

# Archived Information

## OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUR NATION’S SCHOOLS PROGRAM (OPTIONS)

**Goal: To identify and support innovative approaches to high-quality public school choice by providing financial assistance for the demonstration, development, implementation, evaluation of, and dissemination of information about public school choice projects that stimulate educational innovation for all public schools and contribute to standards-based school reform efforts.**

**Relationship of Program to Volume 1, Department-wide Objectives:** The OPTIONS Program supports Objective 1.6 (greater public school choice will be available to students and families) of the Department’s Strategic Plan. The program, if authorized, will provide financial assistance for high-quality public school choice options that are accessible to all children. The objectives address the need for a variety of innovative approaches to high-quality school choice in public schools, and how well the program promotes access to public school choice for all students.

FY 2001—\$20,000,000 (Requested budget)

OBJECTIVE 1: SUPPORT INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Number of students enrolled in participating public school choice programs:</i>			<b>Status:</b> Unable to judge.  <b>Explanation:</b> There are no data because this is a proposed program in the Administration’s proposal to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.	<b>Source:</b> Proposed program—no source identified yet. <i>Frequency:</i> Not applicable. <i>Next Update:</i> Not applicable.  <b>Validation Procedure:</b> Not applicable.  <b>Limitation of Data and Planned Improvements:</b> Not applicable.
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
FY 1999:	No data available	No specific target set		
FY 2000:		Continuing increase		
FY 2001:		Continuing increase		

OBJECTIVE 2: PROMOTE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS.

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FY 2001:		Continuing increase		

**KEY STRATEGIES****Strategies Continued from 1999**

None.

**New or Strengthened Strategies**

- ❖ Provide support, information, and technical assistance through outreach meetings and the ED Web site.
- ❖ Support studies of public school choice programs and evaluations of the OPTIONS program.

**HOW THIS PROGRAM COORDINATES WITH OTHER FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ Not applicable because this is a proposed program.

**CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING PROGRAM GOAL**

- ❖ Not applicable because this is a proposed program.

**INDICATOR CHANGES****From FY 1999 Annual Plan (two years old)**

Adjusted—None.

Dropped—None.

**From FY 2000 Annual Plan (last year's)**

Adjusted—None.

Dropped—None.

New—None.