DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Docket No.: ED–2018–ICCD–0081

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; International Resource Information System (IRIS)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 9, 2018.

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–2018–ICCD–0081. 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. 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 Sara Starke, 202–453–7681.

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: International Resource Information System (IRIS).

OMB Control Number: 1840–0759.

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

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 6,596.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 35,712.

Abstract: The International Resource Information System (IRIS) is an online performance reporting system for International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) grantees. IFLE grantees are institutions of higher education, organizations and individuals funded under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) and/or the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hays Act). Grantees under these programs enter budget and performance measure data for interim, annual and final performance reports via IRIS, as well as submit International Travel Approval Requests and Grant Activation Requests.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Special Programs for Indian Children—Demonstration Grants; Supplemental Notice

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Supplemental notice.

SUMMARY: On June 26, 2018, we published in the Federal Register a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2018 for the Indian Education Discretionary Grants Programs—Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.299A. This notice clarifies the selection criteria and requirements that apply to this competition.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 2018 we published in the Federal Register an NIA for this program (83 FR 29769) that listed a number of selection criteria, including assigned point values, and requirements for this competition. Additionally, we posted an application package for the program on
the Department’s website at www2.ed.gov/programs/indiademo/applicant.html and Grants.gov. Since that time, we have discovered that some parts of the selection criteria in the application package did not match the selection criteria in the NIA, and that some of the application package instructions relating to “Part 6, Other Attachments” did not match requirements and criteria in the NIA. Although we noted in the application package that the NIA was the official document governing this competition, we are publishing this supplemental notice to clarify that the selection criteria and requirements in the NIA are the official selection criteria and requirements for this competition.

Please refer to the NIA for the selection criteria, including assigned point values, and requirements that apply to this competition. In addition to having been published in the Federal Register, the NIA is attached at the end of the application package under “Legal and Regulatory Information.” We also have updated the application package on the Department’s website and grants.gov to correct the items described above.

Please refer to those two websites for an updated application package.

Applicants that have already submitted timely applications may resubmit their applications but are not required to do so.

Applicants must submit their applications in Grants.gov by 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time on August 10, 2018. Instructions for submitting an application can be found in the NIA.

Note: All information in the NIA remains the same.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7441. Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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Dated: August 7, 2018.

Frank Brogan,
Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2018–ICCD–0082]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017–18 (MGLS:2017) Main Study Design Revision, Operational Field Test First Follow-Up (OFT2) and Second Follow-Up (OFT3), and Main Study Base Year (MS1) and Tracking for First Follow-Up (MS2)

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 10, 2018.

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–2018–ICCD–0082. 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.

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 Kashka Kubzdela, 202–245–7737 or email NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

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: Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017–18 (MGLS: 2017) Main Study Design Revision, Operational Field Test First Follow-up (OFT2) and Second Follow-up (OFT3), and Main Study Base Year (MS1) and Tracking for First Follow-up (MS2).

OMB Control Number: 1850–0911.

Type of Review: A Revision of an existing information Collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 121,554.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 61,501.

Abstract: The Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017–18 (MGLS:2017) is the first study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to follow a nationally representative sample of sixth grade students as they enter and move through the middle grades (grades 6–8). The data collected through repeated measures of key constructs will provide a more descriptive picture of the academic experiences and development of students during these critical years.