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Overview

The Common Origination and Disbursement System (COD) Technical Reference includes information for schools using the COD System. All schools are required to be Full Participants. A Full Participant uses the XML Common Record to submit Pell Grant, ACG, National SMART Grant, and/or Direct Loan data to COD.

The *2008-2009 COD Technical Reference* contains message classes, edits, record layouts, implementation guides, and supporting information for Pell Grant and Direct Loan Users.

How to Use This Technical Reference

The *COD Technical Reference* is an operational guide that informs schools, vendors, and third-party servicers how to transmit Pell Grant, ACG, National SMART Grant, and Direct Loan Origination and Disbursement data to the COD System. In particular, this Technical Reference provides the record layout and data elements that are required for the COD System to successfully process submitted records as well as the record layout and data elements for the receipts and responses that are returned to participants by the COD System. The information provided in this Technical Reference is not intended to reflect all Federal regulations that govern the Pell Grant, ACG and National SMART Grant, and Direct Loan programs and with which all participants must comply. As such, schools, vendors, and third-party servicers must refer to these regulations and documents such as the *Federal Student Aid Handbook* and Dear Colleague Letters for guidance on regulatory compliance.

The *2008-2009 COD Technical Reference* is comprised of six separate volumes that contain key 2008-2009 development information for COD Users. To use the *COD Technical Reference* effectively, choose the appropriate volume for your needs. Each volume has its own table of contents and individual sections.

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Note: If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this document, please contact the COD School Relations Center at 1-800-4PGRANT for Pell Grant, ACG, or National SMART Grant, and 1-800-848-0978 for Direct Loan. Staff is available Monday through Friday, 8am-8pm Eastern Time. Or, please email COD Customer Service at codsupport@acs-inc.com.