL school – primarily serves students being trained for occupations
- [ ] EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OR DAY CARE CENTER – such as kindergarten only, prekindergarten and kindergarten only, kindergarten and transitional first grade only, day care and transitional kindergarten only, etc.
- [ ] ALTERNATIVE/OTHER school – 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 – Please describe.

b. Is a major role of this school or program to support homeschooling?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

13. Is this school or program located in a private home that is used primarily as a family residence?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

14a. Does this school or program have a religious orientation or purpose?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

b. Is this school or program affiliated with a religious organization or institution?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
14c. What is this school’s or program’s religious orientation or affiliation?

Mark (X) only one box.

1. Roman Catholic
2. African Methodist Episcopal
3. Amish
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 □

Is this school –

Mark (X) only one box.

1. Parochial (or inter-parochial)
2. Diocesan
3. Private
15. **To which of the following associations or organizations does this school or program belong?**

*Mark (X) all that apply.*

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Specify: □
15. **Continued** – To which of the following associations or organizations does this school or program belong? 
*Mark (X) all that apply.*

### SPECIAL EMPHASIS

- [ ] American Montessori Society (AMS)
- [ ] Association Montessori International (AMI)
- [ ] Other Montessori association(s)
- [ ] Association of Military Colleges and Schools (AMCS)
- [ ] Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)
- [ ] Bilingual School Association (BSA)
- [ ] Council of Bilingual Education (CBE)
- [ ] Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- [ ] National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)
- [ ] Other association(s) for exceptional children
- [ ] European Council for International Schools (ECIS)
- [ ] National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- [ ] National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE)
- [ ] National Association of Laboratory Schools (NALS)
- [ ] National Coalition of Girls Schools (NCGS)
- [ ] Other special emphasis association(s) – Specify

### OTHER SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS

- [ ] Alternative School Network (ASN)
- [ ] National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- [ ] State or regional independent school association
- [ ] National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools (NCACS)
- [ ] National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)
- [ ] The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)
- [ ] Other school association(s) – Specify
16. How many days are in the school year for students in this school or program?

   Days per school year

17. How long is the school day for students in this school or program?

   Report BOTH hours and minutes, e.g., 06 hours and 00 minutes, 05 hours and 45 minutes, etc.
   If the length of day varies by grade level, record the longest day.

   Hours AND Minutes

18. Does this school or program have a 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 school library, media center, resource center, information center, instructional
   materials center, learning resource center, or any other similar name.)

   Yes
   No

19. Not counting interruptions, how many minutes did it take to complete this questionnaire?

   Minutes

20. Please enter the date you completed this questionnaire.

   Report month as a number, i.e., 01 for January, 02 for February, etc.

   Month Day Year
21. Please verify this school’s or 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.

School or program name

Mailing address

City

State

ZIP Code + 4

22a. Is the physical or street address of this school or program the same as the mailing address?

1 ☐ Yes

2 ☐ No

b. Please print this school’s or program’s physical or street address.

Street

City

State

ZIP Code

23. What is the SCHOOL e-mail address?

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY.
YOUR TIME AND EFFORT ARE APPRECIATED.

PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RETURN ENVELOPE, MAIL YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO:

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