

Appendices

Appendix A: Selected Department Web Links and Education Resources

College Cost Lists

The Department provides college affordability and transparency lists under the *Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008*. Each list is broken out into nine different career sectors to allow students to compare costs at similar types of institutions, including career and technical programs. <http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc/>

College Navigator

The Department provides a multi-dimensional review of higher education options for students and provides links to other sites. <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

College Scorecards

College Scorecards in the Department's College Affordability and Transparency Center make it easier to find out more about a college's affordability and value.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/higher-education/college-score-card>

One-Stop Shopping for Student Loans

The Department provides a site from which students can manage their loans.

<http://studentloans.gov/>

College Preparation Checklist

This Departmental tool gives prospective college students step-by-step instructions on how to prepare academically and financially for education beyond high school. Each section is split into subsections for students and parents, explaining what needs to be done and which publications or websites might be useful to them. <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

Additional resources within the checklist assist students in finding scholarships and grants.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/checklist/main.html>

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/checklist/MoreSourcesOfStudentAid.html>

College Completion Toolkit

The College Completion Toolkit provides information that governors and other state leaders can use to help colleges in their state increase student completion rates. It highlights key strategies and offers models to learn from, as well as other useful resources.

<http://www.ed.gov/sites/default/files/cc-toolkit.pdf>

Resources for Adult and Career and Technical Education

The Department, through the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network, offers resources and tools for the development and implementation of comprehensive career guidance programs. This includes guides for students, parents, teachers, counselors, and administrators across relevant topics, such as planning and exploring careers, selecting institutions, finances, and guidance evaluation. This source is an example of interdepartmental cooperation between the Department and the U.S. Department of Labor. http://cte.ed.gov/nationalinitiatives/gandctools.cfm?&pass_dis=1

Program Inventory

The *GPRRA Modernization Act of 2010*, P.L. 111-352, requires that OMB establish a single website with a central inventory of all federal programs, including the purpose of each program and its contribution to the mission and goals of the Department. In 2013, the Department describes each program within 27 budgetary accounts, as well as how the programs support the Department's broader Strategic Goals and Objectives. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/inventory.pdf>

Grants Information and Resources

In addition to student loans and grants, the Department offers other discretionary grants, which are awarded using a competitive process, and formula grants, which use formulas determined by Congress with no application process. This site lists Department discretionary 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://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>

For more information on the Department's programs, see <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/gtep/gtep.pdf>

Federal Registry for Educational Excellence

Federal Registry for Educational Excellence (FREE) provides easily accessible resources in a wide gamut of subjects for educators. The tool breaks resources into categories, ranging from art and music to science and mathematics. FREE is built on the Learning Registry, an open database for sharing educational resources. It also offers a wide variety of primary documents, photos, and videos. In addition, FREE allows educators to follow via Twitter, a social network, which facilitates the sharing of ideas. This tool acts as a library of digital resources for educators to help them enrich their lessons. <http://free.ed.gov/>

Practice Guides for Educators

The Department offers guides that help educators address everyday challenges they face in their classrooms and schools. Developed by a panel of nationally recognized experts, practice guides consist of actionable recommendations, strategies for overcoming potential roadblocks, and an indication of the strength of evidence supporting each recommendation. The guides themselves are subjected to rigorous external peer review. Users can sort by subject area, academic level, and intended audience to find the most recent, relevant, and useful guides. http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/publications_reviews.aspx

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>

Condition of Education and Digest of Education Statistics

The Condition of Education is a congressionally mandated annual report that summarizes developments and trends in education using the latest available statistics. The report presents statistical indicators containing text, figures, and data from early learning through graduate-level education. <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/>

The primary purpose of the Digest of Education Statistics is to provide a compilation of statistical information covering the broad field of American education from pre-kindergarten through graduate school. The Digest includes a selection of data from many sources, both government and private, and draws especially on the results of surveys and activities carried out by the National Center for Education Statistics.

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

Projections of Education Statistics to 2021

For the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the tables, figures, and text in this report contain data on projections of public elementary and secondary enrollment and public high school graduates to the year 2021. The report includes a methodology section that describes the models and assumptions used to develop national and state-level projections.

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2013008>

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>

National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 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 Government Accountability Office 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 Office of Inspector General conducts independent and objective audits, investigations, inspections, and other activities to promote the efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity of the Department's programs and operations. <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/index.html>

For a list of recent reports, go to: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/reports.html>

Appendix B: Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABCP	Asset-Backed Commercial Paper
ACG	Academic Competitiveness Grant
AFR	<i>Agency Financial Report</i>
APG	Agency Priority Goals
APR	<i>Annual Performance Report</i>
ARRA	<i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)</i>
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAT	Core Assessment Team
CCRAA	<i>College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007</i>
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CPSS	Contract and Purchasing Support System
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>
DD&B	Death, Disability and Bankruptcy
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
DSS	Decision Support System
DST	Data Strategy Team
ECASLA	<i>Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008</i>
EDCAPS	Education's Central Automated Processing System
ESEA	<i>Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965</i>
ESRA	<i>Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002</i>
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>
FMSS	Financial Management Support System
FREE	Federal Resources for Educational Excellence
FSA	Federal Student Aid
FSEOG	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
FY	Fiscal Year
G5	Grants Management System
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GEAR UP	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
GEPA	<i>General Education Provisions Act</i>
GMRA	<i>Government Management Reform Act of 1994</i>
GPRA	<i>Government Performance and Results Act of 1993</i>
GPRAMA	<i>GPRAMA Modernization Act of 2010</i>
GSA	General Services Administration
HBCUs	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HEA	<i>Higher Education Act of 1965</i>
HR	Hurricane Education Recovery
IASG	Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant
IDEA	<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i>
IES	Institute of Education Sciences
IP	Improper Payments
IPA	Independent Public Accountant
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System
IPERA	<i>Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010</i>

IPERIA	<i>Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012</i>
IPIA	<i>Improper Payments Information Act of 2002</i>
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IRS DRT	IRS Data Retrieval Tool
i3	Investing in Innovation fund
IT	Information Technology
KEA	Kindergarten Entry Assessment
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEAP	Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership
LLR	Lender of Last Resort
LVC	Loan Verification Certificates
MD&A	Management's Discussion and Analysis
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NCLB	<i>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i>
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NSLDS	National Student Loan Data System
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OII	Office of Innovation and Improvement
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education
OPEPD	Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPR	Organizational Performance Report
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OST	Office of School Turnaround
OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PBO	Performance-Based Organization
PIC	Performance Improvement Council
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIO	Performance Improvement Officer
PUMS	Public Use Microdata Sample
RA/JF	<i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)/Education Jobs Fund</i>
RCA	<i>Reports Consolidation Act of 2000</i>
REAP	Rural Education Achievement Program
RESPECT	Recognizing Educational Success, Professional Excellence, and Collaborative Teaching
RFI	Request for Information
RMS	Risk Management Service
RTT-ELC	Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge
SAFRA	<i>SAFRA Act</i>
SAP	Special Allowance Payment
SASS	Schools and Staffing Survey
SAT	Senior Assessment Team
SBR	Statement of Budgetary Resources
SEA	State Educational Agency
SFSF	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
SIG	School Improvement Grant
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SLEAP	Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership
SLM	Student Loan Model
SMART	National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant

SOAR	Strategic Objectives Annual Report
SOS	Schedule of Spending
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
SY	School Year
TEACH	The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant
TIF	Teacher Incentive Funds
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation