

**Badger Institute Survey of Private School Administrators
Conducted January-February 2018**

The Badger Institute survey was conducted from Jan. 22 through Feb. 19 and was sent by email to 562 private school principals or administrators statewide. Of those, 164 completed the survey, a 29 percent response rate.

1. Aside from food and transportation, which federally funded services do your students or teachers receive? (Check all that apply.)

Answer choices	Responses	
Title I (disadvantaged students)	68.29%	112
Title II (teacher quality)	86.59%	142
Title III (English language learners)	17.07%	28
Title IV (21st Century Schools)	20.12%	33
Title V (innovative programs, gifted students)	0.61%	1
IDEA (disabled students)	17.68%	29
Supplemental Education Services (i.e., after-school programs)	1.83%	3
Other (please specify)	11.59%	19
Total respondents		164

2. How many students are enrolled in your school?

Answer choices	Responses	
Less than 250	78.05%	128
251-500	17.68%	29
501-1,000	4.27%	7
1,001-2,000	0%	0
More than 2,000	0%	0
Total		164

3. What percentage of students in your school receives federally funded services other than food service or transportation?

Answer choices	Responses	
0-5%	52.44%	86
6-10%	22.56%	37
11-20%	7.93%	13
21-30%	6.10%	10
31-50%	5.49%	9
More than 50%	5.49%	9
Total		164

4. Do you believe all your students who are legally entitled to receive federally funded services are receiving those services?

Answer choices	Responses	
Yes	56.71%	93
No	43.29%	71
Total		164

5. If no, what percentage of your total enrollment is entitled to receive services but is not receiving them?

Answer choices	Responses	
1-5%	18.90%	31
6-10%	12.80%	21
11-20%	4.27%	7
21-30%	4.88%	8
31-40%	2.44%	4
41-50%	0%	0
More than 50%	1.22%	2
All students in our school who are entitled to services are receiving those services.	55.49%	91
Total		164

6. Who chooses federally funded staff who work in your school?

Answer choices	Responses	
We do under the auspices of the public school district	27.44%	45
The public school district	59.15%	97
A third party contracted by the public school district	13.41%	22
Total		164

7. Who oversees federally funded staff who work in your school?

Answer choices	Responses	
We do under the auspices of the public school district	29.88%	49
The public school district	57.93%	95
A third party contracted by the public school district	12.20%	20
Total		164

8. Are you satisfied with the timeliness of the funding of federally funded services to your students and teachers?

Answer choices	Responses	
Yes	76.22%	125
No	23.78%	39
Total		164

9. Overall, are you satisfied with the federally funded services provided to your students and teachers?

Answer choices	Responses	
Yes	68.29%	112
No	31.71%	52
Total		164

10. Does your public school district make it easy or difficult for you to access federally funded services for your students?

Answer choices	Responses	
Extremely easy	5.49%	9
Easy	65.85%	108
Difficult	25.61%	42
Extremely difficult	3.05%	5
Total		164

11. Does your public school district make it easy or difficult for you to access federally funded Title II professional development services for your teachers?

Answer choices	Responses	
Extremely easy	11.59%	19
Easy	58.54%	96
Difficult	25.61%	42
Extremely difficult	4.27%	7
Total		164

12. If accessing federally funded services is difficult, why do you think that is? (Check all that apply.)

Answer choices	Responses	
Public school officials are ignorant about our right to "timely and meaningful consultation."	8.54%	14
Public school officials don't want to share the federal funds they receive.	16.46%	27
Public school officials don't think we want or care to participate.	5.49%	9
We are a religious school, and public school officials think federal funds should not or cannot be used to serve our children and teachers.	16.46%	27
It is not difficult.	55.49%	91
Other	23.17%	38
Total respondents		164

13. Do federal regulations sometimes prevent your students from receiving the services they need in the way you desire?

Answer choices	Responses	
Yes	62.20%	102
No	37.80%	62
Total		164

14. Do you think at least some, a lot or no federal grant money is wasted for reasons beyond your control?

Answer choices	Responses	
At least some	72.56%	119
A lot	13.41%	22
None	14.02%	23
Total		164

15. Which of the following statements comes closer to what you think about federal paperwork and training requirements?

Answer choices	Responses	
Federal paperwork, regulations and training requirements help teachers and officials at our school stay focused on the educational needs of students.	14.63%	24
Federal paperwork, regulations and training requirements hinder teachers and officials at our school from meeting the educational needs of students.	43.29%	71
Federal regulations have little or no effect on our school.	42.07%	69
Total		164

16. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view about the effect of federal regulations?

Answer choices	Responses	
Federal regulations regarding school funding harmfully distort decisions our teachers and school officials make on behalf of our students.	27.44%	45
Federal regulations regarding school funding help ensure our teachers and school officials attend to the best interests of our students.	26.83%	44
Federal regulations have little or no effect on our school.	45.73%	75
Total		164

17. Which statement most closely reflects your view?

Answer choices	Responses	
Private schools need more flexibility and control over how their students and teachers are served by federally funded programs.	81.71%	134
The current system, in which money generally flows through the state and local public school districts, is logical and effective and serves our students and teachers well.	18.29%	30
Total		164

18. Should the federal government's role in education be:

Answer choices	Responses	
Expanded	6.71%	11
Stay the same	18.29%	30
Reduced	49.39%	81
Eliminated	9.76%	16
Don't know	15.85%	26
Total		164

19. Now we'd like to know a little bit about yourself and your school. Did you previously work in a public school?

Answer choices	Responses	
Yes, as a teacher	22.56%	37
Yes, as an administrator	6.71%	11
Yes, as both a teacher and administrator	6.71%	11
No	64.02%	105
Total		164

20. If you did work in a public school, did your experience with the federal government's role in public education have anything to do with why you now work in a private school?

Answer choices	Responses	
Yes	8.54%	14
No	24.39%	40
I did not previously work in a public school.	67.07%	110
Total		164

21. What grade levels are included in your school? (Check all that apply.)

Answer choices	Responses	
Pre-kindergarten	76.22%	125
Elementary	85.37%	140
Middle school	80.49%	132
High school	21.95%	36
Total respondents		164

22. Is your school religious or secular?

Answer choices	Responses	
Religious	92.07%	151
Secular	7.93%	13
Total		164

23. What is the setting of your school?

Answer choices	Responses	
Rural	31.10%	51
Suburban	39.63%	65
Urban	29.27%	48
Total		164