

by the TALIS Governing Board (TGB), comprising representatives from the OECD member countries, and implemented internationally by organizations contracted by the OECD (referred to as the International consortium). In the U.S., TALIS 2024 is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

TALIS 2024 is focused on teachers; professional environment, teaching conditions, and their impact on school and teacher effectiveness. TALIS 2024 will address teacher training and professional development, teacher appraisal, school climate, school leadership, instructional approaches, pedagogical practices, and teaching experience with and support for teaching diverse populations.

OECD has scheduled the main study to occur in the Northern hemisphere from February through March 2024 and in the Southern hemisphere from June through August 2024. To prepare for the main study, several TALIS countries will conduct pilot studies in February 2022; the U.S. will not participate. Countries will also conduct a field test in the first quarter of 2023, primarily to evaluate newly developed questionnaire items and school recruitment materials; the U.S. will participate in the field test. To meet the international data collection schedule for the field test, U.S. recruitment activities need to begin by August 2022 and U.S. questionnaires must be finalized by December 2022.

TALIS 2024 includes the core TALIS teacher and principal surveys that are required for each participating country, as well as an optional Teacher Knowledge Survey (TKS). The TKS is intended to better understand the teacher pedagogical knowledge base at the national level. The U.S. is including the TKS in the upcoming TALIS 2024 field test and will evaluate these results to determine the feasibility of including TKS as part of the US Main Study.

The previous submission (OMB #1850-0888 v.8) requested approval for: (1) recruitment and pre-survey activities for the 2023 field test sample; (2) administration of the field test; and (3) school recruitment and pre-survey activities for the 2024 main study sample. That package was approved in August 2022. This submission requests approval for the final international versions of the principal and teacher instruments approved for the TALIS 2024 Field Test. The final U.S. adaptations of the 2024 core TALIS and TKS field test questionnaires that will be administered in the TALIS 2024 U.S. Field Test will be submitted to OMB as

a non-substantive change request in Winter 2022/23.

Dated: October 24, 2023.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0184]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Application for the Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 29, 2023.

**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-2023-SCC-0184. 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, the Department 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 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 Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection

activities, please contact Evan Skloot, 202-453-6515.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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 Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0737.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved ICR.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 32.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 620.

*Abstract:* This is a request for a revision to the Educational Flexibility program application to include the annual reporting template. The Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) program is authorized under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 and was reauthorized by section 9207 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Ed-Flex program allows the Secretary to authorize a State educational agency (SEA) that serves an eligible State to waive statutory or regulatory requirements applicable to one or more of the included programs for any local educational agency (LEAs), educational service agency, or school within the State. Section 4(a)(3) of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of

1999 requires each SEA desiring to participate in the education flexibility program to submit an application detailing that SEAs education flexibility plan. Section 4(a)(5)(B) requires each SEA that is authorized to become an Ed-Flex Partnership State to submit an annual report on the results of its oversight and the impact of the waivers on school and student performance. Previously, the annual reporting requirement instructions and burden hours were included as part of the application. In order to standardize reporting, we have created an annual reporting template and are increasing the burden hours related to the annual reporting based on feedback from the field. However, overall, there is a decrease in burden due to a change in the estimated number of responses based on past experience with the program.

Dated: October 25, 2023.

**Kun Mullan,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0188]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2025 Long-Term Trend (LTT)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 29, 2023.

**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-2023-SCC-0188. 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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not

available to the public for any reason, the Department 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 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 Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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:* National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2025 Long-Term Trend (LTT).

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0928.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individual or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 921,531.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 491,800.

*Abstract:* The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107-279 title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. NAEP consists of two assessment programs: the NAEP long-term trend (LTT) assessment and the main NAEP assessment. The LTT assessments are given at the national level only and are administered to students at ages 9, 13, and 17 in a manner that is very different from that used for the main NAEP assessments. LTT reports mathematics and reading results that present trend data since the 1970s. In addition to the operational assessments, NAEP uses two other kinds of assessment activities: pilot assessments and special studies. Pilot assessments test items and procedures for future administrations of NAEP, while special studies (including the National Indian Education Study (NIES), the Middle School Transcript Study (MSTS), and the High School Transcript Study (HSTS)) are opportunities for NAEP to investigate particular aspects of the assessment without impacting the reporting of the NAEP results. The initial request for clearance of NAEP 2024 received OMB approval in April 2023 (OMB #1850-0928 v.28). Amendment #1 to the NAEP 2024 clearance package received OMB approval in June 2023 (OMB #1850-0928 v.29). Since that packages submission for public comment and OMB approval, changes have occurred to the scope of the 2024 NAEP administration, including the addition of: (1) Addition of Reading Router Pilot for grades 4 and 8, increasing costs, (2)