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Kindergarten Class of 1998 - 99

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**Longitudinal Kindergarten-First Grade Public-Use Data Files
Now Available**



The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) announces the availability of a CD-ROM containing both kindergarten and first grade public-use from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K). The CD-ROM (NCES-2002-148) contains an Electronic Codebook (ECB), data files, and survey and ECB documentation for the first four waves of data collection. This ECB combines data from the base year (kindergarten) and first grade. There is no additional data beyond the data already included in the base year and first grade CDs that were individually released. This ECB will be the most useful for researchers examining both base year and first grade data simultaneously; only data for children who participated in both kindergarten and first grade are included. Researchers interested in conducting cross-sectional or with-in grade analyses should use the separate base year and first grade ECBs.

To order a free copy of the ECLS-K First Grade Public-Use data (while supplies last) call toll free 1-877-4ED-Pubs or order online at <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>. For more information about the ECLS-K, visit the website at <http://nces.ed.gov/ecls>. In order to receive future updates on products from the Early Childhood Studies please email your name, address, phone number and email address to ELCS@ed.gov.



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