

Statistics in Schools Ambassador Program



What is Statistics in Schools?

The Statistics in Schools program:

- Is a free education program fueled by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Has activities that were created by teachers, for teachers.
- Leverages census data to create engaging and easily downloadable classroom activities for students in grades K through 12.
- Offers more than 150 resources readily available for classroom and at-home learning.
- Shows teachers that statistics are not just for math class, but easily supplement existing lesson plans in history, English, geography and more.

What is the SIS Ambassador Program?

The Statistics in Schools Ambassador Program is a collaborative effort by the Census Bureau and educators designed to:

- Increase statistical literacy in students at a young age with SIS materials.
- Empower educators to use real-life data in the classroom, no matter what subject they teach.
- Create an open discussion between teachers and Census Bureau subject-matter experts on the needs of educators and students in today's data-driven world.
- Share SIS materials with teachers and students so they become champions of the SIS program.
- Give a voice to SIS in classrooms through peer-to-peer recommendations on instructional materials.

Ambassadors are encouraged to:

- Engage with professional networks on social media and through email to promote the use of SIS resources and participate in select SIS virtual events.
- Integrate SIS into existing classroom lessons.



Timeline

- **Recruitment.** Recruitment is ongoing. The ambassador application asks educators for information such as the grade levels and subjects they will teach during the school year and why they want to participate in the program.
- **Onboarding.** Teachers will be onboarded as selections are made, and their tenure will last through the school year.
- **Ongoing collaboration.** Enjoy the SIS program? Once you become an ambassador, you can retain your position as a trusted resource for the Census Bureau even if you change locations or subject(s) taught—just provide us with your updated information. We value your continued commitment of incorporating SIS materials into the classroom and providing us a teacher’s perspective whenever needed.

Who are SIS Ambassadors?

- K-12th grade teachers.
- Librarians.
- Educators who can teach in any of the 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, or the Island Areas.

Why should I be interested?

You can:

- Spearhead an exciting initiative at your school.
- Take on a leadership role in your community by sharing SIS resources with your students, fellow teachers and parents.
- Bolster your resume with potential opportunities to cowrite blog posts and op-eds for the Census Bureau.
- Have a voice in educating Census Bureau staff on how best to help students learn about and work with statistics.
- Potentially be spotlighted in media interviews alongside Census Bureau staff.
- Be the first to see and provide feedback on new ideas for SIS activities and resources.
- Participate in a virtual field trip to the Census Bureau customized for your class.

How can I learn more?

Educators who are interested can email CLMSO.SISambassador@census.gov with the following information:

- A paragraph explaining why you want to be an ambassador.
- The number of years you have been teaching.
- Information on the school where you are/will be teaching.
- If you use SIS materials in your classroom, tell us how.