

**U.S. Department of Education
FOIA
Backlog Reduction Goals for FY 2008 through FY 2010**

The FOIA resources of the Department of Education have resulted in a consistent production rate between 1,100 and 1,250 cases per year. The conversion to the electronic processing program in Fiscal Year 2007 has brought the productivity level past 1,300.

Efforts to reduce the number of incoming requests will include (whenever possible) prompt posting, to the web-based electronic FOIA reading room, documents likely to generate FOIA requests, documents responsive to expected annual requests, and documents responsive to education issues receiving media coverage. These and other initiatives proposed by the Department are contained in our “FOIA Plan” posted on the Department’s website:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/grants/edfoiaplantoc.html>

REQUESTS

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency’s Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency’s Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	673 ^{1/}	1,188	1,202	659

1/ This is a preliminary number (generated on October 1, 2007) of requests pending at the beginning of FY 2008 because it does not reflect those action offices that have not converted 100% to the department-wide electronic processing system. Data manually submitted will not be available, and processed, until the first week of January 2008.

Fiscal Year	Projected Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (Backlog) at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency’s Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency’s Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2009	659	1,069	1,262	466
2010	466	962	1,325	103

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APPEALS

Fiscal Year	Number of Pending Requests at Beginning of FY	Estimated Number of Requests Incoming During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests to be Processed During FY	Agency's Goal for Number of Requests Pending Beyond Statutory Time Period (i.e., Backlog) at End of FY
2008	24	48	52	20

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2009	20	40	46	14
2010	14	38	40	12