comments. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Erica Johnson, 202–245–7676.

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Title of Collection: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) State and Local Implementation Study 2019.

OMB Control Number: 1850–NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,153.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 970.

Abstract: The data collection for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) State and Local Implementation Study 2019 will examine how states, districts, and schools are identifying and supporting children and youth with disabilities. The study is one component of a Congressionally-mandated National Assessment of IDEA.

The purpose of this data collection is to develop an up-to-date national picture of how states, districts, and schools are implementing IDEA in order to provide ED, Congress, and other stakeholders with knowledge that can inform the next reauthorization of IDEA and, ultimately, how services are provided to children. This study of IDEA is necessary because a decade has passed since the previous IDEA national implementation study, and subsequent developments may have influenced the context and implementation of special education and early intervention.

The surveys will be administered in Fall 2019. All respondents will have the opportunity to complete an electronic survey (or paper survey, if preferred). The survey respondents are described briefly below:

State Surveys: The study team will administer three separate electronic surveys that focus on the Part C program for infants and toddlers (administered to the Part C infants and toddlers program coordinator), the Part B program for preschool-age children (administered to the Part B program for preschool-age children coordinator), and the Part B program for school-age children and youth (administered to the special education director). Three surveys are necessary because different state administrators are likely to oversee IDEA programs for children at those different age levels. The state surveys will be administered to the respondents in each of the 61 state-level entities that receive IDEA funding: All 50 states, the District of Columbia, 8 U.S. territories, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Department of Defense Education Activity.

School District Surveys: The study team will administer two separate electronic surveys that focus on the Part B program for preschool-age children (administered to the Part B program for pre-school age children coordinator) and the IDEA Part B program for school-age children and youth (administered to the special education director). If a district does not have a Part B program for preschool-age children coordinator, the study team will work with the district to identify the survey’s most appropriate respondent, likely someone in the pre-school special education leadership. Two surveys are necessary because different district staff members are likely to oversee IDEA programs for students at those different age levels. The study team will administer the Part B program for preschool-age children survey to a nationally representative sample of 602 school districts and the Part B program for school-age children survey to a nationally representative sample of 665 school districts. (Of the 665 districts selected overall, 63 do not offer pre-kindergarten instruction and are not eligible for the preschool-age district survey.)

School Surveys: A single school survey covers the Part B program for school-age children, the Part B program for preschool-age children, the transition from the Part C infants and toddlers program, and transition planning for secondary school students. The school survey will be administered to the school principal or lead special education staff. The study team will administer an electronic survey to a nationally representative sample of 2,750 schools from the 665 selected districts.

Dated: August 22, 2019

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Title of Collection: 2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20).

OMB Control Number: 1850–0666.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 11,814.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 131,801.

Abstract: The 2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20) is a nationally representative cross-sectional study of how students and their families finance education beyond high school in a given academic year. NPSAS is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and was first implemented by NCES during the 1986–87 academic year and has been fielded every 3 to 4 years since. This request is to conduct the 11th cycle in the NPSAS series during the 2019–20 academic year. NPSAS:20 will be both nationally- and state-representative and will serve as the base year data collection for the 2020 cohort of the Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:20), a study of first-time beginning postsecondary students that will be conducted three years (BPS:20/22) and six years (BPS:20/25) after beginning their postsecondary education. NPSAS:20 will consist of a nationally-representative sample of undergraduate and graduate students, and a nationally-representative sample of first-time beginning students (FTBs). Subsets of questions in the NPSAS:20 student interview will focus on describing aspects of the experience of beginning students in their first year of postsecondary education, including student debt and education experiences. This request is to conduct all activities related to NPSAS:20, and thus this submission covers materials and procedures related to: The NPSAS:20 student data collection, consisting of abstraction of student data from institutions and a student survey; panel maintenance activities for a NPSAS:20 follow-up field test (for BPS:20/22); and carries over respondent burden, procedures, and material related to the NPSAS:20 institution sampling, enrollment list collection, and matching to administrative data files as approved by OMB in July and anticipated change request in September 2019 (OMB#1859–0666 v.23–24). The NPSAS:20 enrollment list collection from institutions will take place from October 2019 through July 2020, the student records collection will take place from February through November 2020, and the student survey data collection will take place from January through November 2020.


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