

Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:
Responses: 1,800.
Burden Hours: 9,900.

Abstract: The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act amended the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require coeducational institutions of higher education that participate in any program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and have an intercollegiate athletic program, to annually make available upon request a report on institutional financing and student and staff participation in men's and women's intercollegiate athletics.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Student Right-to-Know.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:
Responses: 8,000.

Burden Hours: 240,100.

Abstract: These regulations require institutions that participate in a Title IV, Higher Education Act of 1965 program to make available to students and prospective students the graduation rates of full-time undergraduates. Institutions that are attended by students receiving athletically related student aid must make available to prospective student-athletics, and their parents, coaches, and counselors, the graduation rates of students, and student athletes, by race, gender, and sport.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 1, 1999. Please

send any comments on the emergency clearance to OMB by February 26, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat—Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites

public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 17, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Class-Size Reduction Program.

Abstract: This information is required of States and Local Education Agencies for grants under the Class-Size Reduction Program, authorized under Division A of P.L. 105-277. This information will be used in the evaluation process of these grant funds.

Additional Information: These application guidance materials provide timely information about the Class-Size Reduction Program in order to assist Local Education Agencies to make plans for using these funds to reduce class size in the 1999-2000 school year.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State and Local Education Agencies.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:
Responses: 14,057.

Burden Hours: 29,529.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address *Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

In addition, interested persons can access this document on the Internet:

- (1) Go to IFAP at <http://ifap.ed.gov>
- (2) Click on the "Bookshelf" icon
- (3) Scroll down and click on "FAFSA and Renewal FAFSA Forms and Instructions"
- (4) Click on "By 2000-2001 Award Year"
- (5) Click on "FAFSA Instructions"
- (6) Click on the red icon to open the file.

Please note that the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software, version 3.0 or greater, is necessary to view this file. This software can be downloaded for free from Adobe's website: <http://www.adobe.com>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There have been several major changes to the FAFSA since the draft posted for comment in the November 30, 1998 *Federal Register*.

- Addition of parents' SSNs and names. Two parent Social Security Numbers and two parent last names have been added to page 6 of the form. These will be required fields for dependent filers.
- Notice of IRS verification authority. A notice has been added to the certification language on page 6 of the form advising the applicant that the Secretary has the authority to verify income reported on the application with the Internal Revenue Service.
- Number of schools increased. The overall number of schools an applicant can list to receive his or her information has increased from six to eight. However, the fifth through eighth

schools can only be listed by Federal School Code. Housing plans can only be listed for the first four schools.

- "Drug Offense" notice added. A "drug offense" notice has been added to the first page advising applicants that if they have ever been convicted of any offense under federal or state law involving possession or sale of a controlled substance they must report any such convictions to their financial aid office.

- Elimination of FAFSA.PDF. FAFSA.PDF, a means of submitting a FAFSA via portable document format (PDF) technology, will be discontinued for the 2000-2001 award year.

Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: February 17, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 9,848,645

Burden Hours: 6,589,649

Abstract: Collects identifying and financial information from students applying for Federal student aid for postsecondary education. Used to calculate Expected Family Contribution and determine eligibility for grants and loans, under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

Dates: March 18 and 19, 1999.

Time: March 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
March 19, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma_Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerppb@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The meeting is open to the public. On March 18, the Board will discuss research issues with Dr. Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation, and will receive a report on research priorities from the National Academy of Education. On March 19, the Board will discuss the