
APPENDIX C: SELECTED DEPARTMENT WEB LINKS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- **Important Recovery Act Reference Sites**

- [Governmentwide Accountability and Transparency Updates](#)
- [Department Weekly and Communication Reports](#)
- [Department FY 2010 Detailed Budget and Budget Requests](#)

- [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Department Evaluation Studies

The Department designs evaluation studies to produce rigorous scientific evidence on the effectiveness of education programs and practices.

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/projects/evaluation/index.asp>

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oepdp/ppss/reports.html>

State Education Data Profiles

This site includes demographic and achievement data by state and comparisons among states.

<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/stateprofiles/>

Performance Data

EDFacts is a Department initiative to put performance data at the center of policy, management and budget decisions for all K–12 educational programs.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/index.html>

Projections of Education Statistics to 2018

For the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the tables, figures and text contain data on projections of public elementary and secondary enrollment and public high school graduates to the year 2018. The report includes a methodology section describing models and assumptions used to develop national and state-level projections.

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2009062>

Discretionary Grant Programs for FY 2009

This site lists Department grant competitions previously announced, as well as those planned for later announcement, for new awards organized according to the Department's principal program offices.

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>

Research and Statistics

The *Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002* established the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the Department to provide research, evaluation and statistics to the nation's education system.

<http://ies.ed.gov/>

National Assessment Governing Board

The Governing Board is an independent, bipartisan group whose members include governors, state legislators, local and state school officials, educators, business representatives and members of the general public. Congress created the 26-member Governing Board in 1988 to set policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress—commonly known as the “The Nation's Report Card.”

<http://www.nagb.org/>

National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress assesses samples of students in grades 4, 8 and 12 in various academic subjects. Results of the assessments are reported for the nation and states in terms of achievement levels—basic, proficient and advanced.

<http://nationsreportcard.gov/>

Government Accountability Office

The GAO supports Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and helps improve the performance and accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people.

<http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/agency.php>

Office of Inspector General

The OIG has four primary business functions: audit, investigation, cyber security and evaluation and inspection.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/index.html>

For a list of recent reports, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/reports.html>