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AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Education.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

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Long-Term Actions

Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)

762. PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS (CLASSIFIED RESEARCH)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 34 CFR 97

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1890-AA08

Department of Education (ED)
Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

Final Rule Stage

763. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 20 USC 1681 to 1682

CFR Citation: 34 CFR 106

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department proposed changes to the regulations implementing title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. These changes would amend existing regulations to provide more flexibility for educators to establish single-sex classes and schools at the elementary and

secondary levels. The amendments would support efforts of school districts to improve educational outcomes for children and to provide public school parents with a diverse array of educational opportunities that respond to the educational needs of their children, while at the same time ensuring appropriate safeguards against discrimination. Amendments would be designed to permit appropriate latitude for innovative efforts to help children learn and to expand the choices parents have for their children's education consistent with the purposes of title IX.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/09/04	69 FR 11276

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	04/23/04	
Final Action	06/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1870-AA11

Department of Education (ED)
Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

Completed Actions

764. EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND OTHER DESIGNATED YOUTH GROUPS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 34 CFR 108

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/24/06	71 FR 14994

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1870-AA12

Department of Education (ED)
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Final Rule Stage

765. TITLE I, IMPROVING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DISADVANTAGED

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 20 USC 6301

CFR Citation: 34 CFR 200

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would amend the regulations governing programs administered under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The regulations would provide States with additional flexibility regarding State, local educational agency, and school accountability for students with limited English proficiency (LEP) who have recently arrived in U.S. schools. The regulations would permit a State to exclude these LEP students from its reading/language arts assessment for a limited time. The regulations would also permit a State to count in the LEP

subgroup for 1 or 2 years students who were LEP but who are no longer LEP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/24/04	69 FR 35462
NPRM Comment Period End	08/09/04	
Final Action	06/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Related RIN: Previously reported as 1820-AB55

RIN: 1810-AA97

766. • TITLE I, IMPROVING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DISADVANTAGED; INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)—ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 20 USC 6301; 20 USC 1400 to 1482

CFR Citation: 34 CFR 200; 34 CFR 300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would amend the regulations governing programs administered under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and the regulations governing programs under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The regulations would provide States with additional flexibility regarding the State, local educational agency, and school accountability for

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the achievement of a group of students with disabilities who can make significant progress but may not reach grade-level achievement standards within the same time frame as other students. The regulations would permit a State to measure the achievement of this group of students based on modified achievement standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/15/05	70 FR 74624

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment	02/28/06	
Period End		
Final Action	06/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacquelyn Jackson, Director, Student Achievement and School Accountability Programs,

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RIN: 1810-AA98

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

767. NATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 20 USC 1411 to 1420**CFR Citation:** 34 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations would establish the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS or Standard) as required under sections 612(a)(23)(A) and 674(e)(4) of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, as amended by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004. The purpose of the NIMAS is to help increase the availability and timely delivery of print instructional materials in accessible formats to blind or other persons with print disabilities in elementary schools and secondary schools. This action would add an appendix to 34 CFR part 300 that would set forth the technical elements and specifications for the Standard.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/29/05	70 FR 37302
NPRM Comment	09/12/05	
Period End		
Final Action	05/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1820-AB56**768. ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES; PRESCHOOL GRANTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES; AND SERVICE OBLIGATIONS UNDER SPECIAL EDUCATION—PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT (SECTION 610 REVIEW)****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 20 USC 1221e-3, 1406, 1411 to 1419, 1462(h)**CFR Citation:** 34 CFR 300, 301 and 304**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations would amend the regulations governing the Assistance to States for Education of Children With Disabilities Program, the Preschool Grants for Children With

Disabilities Program, and Service Obligations Under the Special Education Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities Program. These amendments are needed to implement changes to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act made by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice	01/10/02	67 FR 1411
NPRM	06/21/05	70 FR 35781
NPRM Comment	09/06/05	
Period End		
Final Action	05/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1820-AB57

Department of Education (ED)

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Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

769. STUDENT RIGHTS IN RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS, AND TESTING

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 20 USC 1232h

CFR Citation: 34 CFR 98

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations are needed to implement amendments to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) resulting from (1) section 1017 of the Goals 2000 Educate America Act (Pub. L. 103-227; 20 U.S.C. 1232h) and (2) legislation passed as part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) (Pub. L. 107-110). Section 1017 of Goals 2000 amended PPRA to require schools, in certain instances, to make specific educational materials available to parents for inspection. The provision

also amended PPRA to prohibit schools from requiring students to submit to certain surveys, analyses, or evaluations without parental consent. Amendments made to PPRA by NCLB specify certain subjects on which schools, in conjunction with parents, must develop and adopt policies. These amendments also require local educational agencies to directly notify parents of these policies and permit parents to opt out of certain activities. As our next action, we will issue a new NPRM incorporating the amendments resulting from NCLB, as well as the earlier amendments resulting from the Goals 2000 Educate America Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/28/95	60 FR 44696

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/27/95	
Second NPRM	07/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Related RIN: Previously reported as 1880-AA66

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