

**Quick Facts about the  
Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017-18  
(MGLS:2017)**

- ✓ **MGLS:2017 is a research study** that will help educators, policymakers, and researchers learn about growth in math and reading as well as family and school factors that encourage success during the important, yet generally understudied, middle grade years.
- ✓ The study is longitudinal and follows a cohort of students from grade six through eight to fully understand the student middle grade experience.
- ✓ The MGLS:2017 student sessions will involve up to 40 randomly selected students at a given school and will take about 90 minutes to complete.
- ✓ **Students will provide data to the study through answering math and reading questions and playing executive function “brain games”** along with some survey questions. These items are different from the standardized tests administered to students by states and school districts.
- ✓ **Participation of each selected student is very important** to the study but is not required.
- ✓ **This is not a high stakes test!** Students’ responses will not be reported to schools and do not affect student grades. They do however contribute to an understanding of middle grades students and can help in the planning of better educational services for them.