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Home Language Survey (HLS)

To be completed by Parent or Guardian

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The information requested on this form is necessary for the most appropriate school placement of your child, and will not be used for any other purposes¹.

Thank you for your collaboration.

Student Name:		
<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth²:
<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Year</i>
<i>Parent/Guardian Relationship to student:</i>		

Home Language Code:

Language Background			
<i>(Please check all that apply)</i>			
1. What is the primary language used in the home, regardless of the language spoken by the student?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i>
2. What is the language most often spoken by the student?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i>
3. What is the language that the student first acquired?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i>
4. What language(s) does your child understand?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i>
5. What language(s) does your child speak?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Does not speak
6. What language(s) does your child read?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Does not read
7. What language(s) does your child write?	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____ <i>Specify</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Does not write

¹ Required by Rhode Island Law (R.I.G.L. § 16-54-2) and the Equal Educational Opportunity Act (20 U.S.C. §1703(f))

² Families are not required to provide the place of birth, but providing the information can help LEAs to better prepare to be culturally responsive.

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