



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Under terms of a federal project administered by the Maine Department of Education, data must be collected on home language usage for all kindergarten and incoming new students. Also, schools are required under federal civil rights laws to identify all students whose home language is not English. Parents and guardians are most qualified to provide the school with this information. Please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire on the reverse side of this page about the language(s) spoken in your home. After answering the questions, please have your child return the questionnaire to his/her homeroom teacher promptly.

You may be assured that the information that you provide in the questionnaire will be used only to assist the Department in planning programs to provide appropriate educational opportunities to all students in your school. The federal government will receive group data only. Access to the information provided in the short survey cannot be released without permission from you. Only those persons with legitimate educational interests, including in this case the Maine Department of Education, will have access to this information.

Please stress to your son or daughter the importance of returning the completed questionnaire promptly. Do not hesitate to call your school principal if you have questions about the survey. Thank you for your assistance in helping us meet this requirement.

Sincerely Nancy Mullins, Director, *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)

Complete the home language survey and return it to your home room or advisory team teacher tomorrow or on the next school day.

**HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY**

**Biddeford School Department**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not leave any question unanswered.

1. What language did your child **FIRST** learn to speak? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What language do you **MOST OFTEN** use when speaking to your child at home? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What language does your child **MOST OFTEN** most often speak home? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What language does your child **MOST OFTEN** outside the home? \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE TEACHER:**

Have you observed this student use a language other than English?  Yes  No

*PLACE THE ORIGINAL OF THIS COMPLETED DOCUMENT IN THE STUDENT'S PERMANENT FOLDER*