

# National Forum on Education Statistics



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National Center for Education Statistics  
U.S. Department of Education  
*as a component of the*  
National Cooperative Education Statistics System

# Forum Purpose

To improve the

- 🍎 QUALITY
- 🍎 COMPARABILITY
- 🍎 UTILITY

of elementary & secondary education data.



<http://nces.ed.gov/forum>



# Forum Members & Associates

- ❁ Representatives of state and local education agencies
- ❁ Offices of the U.S. Department of Education
- ❁ Other federal agencies
- ❁ Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs)
- ❁ National associations
- ❁ Other associations
- ❁ U.S. territories



# Forum Meetings and Collaboration

- 🍎 Annual Forum Meeting
- 🍎 Periodic Virtual Meetings
- 🍎 Standing Committees
- 🍎 Working Groups



# Forum Standing Committees

- 🍎 **National Education Statistics Agenda Committee**  
... addresses issues, concerns, and solutions affecting the collection and reporting of elementary, secondary, early childhood, and postsecondary education statistics.
- 🍎 **Policies, Programs and Implementation**  
... addresses the policy implications of the Forum's work on national education data issues.
- 🍎 **Technology**  
... addresses technology-related strategies for improving data collection and communication within states, between states, and with the U.S. Department of Education.



# Development of Forum Products

Forum members discuss issues related to education data at the SEA, LEA, and federal levels and propose Working Groups to develop practical and useful resources:

- Metadata
- Crisis Data Management
- Data Ethics and Data Quality
- Teacher-Student Data Links
- Longitudinal Data Systems
- Taking Action with Education Data
- Facilities Information Management
- Collecting and Using Attendance Data
- Crime, Violence, and Discipline Incident Data



# Current Working Group Topics

- 🍎 Data Disaggregation
- 🍎 Education Data Privacy
- 🍎 Data Visualization
- 🍎 School Courses for the Exchange of Data (SCED)



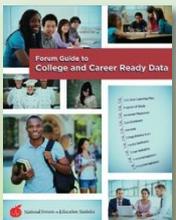
# Free Forum Resources



*Forum Guide to Elementary/Secondary Virtual Education Data (2016)*



*Forum Guide to Alternative Measures of Socioeconomic Status in Education Data Systems (2015)*



*Forum Guide to College and Career Ready Data (2015)*



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*Forum Guide to School Courses for the Exchange of Data (SCED) Classification System (2014)*



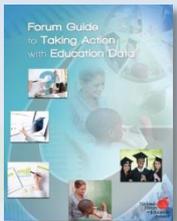
*Forum Guide to Supporting Data Access for Researchers: A Local Education Agency Perspective (2014)*



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*Forum Guide to the Teacher-Student Data Link: A Technical Implementation Resource (2013)*



*Forum Guide to Taking Action with Education Data (2013)*



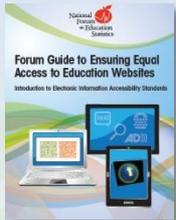
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*Forum Guide to Facilities Information Management: A Resource for State and Local Education Agencies (2012)*



*Forum Guide to Ensuring Equal Access to Education Websites (2011)*



*Forum Guide to Crime, Violence, and Discipline Incident Data (2011)*



# Free Forum Resources



## *Traveling Through Time: The Forum Guide to Longitudinal Data Systems (Series)*

- *Book I: What is an LDS? (2010)*
- *Book II: Planning and Developing an LDS (2011)*
- *Book III: Effectively Managing LDS Data (2011)*
- *Book IV: Advanced LDS Usage (2011)*



## *Forum Guide to Data Ethics & Online Course*



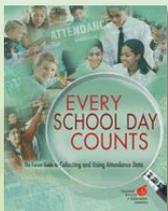
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*Crisis Data Management: A Forum Guide to Collecting and Managing Data About Displaced Students (2010)*



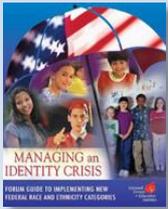
*Forum Guide to Metadata: The Meaning Behind Education Data (2009)*



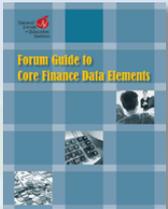
*Every School Day Counts: The Forum Guide to Collecting and Using Attendance Data (2009)*



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*Managing an Identity Crisis: Forum Guide to Implementing New Federal Race and Ethnicity Categories (2008)*



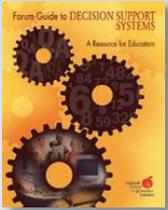
*Forum Guide to Core Finance Data Elements (2007)*



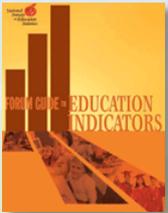
*Forum Curriculum for Improving Education Data: A Resource for Local Education Agencies (2007)*



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*Forum Guide to Decision Support Systems: A Resource for Educators (2006)*



*Forum Guide to Education Indicators (2005)*



# Publications

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