
Appendices

Appendix A: Selected Department Web Links

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- **Important Recovery Act Reference Sites**

- [Recovery.Gov](#)
- [Department Weekly and Communication Reports](#)
- <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget11/index.html>
- [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/oepd/ppss/reports.html>

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 2009–2010

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>

Open Government Initiative

The Department's Open Government Initiative is designed to improve the way the Department shares information, learns from others, and collaborates to develop the best solutions for America's students.

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/open.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 our nation's education system.

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

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/areports.html>

Appendix B: Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABCP	Asset-Backed Commercial Paper
ACG	Academic Competitiveness Grant
ACSI	American Customer Satisfaction Index
AFR	<i>Agency Financial Report</i>
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
APR	<i>Annual Performance Report</i>
ARRA	<i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)</i>
ATA	<i>Assistive Technology Act of 2004</i>
CAROI	Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative
CCRAA	<i>College Cost Reduction and Access Act</i>
CFAAA	<i>Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003</i>
CFDA	<i>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance</i>
CRA	<i>Civil Rights Act of 1964</i>
CSPR	<i>Consolidated State Performance Report</i>
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System
CTEA	<i>Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006</i>
ECASLA	<i>Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008</i>
EDA	<i>Education of the Deaf Act of 1986</i>
EDEN	Education Data Exchange Network
EFC	Expected Family Contribution
EMAPS	EDFacts Metadata and Process System
ESEA	<i>Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965</i>
ESRA	<i>Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002</i>
ESS	EDEN Submission System
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
FECA	<i>Federal Employees' Compensation Act</i>

FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System
FFB	Federal Financing Bank
FFEL	Federal Family Education Loan
FFMIA	<i>Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996</i>
FISMA	<i>Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002</i>
FMFIA	<i>Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982</i>
FOTW	FAFSA on the Web
FSA	Federal Student Aid
FY	Fiscal Year
GA	Guaranty Agency
GAPS	Grant Administration and Payment System
GPRA	<i>Government Performance and Results Act of 1993</i>
GSA	General Services Administration
HBCUs	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HC	Human Capital
HCERA	<i>Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010</i>
HCMS	Human Capital Management Staff
HEA	<i>Higher Education Act of 1965</i>
HPPG	High Priority Performance Goals (Priority Goals)
HR	Human Resources
IDEA	<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i>
IES	Institute of Education Sciences
IP	Improper Payments
IPERA	<i>Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act</i>
IPIA	<i>Improper Payments Information Act of 2002</i>
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
i3	Investing in Innovation fund
IT	Information Technology

IUS	Internal Use Software
IV&V	Independent Verification and Validation
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LLR	Lender of Last Resort
MD&A	Management's Discussion and Analysis
MECEA	<i>Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961</i>
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NCLB	<i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i>
NLA	<i>National Literacy Act of 1991</i>
OA	Organizational Assessment
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OII	Office of Innovation and Improvement
OM	Office of Management
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OSDFS	Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education
PAR	<i>Performance and Accountability Report</i>
PBO	Performance-Based Organization
PIC	Performance Improvement Council
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIO	Performance Improvement Officer

PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PLUS	Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students
RA/JF	<i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)</i> /Education Jobs Fund
RMS	Risk Management Service
SAFRA	<i>Student Aid Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA Act)</i>
SAP	Special Allowance Payment
SEA	State Educational Agency
SFSF	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
SIG	School Improvement Grant
SOF	Statement of Financing
SY	School Year
TASSIE	Title I Accountability Systems and School Improvement Efforts
TIF	Teacher Incentive Funds
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
USC	United States Code
VPS	Visual Performance Suite
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
WWC	What Works Clearinghouse



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