Forum Members

Many organizations are committed to improving the quality and utility of education data through membership in the Forum.

In addition to the National Center for Education Statistics and representatives of state and local education agencies, Forum associates include:

- *American Association of School Administrators (AASA);*
- *American Association of School Librarians (AASL);*
- *American Education Finance Association (AEFA);*
- *American Federation of Teachers (AFT);*
- *Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO);*
- *Council for American Private Education (CAPE);*
- *Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO);*
- *Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS);*
- *National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP);*
- *National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP);*
- *National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE);*
- *National Catholic Education Association (NCEA);*
- *National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL);*
- *National Education Association (NEA);*
- *National Governors' Association (NGA);*
- *Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).*

Participating U.S. Department of Education Offices include:

- *Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs;*
- *Civil Rights;*
- *Educational Research and Improvement;*
- *Elementary and Secondary Education;*
- *Migrant Education;*
- *Office of the Under Secretary;*
- *Non-Public Education;*
- *Special Education and Rehabilitative Services;*
- *Vocational and Adult Education.*

Current Federal associates include:

- *Department of Defense Dependents' Schools;*
- *U.S. Bureau of the Census;*
- *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics;*
- *U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service;*
- *National Science Foundation.*

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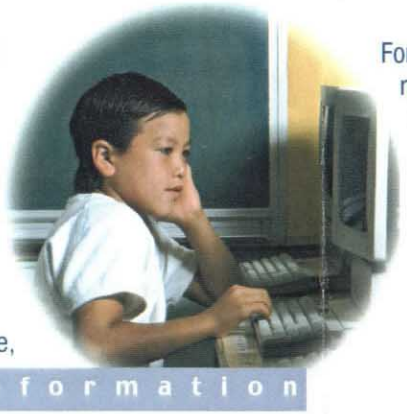
Who We Are

Good education data are necessary for good education decision-making. It is as simple as that. But collecting, maintaining, and using elementary and secondary education data effectively is a challenge that requires commitment, planning, training, and above all, coordination. It was for these reasons that the National Forum on Education Statistics was established.

The National Forum on Education Statistics is comprised of representatives of local and state education agencies, Federal agencies, and national and private organizations. The Forum is committed to the appropriate collection and use of education data, while remaining sensitive to data burden concerns. In short, it works to improve the quality, comparability, and utility of education data.

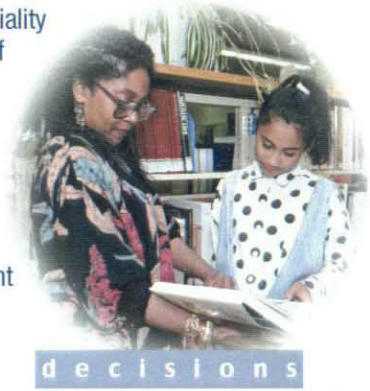
The Forum is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education. It convenes twice each year to identify issues, exchange ideas, debate strategies, and generate recommendations for enhancing education data collection and use at local, state, and national levels.



Who We Serve

The Forum has developed a variety of resources intended to inform and assist individuals and organizations who use education data. Potential users of Forum resources include people responsible for:

- making informed decisions about education
- developing data collection instruments
- converting "data" into useful information
- determining the confidentiality status of different types of information
- exchanging information electronically, including student transcripts
- selecting and purchasing new technology equipment
- installing computers, networks, or other technology systems
- securing or otherwise protecting information and equipment



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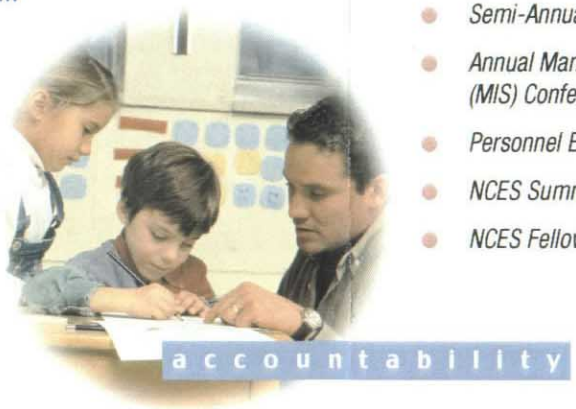

What We Provide

Available Resources*

- *Safeguarding Your Technology: Practical Guidelines for Electronic Education Information Security*
- *Technology @ Your Fingertips: A Guide to Implementing Technology Solutions for Education Agencies and Institutions*
- *Basic Data Elements for Elementary & Secondary Education Information Systems*
- *Protecting the Privacy of Student Records: Guidelines for Education Agencies*
- *Recommendations of the Crime, Violence, and Discipline Reporting Task Force*
- *A Pilot Standard National Course Classification System for Secondary Education*
- *Staff Data Handbook: Elementary, Secondary, and Early Childhood Education*
- *Student Data Handbook: Elementary, Secondary, and Early Childhood Education*
- *SPEEDE/ExPRESS: An Electronic System for Exchanging Student Records*
- *Data for Decisions (video)*

Forum-Related Services

- *Semi-Annual Forum Meetings*
- *Annual Management Information Systems (MIS) Conference*
- *Personnel Exchange System*
- *NCES Summer Data Conference*
- *NCES Fellows Program*

* Forum and/or NCES produced products