

Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACG	Academic Competitiveness Grant
ACT	formerly American College Test, now ACT
ACSI	American Customer Satisfaction Index
AEFLA	<i>Adult Education and Family Literacy Act</i>
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
APEB	<i>Act to Promote the Education of the Blind</i>
AP	Advanced Placement
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
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>
FSA	Federal Student Aid
FY	Fiscal Year
GAPS	Grant Administration and Payment System
GA	Guaranty Agency
GEAR UP	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
GPRA	<i>Government Performance and Results Act of 1993</i>
GSA	General Services Administration
HBCUs	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HEA	<i>Higher Education Act of 1965</i>
HKNCA	<i>Helen Keller National Center Act</i>
HR	Human Resources
IB	International Baccalaureate Program
IDEA	<i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i>
IES	Institute of Education Sciences
IP	Improper Payments
IPIA	<i>Improper Payments Information Act of 2002</i>
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IT	Information Technology
IUS	Internal Use Software
IV&V	Independent Verification and Validation
LLR	Lender of Last Resort
MD&A	Management's Discussion and Analysis
MECEA	<i>Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961</i>
MVHAA	<i>McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act</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>
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
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>
PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PMA	<i>President's Management Agenda</i>
PLUS	Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students
RA	<i>Rehabilitation Act of 1973</i>
RMS	Risk Management Service
RMCC	Risk Management Coordinating Council
SAP	Special Allowance Payments
SOF	Statement of Financing
SY	School Year
TASSIE	Title I Accountability Systems and School Improvement Efforts
TEACH	Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education

TRIO	Grant programs under HEA, originally three programs; not an acronym
USC	United States Code
VPS	Visual Performance Suite
WWC	What Works Clearinghouse
YRBSS	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

Selected Department Web Links

Mapping America's Educational Progress 2008

Data on how states are doing in student achievement in reading and math, high school graduation rates, schools making adequate yearly progress, highly qualified teachers, parents taking advantage of tutoring and choice options, state participation in flexibility options, and more.

<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/accountability/results/progress/index.html>

Data on how the U.S. is doing in student achievement in reading and math, high school graduation rates, schools making adequate yearly progress, highly qualified teachers, parents taking advantage of tutoring and choice options, state participation in flexibility options, and more.

<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/accountability/results/progress/nation.html>

Assessing Program Performance PART

The Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) was developed to assess and improve program performance so that the federal government can achieve better results. Because the PART includes a consistent series of analytical questions, it allows programs to show improvements over time, and allows comparisons between similar programs.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part/index.html#2008>

Discretionary Grant Programs for FY 2008

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<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>

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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/infopoltech.html>

National Mathematics Advisory Panel

The National Mathematics Advisory Panel was created in April 2006 to advance the teaching and learning of mathematics. Expert panelists, including leading mathematicians, cognitive psychologists, and educators, reviewed numerous research studies. The panel's final report, issued in March 2008, contains 45 findings and recommendations on topics including instructional practices, materials, professional development, and assessments.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/mathpanel/index.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 Governing Board

The Governing Board is an independent, bipartisan group whose members include governors, state legislators, local and state school officials, educators, business representatives, and members of the general public. Congress created the 26-member Governing Board in 1988 to set policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)—commonly known as the “The Nation's Report Card.”

<http://www.nagb.org/>

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/>

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/index.html>

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