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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket ID ED-2017-IES-0150]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled "Impact Evaluation of Academic Language Intervention (18-13-43)." This system contains individually identifying information provided by individuals and school districts that participate in the impact evaluation. The information in this system will be used to conduct a rigorous study of the effectiveness of an academic language intervention on English Learner (EL) students' and disadvantaged non-EL students' language and reading skills.

DATES: Submit your comments on this new system of records notice on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

This new system of records will become applicable upon publication in the *Federal Register* on [INSERT DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], unless the new system of records notice needs to be changed as a result of public comment. The routine uses listed under "ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES" will become applicable on [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], unless the new system of records notice needs to be changed as a result of public comment. The Department will publish any significant changes to the system of records or routine uses that result from public comment.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to submit your comments electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the "help" tab.

- Postal Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery:

If you mail or deliver your comments about this new system of records, address them to: Teresa Cahalan, SORN coordinator, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street, SW., room 4126, Washington, DC 20202.

Privacy Note: The Department's policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record: On request, we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Cahalan, SORN coordinator, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th

Street, SW., room 4126, Washington, DC 20202 or by email at IES\_SORN@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), you may call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction:

The information in this system will be used to conduct a rigorous study of the effectiveness of an academic language intervention on EL students' and disadvantaged non-EL students' language and reading skills.

The study will address the following central research questions: What is the impact of the academic language intervention on student achievement? What is the impact of the academic language intervention on classroom instruction? Was the academic language intervention implemented with fidelity? Is there variation in the implementation or impact of the academic language intervention?

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You may also access documents of the Department published in the *Federal Register* by using the article search feature at: [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Dated: June 13, 2018.

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Mark Schneider,  
*Director, Institute of  
Education Sciences.*

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Impact Evaluation of Academic Language Intervention  
(18-13-43).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

MDRC, 16 East 34th Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY  
10016-4326 (contractor).

Abt Associates, 55 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA  
02138-1168 (contractor).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Project's contracting officer representative, U.S.  
Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th  
Street, SW., room 4114-1, Washington, DC 20202.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The evaluation is authorized under sections 171(b) and  
173 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA) (20  
U.S.C. 9561(b) and 9563) and section 8601 of the Elementary  
and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the  
Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. 7981).

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The information in this system will be used to conduct  
a rigorous study of the effectiveness of an academic

language intervention on English Learner (EL) students' and disadvantaged non-EL students' language and reading skills.

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#### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The system of records will include individually identifying information about teachers who participate in the evaluation and their students. The system will contain records on approximately 560 teachers and 9,520 students from up to nine school districts.

#### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

For teachers, this information will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, teacher name, contact information, ratings of teaching practice, background characteristics, teaching experience and training, education, and fidelity of academic language instruction conducted by the teacher as assessed by the study team through observation. For students, this information will

include, but will not necessarily be limited to, student name, date of birth, EL status, gender, primary language, race/ethnicity, grade, eligibility for free/reduced-price lunches, individualized education plan status, standardized math and English/Language Arts test scores, grades, and retention/promotion decisions.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Data in this system will be obtained through: human resource and student education records maintained by the school districts; observations of classroom practice conducted by the study team; surveys of teachers administered by the study team; and assessments administered to students by the study team.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The Department may disclose information in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. The Department may make these disclosures on a case-by-case basis. Any disclosure of individually identifiable information from a record in this system must also comply with the requirements of section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573) providing for

confidentiality standards that apply to all collection, reporting, and publication of data by the Institute of Education Sciences. Any disclosure of personally identifiable information from student education records that were obtained from school districts must also comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR part 99), which protects the privacy of student education records.

1) *Teacher Identification Disclosure.* In order for the Department to link teacher data that the Department maintains as part of this study to the education records of that teacher's students maintained by the participating school districts for purposes consistent with the conduct of the study, the Department may disclose to each participating school district the identities of teachers from that school district who are participating in this study.

2) *Contract Disclosure.* If the Department contracts with an entity for the purposes of performing any function that requires disclosure of records in this system to employees of the contractor, the Department may disclose the records to those employees. As part of such a contract, the Department will require the contractor to

agree to safeguards to protect the security and confidentiality of the records disclosed from this system.

3) *Research Disclosure.* The Director of the Institute of Education Sciences may disclose information from this system of records to qualified researchers solely for the purpose of carrying out specific research that is compatible with the purpose(s) of this system of records. The researcher must agree to safeguards to protect the security and confidentiality, consistent with section 183(c) of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573(c)), of the records disclosed from this system. When personally identifiable information from a student's education record will be disclosed to the researcher, under FERPA (20 U.S.C. 1232g(b) and 34 CFR 99.31), the researcher also must agree to comply with the requirements in the applicable FERPA exception to consent.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records in this system of records are maintained in a secure, password-protected electronic system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records in this system will be indexed and retrieved by a unique number assigned to each teacher or student that will be cross-referenced by the individual's name on a separate list.

The contractors' employees who "maintain" (collect, maintain, use, or disseminate) data in this system must comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) and the confidentiality standards in section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

The Department shall submit a retention and disposition schedule that covers the records contained in this system to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for review. The records will not be destroyed until such time as NARA approves said schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Security protocols for this system of records meet all required security standards. Contractors are required to ensure that information identifying individuals is in files physically separated from other research data and electronic files identifying individuals are separated from other electronic research data files. Contractors will maintain security of the complete set of all master data files and documentation. Access to individually identifiable data will be strictly controlled. All information will be kept in locked file cabinets during

nonworking hours, and work on hardcopy data will take place in a single room, except for data entry.

Physical security of electronic data also will be maintained. Security features that protect project data will include: password-protected accounts that authorize users to use the contractors' systems but to access only specific network directories and network software; user rights and directory and file attributes that limit those who can use particular directories and files and determine how they can use them; and additional security features that the network administrators will establish for projects as needed. The contractors' employees who "maintain" (collect, maintain, use, or disseminate) data in this system must comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act and the confidentiality standards in section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

If you wish to request access to your records, you should contact the system manager at the address listed under SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS. Your request must provide necessary particulars of your full name, address, telephone number, and any other identifying information requested by the Department while processing the request, to distinguish between individuals with the same name.

Your request must meet the requirements of regulations in 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of the regulations in 34 CFR 5b.7.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

If you wish to inquire whether a record exists regarding you in this system, you should contact the system manager at the address listed above. Your request must provide necessary particulars of your full name, address, telephone number, and any other identifying information requested by the Department while processing the request, to distinguish between individuals with the same name. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

None.

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