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**Application for Obtaining a CalSCHLS Data Set**

**Request for Data Set by an Organization other than the Data Owner**

This application is for use by an organization to request from the California Department of Education (CDE) and the CalSCHLS system Project at WestEd an electronic data set for one or more Local Education Agencies (LEAs). All applicants must agree to the requirements for preserving anonymity and confidentiality of the data specified below.

Name of Requesting Organization: Date of Application:

Responsible Contact Person:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Telephone Number: Fax Number:

Email Address:

*Use the following checklist to ensure that you are providing all required materials.*

Application Cover Sheet

Application Description, with signed application agreement

Security Pledge of Confidentiality, with ALL signatures

*Processing of application will not begin until the application is complete.*

Send documents to:

CalSCHLS@WestEd.org

**Application Description**

Instructions: You may reproduce this format in a word processing document. Take as much space as necessary to make your plans clear.

**A:** Time frame for the analysis of the data:

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B**. Purpose of the study (be specific about goals, planned analysis, and reporting and how this study serves the educational interests of the LEA’s students).

**C**. Plan for publication or public sharing of the data, analysis, and/or report(s). Please describe how data will be reported in an aggregate manner in which no individual LEAs, schools, or students will be identified.

**D.** Survey type and administration year(s) needed (***check all that apply***)   
*Each survey type/year combination constitutes a separate data set.*

Elementary Student Survey (CHKS)

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| 2023-24 | 2022-23 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 |
| 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14 | 2012-13 |  |  |  |  |
| 2001-12 | (please list specific years)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | |
| List any data sets you already have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |

Secondary Student Survey (CHKS)

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| 2023-24 | 2022-23 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 |
| 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14 | 2012-13 | 2011-12 |  |  |  |
| 1997-2011 (please list specific years)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |
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Biennial CHKS (state representative sample – no district/school identifiers provided; Core/AOD only)

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| 2021-23 (Core / AOD only | 2019-21 (Core / AOD only) | 2017-19 (Core / AOD only) |
| 2015-17 (Core / AOD only) | 2013-15 (Core / AOD only) | 2011-13 (Core only) |

Staff Survey (CSSS)

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| 2023-24 | 2022-23 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 |
| 2015-16 | 2014-15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004-14 | (please list specific years)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | |
| List any data sets you already have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |

Parent Survey (CSPS)

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| 2023-24 | 2022-23 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 |
| 2015-16 | 2014-15  2013-14 | | | | | | |
| List any data sets you already have\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |

**E.** To preserve district, school, and student confidentiality, randomly generated numbers (pseudocodes) are assigned to each district and school. The code assigned for one year will be the same code assigned to the same district/school for another year. All data files include either individually identifiable information (i.e., CDS code) or district and school pseudocodes. (To protect data security, if a dataset contains identifiable district or school information, student responses are removed if there are less than 10 per grade at the lowest identifiable entity level, and staff and parent responses are removed if there are less than 5 at the identifiable entity level.) Please indicate which option is being requested.

District and school identifiers are needed

Only district identifiers are needed; school identifiers are not needed

District and school identifiers are NOT needed

(***District- and school-level results are confidential. Data may not be reported in a way that identifies individual districts and/or schools***.)

**F.** Data requested (Check one only)

Entire state (Includes all counties)

County or counties (Includes all LEAs in county/counties)

Specify county or counties:

LEA(s)

Specify LEA(s):

Other

Specify:

**G.** File type (***check all that apply***)

CSV (can be opened in Excel)

SAS

SPSS

Stata (Version 11 or above)

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**H**. Identify the Principal Investigator and any other key research staff. Provide a description of the research qualifications of each named individual, such that there can be assurance that the data will be analyzed and presented with the highest standards of scientific rigor and ethics. Consider attaching resumes or CVs in addition to a description here.

**I**. Requested data set delivery date (allow 2-4 weeks after data collection minimum): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### APPLICATION AGREEMENT

##### Receiving Institution hereby agrees that in the event its application is approved by WestEd and/or CDE, it agrees to the following terms as a condition of receiving a CalSCHLS data set:

##### I. Definitions

1. “Receiving Institution” is the institution of higher education or research organization that requests the data set.
2. “Staff” means and includes all employees, independent contractors, and officials of the Receiving Institution who have any access to the sensitive data obtained through this agreement and whose access to the data is in the legitimate educational interests of all contributing LEA’s students.
3. “Contractors” are individuals or institutions that are under contract to the receiving institution for the purpose of conducting research or evaluation that involves the use of CHKS data in the legitimate educational interests of the LEAs’ Students.
4. “Data set” is the digital set of CHKS student responses supplied to the Receiving Institution through this agreement. These data will be rendered anonymous through the removal of sufficient personally identifiable characteristics and school and district identifiers so that no student can be identified and associated with a survey response through analysis of the data set alone or in combination with other data sets. This may include the removal of key demographic or geographic variables, substitution of variables with proxies, and/or partially aggregating the data.
5. “Sensitive data” includes any CHKS data from WestEd/CDE that might compromise the anonymity or privacy of individual respondents in that study. This includes personal characteristics or other personal information that might make the respondent’s identity traceable.

##### II. Obligations of WestEd

1. Provide the data set (“Data”) and electronic documentation of the general content of the data set, with modifications to render the data set anonymous.

##### III. Obligations of the Receiving Institution and its Staff and Contractors

1. Complete this application with all signatures, pledges, and assurances.
2. Comply with all of the obligations set forth in the attached Pledge of Confidentiality, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference.
3. Ensure that each Staff member who will have any access to the Data executes the attached Pledge of Confidentiality prior to being provided access, and provide copies of each Pledge of Confidentiality to WestEd within 10 days of execution.

A copy of each signed Pledge of Confidentiality shall be mailed or emailed to:

CalSCHLS@wested.org

1. If new Staff are added during the period of this contract, security pledges must be obtained and sent to WestEd prior to the Staff member being granted access to the Data.
2. All publications, presentations, or other use of these data must state that the data are from the California Healthy Kids Survey, California School Staff Survey or the California School Parent Survey.
3. Failure to follow all rules and procedures described herein may result in loss of access to CalSCHLS data by the receiving institution and all Staff who received Data and violated any of the rules or procedures described herein for a period of five years from the date of request, as well as other remedies available under the law.
4. In the event of any violation of this agreement, WestEd and CDE retain the right to demand the immediate destruction of all Data provided pursuant to this agreement. Receiving Institution shall certify to WestEd in writing that all Data has been destroyed or returned to WestEd or CDE within 5 business days of written notice of termination.
5. Provide the name(s) and contact information for one or more officers or employees of the Receiving Institution who will serve as the primary contact(s) for notices pursuant to this agreement and who shall serve as a primary security contact. This contact information shall be provided to WestEd before any Data will be released to Receiving Institution.
6. The Receiving Institution shall immediately upon becoming aware or informed, notify WestEd in writing of (1) any actual or suspected security breach or (2) any complaint by any person or organization regarding the Receiving Institution’s privacy practices or a breach or alleged breach of this agreement relating to such privacy practices.

**IV. Additional Terms and Conditions**

1. Receiving Institution shall not voluntarily or by operation of law, assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without WestEd’s or CDE’s prior written consent. Any purported assignment in violation of this paragraph shall be void.
2. Receiving Institution agrees to comply at all times with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to, FERPA, the California Information Practices Act, and the Privacy Act of 1974.
3. Receiving Institution shall indemnify, defend, and hold WestEd and CDE harmless from any and all claims, actions, damages and liabilities (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising directly or proximately out of the Receiving Institution's negligence, or willful, wanton, or reckless conduct arising out of or related to this agreement or the Data provided pursuant to this agreement; these obligations shall survive the termination or expiration of this agreement.
4. This agreement becomes effective upon the written approval of both WestEd and CDE and may be immediately terminated by WestEd or CDE for violation of the agreement as described above

##### V. Application Assurance

Receiving Institution further agrees to:

1. Provide to WestEd a non-refundable fee in the amount of $500 per data set in the form of a check made payable to “WestEd,” to cover the expenses of consulting, administering this agreement, and of producing data files and documentation.
2. Agree that the receiving institution hereby acknowledge that any breach of the confidentiality provisions herein will result in irreparable harm to CDE and WestEd, not adequately compensable by money damages. The receiving institution hereby agrees to the imposition of injunctive relief in the event of breach, in addition to money damages.
3. In signing this application, the receiving institution certifies that none of the organizations or individuals identified on the Pledge of Confidentiality has violated an individual’s Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act privacy rights in the past five years.

[Confidentiality Pledge Form (2 pages) and Agreement Signature Page (1 page) Follows]

**Pledge of Confidentiality**

***Must be signed by ALL receiving institution applicants and contract staff who will access the***

***CalSCHLS data set.***

Through my involvement with and work on the CalSCHLS data set I will have access to the data provided by CDE/WestEd. I have access to confidential information and use of data about respondents (individuals, schools, and school districts) generally perceived as personal and private, which was collected with the strict assurance of anonymity. I understand that access to this confidential information and data carries with it the responsibility to guard against unauthorized use and to abide by this pledge. To treat information as confidential means to assure that no one will see it that has not signed this pledge.

I agree to all of the following:

1. Only one complete copy of the WestEd data is permitted; however, time-delimited temporary data analysis files may be created.
2. The data set, and all temporary data analysis files, will be deleted upon completion of the project as specified as the “end date” in the Application Description.
3. I agree not to analyze the CalSCHLS dataset, alone or in combination with other data, in any way that reveals the identify of a student, or links a personally identifiable student to a survey response.
4. I agree that, if the identity of any person should be discovered inadvertently, then (1) no use will be made of this knowledge; (2) CDE and WestEd will be advised of the incident; (3) that such identifying information will be safeguarded or destroyed as requested by CDE/WestEd; and (4) no one else will be informed of the discovered identity.
5. I agree to not permit access to these sensitive data by anyone not signing this agreement (as sent to WestEd or later modified and conveyed to WestEd), either electronically or hard copy.
6. I agree not to produce a report, publication, or publicly available data display in any form that displays disaggregated or cross-tabulated data in a way that might reveal a personally identifiable student, or associate a survey response with an identifiable individual.
7. I agree not to produce a report, publication, or publicly available data display in any form that presents results for individually identifiable LEAs and/or schools.
8. I agree that violation of this agreement by myself or any other signer will result in the loss of access to this and any other CalSCHLS data set for a period of no less than five years, and other potential legal remedies.
9. I also agree to abide by the following rules regarding data management.

*Personal Computers*

Stand-alone personal computers with data and documentation stored on the hard drive.

1. The computer must be located in a locked office. Key access to the office should be restricted to project personnel only. The office must be locked at all times when not occupied.
2. Use of the computer is restricted to project personnel only. In order to use the computer a password must be supplied before access is granted.
3. Any hard copy printout of the data must be stored in a locked drawer or file cabinet when not being referenced by the researchers. Printed information that is no longer needed must be disposed of. Printouts of data are not to be distributed to anyone other than those signing this agreement.

*Mainframe and Network Computing*

1. Access to the data is restricted to approved staff and contractors only. In order to access data files, account and file password(s) must be supplied.
2. The original electronic file is the only complete copy of the data allowed. All electronic copies of the data, including time-delimited temporary data analysis files, must be password protected.
3. Any hard copy printout of the data must be stored in a locked drawer or file cabinet when not being referenced by the researchers. Printed information that is no longer needed must be disposed of. Printouts of data from WestEd are not to be distributed to anyone outside of project personnel.

*Each person using data collected by CDE/WestEd is reminded that disclosing confidential information directly or allowing non-authorized access to such information may subject that individual to criminal prosecution and/or civil recovery.*

I agree to fulfill my responsibilities on this project in accordance with the following guidelines:

Name and Agency Signature Date

Name and Agency Signature Date

Name and Agency Signature Date

Name and Agency Signature Date

Name and Agency Signature Date

Additional copies of the Pledge, with additional signatures, are permitted.

Receiving Institution hereby agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in sections I-V of the Application Agreement, above.

**Receiving Institution Application Signature**

Signature Date

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Name, typed or printed Title, typed or printed

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**CDE approval granted WestEd approval granted**