

ERRATA SHEET (NCES 2015-188rev)

**2012 Parent and Family Involvement in Education (PFI) public-use data file of the National Household Education Surveys Program**

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In the NCES data files released on May 6, 2015 (NCES 2015-155), the following variables were found to have errors in the coding of the response options:

P1SCINT

P1WRMTL

P2SCINT

P2WRMTL

Revised files were released on March 24, 2016 (NCES 2015-155rev). Revised PFI files no longer contain the error in the four variables.

The affected variables correspond to the questions about the parent(s) in the household which ask, “Does the school have interpreters who speak this person’s native language for meetings or parent-teacher conferences?” and “Does the school have written materials, such as newsletters or school notices, that are translated into this person’s native language?” The questions are asked when the parent(s) are reported to speak Spanish, a language other than English or Spanish, English and Spanish equally, or English and another language equally.

In all four variables, the response options coded as “1” and labeled “yes” should be coded as “2” and labeled “no” and vice versa. Responses coded as “-1” and labeled as valid skips are correctly coded and should remain the same.

The correct unweighted and weighted frequencies for these items are shown in the table on page 2:

Variable Name	Variable Label	Code	Unweighted Frequency	Unweighted Percent	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
P1SCINT	E65. Interpreters at school for first parent/guardian	1: Yes	1,745	9.94	6,133,409	11.48
		2: No	999	5.69	2,928,678	5.48
		-1: Valid skip	14,819	84.38	44,375,835	83.04
P1WRMTL	E66. Written materials at school in first parent/guardian native language	1: Yes	1,732	9.86	5,995,863	11.22
		2: No	1,012	5.76	3,066,225	5.74
		-1: Valid skip	14,819	84.38	44,375,835	83.04
P2SCINT	E86. Interpreters at school for second parent/guardian	1: Yes	1,354	7.71	4,938,910	9.24
		2: No	888	5.06	2,535,588	4.74
		-1: Valid skip	15,321	87.23	45,963,424	86.01
P2WRMTL	E87. Written materials at school in second parent/guardian native language	1: Yes	1,361	7.75	4,856,684	9.09
		2: No	881	5.02	2,617,814	4.90
		-1: Valid skip	15,321	87.23	45,963,424	86.01

To recode the variables on original 2012 PFI files so that the data are correct, use the following SAS syntax code:

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Array errata_rec (4) P1SCINT P1WRMTL P2SCINT P2WRMTL;

Do i = 1 to 4;
    If errata_rec(i) = 1 then errata_rec(i) = 2;
    Else if errata_rec(i) = 2 then errata_rec(i) = 1;
End;

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