

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Application for the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP).

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0646.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 6,049.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 20,683.

**Abstract:** The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) administers the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program (authorized under sections 5211-5212 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)) and the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) program (authorized under ESEA section 5221). In order to make grant awards to eligible SRSA and RLIS entities, the Department must collect information from State and local educational agencies. The information collected is used to determine the eligibility of individual LEAs and calculate the allocation each eligible LEA should receive according to formulas prescribed in the ESEA.

Dated: October 10, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2019-ICCD-0128]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; State Education Agency, Local Educational Agency, and School Data Collection and Reporting under ESEA, Title I, Part A

**AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 16, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0128. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting 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 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Evan Skloot, 202-453-6515.

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*Title of Collection:* State Education Agency, Local Educational Agency, and School Data Collection and Reporting under ESEA, Title I, Part A.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0581.

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

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 17,022.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 293,152.

**Abstract:** Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), contains several provisions that require State education agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and schools to collect and disseminate information. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) covers these activities. The previous authorization of the ESEA contained information collection requirements which are currently approved by OMB under control number 1810-0581.

Congress approved a joint resolution on March 9, 2017 disapproving the U.S. Department of Education's (Department's) regulations related to State plans, statewide accountability systems, and data reporting. The burden changes reflected in this revision

renewal data collection are a result of this joint resolution and reflect only the requirements of the statute. The requirement to produce a State and LEA report card remains unchanged under this revision renewal and most of the work to produce the report cards is the same. There are some requirements that were in the regulations that are not required due to the joint resolution. As a result, the burden estimate is slightly lower under this revision renewal.

SEAs, LEAs, and schools collect and disseminate the information to carry out the reporting requirements of Title I of the ESEA. The information is used to facilitate compliance with statutory requirements and to provide information to school communities (including parents), LEAs, SEAs and the Department regarding activities required under Title I of the ESEA.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0129]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2021) Main Study Recruitment and Field Test

**AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0129. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not

available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting 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 Kashka Kubzdela, 202-245-7377 or email [NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov](mailto:NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov).

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**Title of Collection:** Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2021) Main Study Recruitment and Field Test

**OMB Control Number:** 1850-0645

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

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals or Households

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 14,778

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 3,692

**Abstract:** The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international assessment of fourth-grade students' achievement in reading. PIRLS reports on four benchmarks in reading achievement at grade 4 and on a variety of issues related to the education context for the students in the sample, including instructional practices, school resources, curriculum implementation, and learning supports outside of school. Since its inception in 2001, PIRLS has continued to assess students every 5 years (2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016), with the next PIRLS assessment, PIRLS 2021, being the fifth iteration of the study. Participation in this study by the United States at regular intervals provides data on student achievement and on current and past education policies and a comparison of U.S. education policies and student performance with those of the U.S. international counterparts. In PIRLS 2016, 58 education systems participated. The United States will participate in PIRLS 2021 to continue to monitor the progress of its students compared to that of other nations and to provide data on factors that may influence student achievement. PIRLS is coordinated by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), an international collective of research organizations and government agencies that create the assessment framework, the assessment instrument, and background questionnaires. The IEA decides and agrees upon a common set of standards and procedures for collecting and reporting PIRLS data, and defines the studies' timeline, all of which must be followed by all participating countries. As a result, PIRLS is able to provide a reliable and comparable measure of student skills in participating countries. In the U.S., the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts this study. In preparation for the PIRLS 2021 main study, all countries are asked to implement a field test in 2020. The purpose of the PIRLS field test is to evaluate new assessment items and background questions, to ensure practices that promote low exclusion rates, and to ensure that classroom and student sampling procedures proposed for the main study are successful. Data collection for the field test in the U.S. will occur from March through April 2020 and for the main study from March through June 2021. The submission describing the overarching plan for all