APPENDICES

Appendix A: Selected Department Web Links and Education Resources

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. **https://www.ed.gov/college-completion/completion-toolkit**

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 sectors to allow students to compare costs at similar types of institutions, including career and technical programs. **http://collegecost.ed.gov/**

COLLEGE FINANCING PLAN

The College Financing Plan is a consumer tool that participating institutions use to notify students about their financial aid packages. It is a standardized form that is designed to simplify the information that prospective students receive about costs and financial aid so that they can easily compare institutions and make informed decisions about where to attend school. **https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/guid/aid-offer/index.html**

COLLEGE NAVIGATOR

College Navigator consists of the latest data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, and the core postsecondary education data collection program for the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as data from Federal Student Aid on cohort default rates, the Office of Postsecondary Education on campus safety and accreditation, and information on veterans from the Veterans Benefits Administration. **https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/**

COLLEGE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

This Department 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**

These additional resources within the checklist assist students in finding scholarships and grants:

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/checklists

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships

COLLEGE SCORECARD

The Department's College Scorecard makes it easier to find out more about a college's affordability and value. The College Scorecard continues to be a tool that provides clear, accessible, and reliable data on college cost, graduation, debt, and post-college earnings. The College Scorecard continues to move the field forward in informing college choices with the help of technology and open data, making it possible for anyone—a student, a school, a policymaker, or a researcher—to decide which factors to evaluate. **https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/**

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, as well as labor force outcomes and international comparisons. **https://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 prekindergarten 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. **https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/**

EDUCATION RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER

The Department offers Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)—the world's largest free, digital library of education research. It is composed of 1.8 million bibliographic records and 400,000 full-text materials indexed from 1966 to the present. Each ERIC bibliographic record contains an abstract of a journal article or grey literature document (for example, a technical report or conference paper), along with such indexed information as author, title, and publication date. **https://eric.ed.gov**

FEDERAL PROGRAM INVENTORY

The *GPRA Modernization Act of 2010*, **P.L. 111-352**, requires that the Office of Management and Budget (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. The initial Federal Program Inventory was published in May 2013. The Department described each program within 27 budgetary accounts, as well as how the programs support the Department's broader strategic goals and objectives.

Since that time, Congress passed the *Digital Accountability and Transparency Act* (DATA Act) requiring new public reporting requirements, which impact the definition of programs used in this guidance. OMB is currently working with agencies to merge the implementation of the DATA Act and the Federal Program Inventory requirements to the extent possible to avoid duplicate efforts. In December 2020 OMB launched an exploratory pilot as the next step towards creating a coherent and comprehensive inventory. This site provides the history of the Federal government's efforts to create an inventory as well as key insights, data from the pilot, and planned next steps. **https://fpi.omb.gov/**

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

The Government Accountability Office (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. **https://www.gao.gov/agencies/department-education**

GRANTS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

In addition to student loans and grants, the Department offers other discretionary grants. These are awarded using a competitive process, and formula grants use formulas determined by Congress with no application process. This site lists Department discretionary grant competitions previously announced, as well as those grant competitions 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**

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 comparable scale scores and achievement levels—NAEP *Basic,* NAEP *Proficient*, and NAEP *Advanced*. **https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/**

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) 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**

ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR STUDENT LOANS

The Department provides a site where students can manage their loans. **http://studentloans.gov/**

PERFORMANCE DATA

ED*Facts* is a Department initiative to put performance data at the center of policy, management, and budget decisions for all K–12 educational programs. ED*Facts* centralizes performance data supplied by K–12 state educational agencies with other data assets within the Department, such as financial grant information, to enable better analysis and use in policy development, planning, and management. **http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/index.html**

PROJECTIONS OF EDUCATION STATISTICS TO 2028

For the 50 states, jurisdictions, 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 2028. The report includes a methodology section that describes the models and assumptions used to develop national and state-level projections. **https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2020/2020024.pdf**

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY PROGRAM

The Department administers the Regional Education Laboratory (REL) program to support the use of research and evidence to help states and school districts improve their education programs and, ultimately, student performance. To do this, each regional REL contractor works with teachers, administrators, and policy makers to identify "high-leverage" problems of practice and to build the research capacity of local stakeholders. Each REL develops partnerships with state- and local-level education agencies to gather and analyze data, conduct evaluations, and provide technical assistance that addresses these "high-leverage" problems. **https://ies.ed.gov/rels**

RESOURCES FOR ADULT, CAREER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Department continues to support state and local efforts to implement high-quality secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs under the nation's $1.3 billion investment in funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins V). Among the Department's efforts is hosting the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN) website that provides a one-stop shop for information, resources, and data pertaining to Perkins V CTE programs. The PCRN Website provides individual state profiles containing Perkins V State Plans, fiscal information, and accountability data; tools and resources from Department-sponsored national activities investments; and a Perkins V data explorer where users can run reports on trends in student participation and outcomes in CTE programs. **http://cte.ed.gov**

To support the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA), the Department offers professional development resources through the Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS). This initiative seeks to expand evidence-based practice in the field of adult education and literacy. LINCS serves as Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education's (OCTAE) primary outreach and dissemination mechanism to adult educators and provides high-quality, on-demand educational opportunities to practitioners of adult education and literacy, so those practitioners can help adult learners successfully transition to postsecondary education and 21st-century jobs. LINCS is comprised of: the LINCS Resource Collection, which provides online access to high-quality, evidence-based materials and instructional resources; the LINCS Community, a virtual professional learning space where adult educators can engage in discussions focused on critical topics to the field of adult education; a Learning Portal that offers anytime, anywhere professional development courses; a Professional Development Center that provides technical assistance to states in meeting the state leadership requirements set forth in WIOA; and the Learner Center, which provides access to federally developed or federally reviewed resources to assist adult learners in reaching their learning goals. **http://lincs.ed.gov/**

WHAT WORKS CLEARINGHOUSE PRACTICE GUIDES FOR EDUCATORS

The Department offers practice guides and other resources that help educators address everyday challenges faced in classrooms and schools. Developed by a panel of nationally recognized experts, practice guides consist of actionable recommendations and strategies for overcoming potential roadblocks.; The practice guides also provide 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. **https://whatworks.ed.gov**

Appendix B: Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABCP	Asset-Backed Commercial Paper	**Direct Loan**	William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan
AFR	*Agency Financial Report*	**DL**	Direct Loan
AP	Acquisition Plan	**DLP**	Data Loss Prevention
APG	Agency Priority Goals	**DMA**	Data Maturity Assessment
APR	Annual Performance Reports	**DOL**	U.S. Department of Labor
ARP	*American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*	**DQP**	Data Quality Plan
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education	**EAI**	Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education
BOD	Binding Operational Directive	**ECASLA**	*Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008*
BPO	Business Process Operations		
BPR	Business Processing Re-Engineering	**EDCAPS**	Education Central Automated Processing System
CARES	*Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020*	**EDGMSS-BPA**	Education Grants Management Support Services-Blanket Purchase Agreement
CEAR	Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting	**EDMAPS**	Enterprise Data Management and Analytics Platform Services
CISA	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency	**EIA**	Emergency Impact Aid
CIT	Central Information Technology	**ELG**	Evidence Leadership Group
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019	**Emergency Impact Aid**	Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students
CPSS	Contracts and Purchasing Support System		
CRRSAA	*Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2021*	**EO**	Executive Order'
		EPM	Enterprise Performance Management
		ERIC	Education Resources Information Center
CSF	Cyber Security Framework		
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System	**ERR**	Entity Risk Review
CTE	Career and Technical Education	**ERMWG**	Enterprise Risk Management Working Group
DATA Act	*Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014*	**ESEA**	*Elementary and Secondary Education Act*
DCC	Digital and Customer Care		
DCIA	*Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996*	**ESF**	Education Stabilization Fund
		ESSA	*Every Student Succeeds Act*
DDB	Death, Disability, and Bankruptcy	**ESSER**	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief
Department	U.S. Department of Education		
DGB	Data Governance Board	**FAFSA®**	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security		

FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board	**HEAL**	Health Education Assistance Loans
FCRA	*Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990*	**HEERF**	Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
FECA	*Federal Employees' Compensation Act*	**HHS**	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System	**HTTPS**	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
FFB	Federal Financing Bank	**HVA**	High Value Asset
FFEL	Federal Family Education Loan	**ICT**	Information Communication Technology
FFMIA	*Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996*	**IDEA**	*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	**IDR**	Income-Driven Repayment
FISMA 2014	*Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014*	**IEP**	Individualized Education Program
		IES	Institute of Education Sciences
FMFIA	*Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982*	**IET**	Integrated Education and Training
		IHE	Institutions of Higher Education
FMSS	Financial Management Support System	**IPP**	Invoice Processing Platform
FR	Financial Report of the U.S. Government	**IPERA**	*Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010*
FSA	Federal Student Aid	**IPERIA**	*Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012*
FUTURE Act	*Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act*	**IRS**	Internal Revenue Service
		IT	Information Technology
FY	Fiscal Year	**LEA**	Local Educational Agency
G5	Grants Management System	**LINCS**	Literacy Information and Communication System
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	**MSI**	Minority Serving Institutions
GAO	Government Accountability Office	**NAEP**	National Assessment of Educational Progress
GEER	Governor's Emergency Education Relief	**NES**	National Engagement Strategy
GONE Act	*Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act of 2016*	**Next Gen FSA**	Next Generation Federal Student Aid
		NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
GPO	Grants Policy Office	**NSLDS®**	National Student Loan Data System
GPRA	*Government Performance and Results Act of 1993*	**OAGA**	Office of Acquisition and Grants Administration
GSA	General Services Administration	**OCDO**	Office of the Chief Data Officer
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities	**OCIO**	Office of the Chief Information Officer
		OCR	Office for Civil Rights
HEA	*Higher Education Act of 1965*	**OCTAE**	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

ODP	Open Data Platform
OEDARM	Office of Enterprise Data Analytics and Risk Management
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
OFM	Office of Financial Management
OFO	Office of Finance and Operations
OGC	Office of the General Council
OHR	Office of Human Resources
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPD	Open Data Platform
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education
OPEN	Open, Public, Electronic and Necessary
OPEPD	Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OS	Office of the Secretary
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
P–12	Prekindergarten Through 12th Grade
PAYE	Pay as You Earn
Pell	Federal Pell Grant
Pell Program	Pell Grant Program
PIIA	*Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019*
PIMA	Payment Integrity Monitoring Application
PIV	Personal Identity Verification
PIV-A	Personal Identity Verification Alternative Solution
PLUS	Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
PO	Principal Office

POA&M	Plan of Actions & Milestones
President's Budget	*Budget of the United States Government*
PSLF	Public Service Loan Forgiveness
QSMO	Quality Service Management Offices
REL	Regional Educational Laboratory
Report and Plan	Annual Performance Report and Annual Performance Plan
RESTART	Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations
SBR	Statement of Budgetary Resources
SCRM	Supply Chain Risk Management
SEA	State Education Agency
SFS	Scholarship for Services
SLA	Service-Level Agreement
SSA	Social Security Administration
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
TBMS	Technology Business Management Solutions
TCCU	American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities
TEACH	Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant
TEPSLF	Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness
Title I	Title I, Part A
TOP	Treasury Offset Program
TPD	Total and Permanent Disability
TPDR	Third-Party Debt Relief
Treasury	U.S. Department of Treasury
VDP	Vulnerability Disclosure Policy
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WIOA	*Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*

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