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Civic Education - 2002

CFDA Numbers: 84.304 - Cooperative Education Exchange Program
84.929 We The People

Goal 8: To enhance the attainment of the third and sixth National Goals by educating students about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Objective 8.1 of 2: Provide high-quality civic education curricula to elementary and secondary school students through the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" Program.

Indicator 8.1.1 of 2: Student participation in the "We the People..." Program: The total number of adoptions of "We the People..." curriculum will increase annually.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>The total number of adoptions by states and large school districts of the "We the People..." curriculum.</i>			Status: Target met Explanation: The "We the People..." Program staff members continue to spend time assisting states and school districts in the formal curriculum adoption process.	Additional Source Information: Annual grantee project report and annual grant application, April 2002. Frequency: Annually. Collection Period: 2003 Data Available: August 2003 Validated By: No Formal Verification. Actual count of adoptions.
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1998	9			
1999	19			
2000	20	20		
2001	22	21		
2002	25	23		

Indicator 8.1.2 of 2: Teacher institutes: The number of teachers who attend the summer "We the People..." professional development institutes will increase annually.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>The number of teachers participating in professional development institutes.</i>			Status: Target exceeded Explanation: "We the people"...program staff members were able to conduct institutes in each of the five regions of the United States as well as in some individual states.	Additional Source Information: Annual grantee project report and annual grant application, April 2002. Frequency: Annually. Collection Period: 2003 Data Available: August 2003 Validated By: No Formal Verification. Actual count of teacher participants.
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1998	183			
1999	317	200		
2000	354	318		
2001	406	320		
2002	785	350		

Objective 8.2 of 2: Foster Students' interest and ability to participate competently and responsibly in the democratic process.

Indicator 8.2.1 of 1: Simulated congressional hearings: At least 80 percent of students participating in the "We the People..." national finals competition will outperform nonparticipating students on national assessments of their knowledge of and support for democratic institutions and processes.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Percentage of students participating</i>			Status: Target exceeded	Additional Source Information: Annual

Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1999	89	80	<p>Progress: Survey items were taken from three sources: the 1998 National Assessment of Educational Progress Civics Assessment, the 1997 University of Michigan's "Monitoring the Future" survey, and the 1998 UCLA American Freshman survey.</p> <p>Explanation: An item-by-item comparison was conducted, and at least 82 percent of the participants in the "We the People..." finals outperformed the average of nonparticipating students in knowledge of and support for democratic institutions and processes by statistically significant margins on every item of the survey instrument, based on previous nationally administered surveys.</p>	<p>random sample of participants.</p> <p>Frequency: Annually. Collection Period: 2003 Data Available: September 2003 Validated By: NCES. The National Assessment of Educational Progress, University of Michigan, and UCLA survey results have been validated by National Center for Education Statistics and other nationally recognized research institutions. The Center for Civic Education conducts a survey of the participants in the national finals and is analyzing the results.</p> <p>Limitations: Data are self-reported. The Center for Civic Education would like to utilize an external data collection agency to conduct its surveys and prepare independent reports, but additional funding would be required to support an external evaluation.</p>
2000	82	80		
2001	91	80		
2002	87	80		