

July 25 – 27, 2007
Washington, DC

STATS-DC 2007

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Attention Forum Members July 23-25, 2007

July 23-25 is the annual summer meeting of the National Forum on Education Statistics. Members are invited to take part in discussions and work to improve the quality and use of elementary and secondary education data. Join with your colleagues from local, state, and federal education agencies and national associations as they continue work on curriculum for improving education data; a comprehensive data model for schools and school districts; a guide to metadata and its importance; and other products for hands-on data improvement. Learn about state data system initiatives and policy affecting data collection and use. For more information about the Forum, visit its web site at <http://nces.ed.gov/forum>

Data Conference Highlights July 25-27, 2007

Come to the July 25-27 NCES Summer Data Conference for professional networking, updates on federal and national activities affecting data collection and reporting, and information about the best new approaches in collecting, reporting, and using education statistics. The Conference will provide extensive information about changes in how the U.S. Department of Education collects and uses data, and about developments in electronic data standards for schools, school districts, and states. There will be half-day training sessions for Common Core of Data Fiscal and Nonfiscal Data Coordinators, up to the minute presentations on NCES's survey and assessment programs, and overviews of developing statewide longitudinal data systems.

Agenda/Registration Information

Please check the NCES website for additional information about the Summer Forum and Data Conference. The agendas for both activities will be updated continually between now and July. To find the information, go to the NCES home page at <http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences>, then hit the prominently displayed Forum and Summer Data Conference button. This will take you to meeting agendas and to the online registration and proposal submission form. Remember—information about sessions and schedules will be updated regularly, so check the website!

There is no registration fee.

Making Your Hotel Reservations

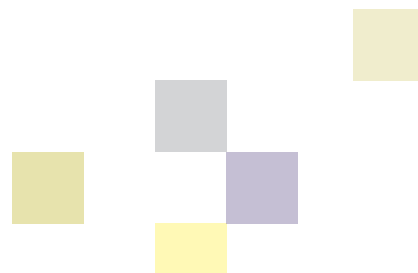
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Please refer to the meeting schedule to the right when making your hotel reservation.

Renaissance Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036
Reservations Phone: 800-468-3571
Hotel Switchboard: 202-347-3000
Fax: 202-776-9182

Please call the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel directly to reserve a sleeping room. You will need to provide a personal credit card number to guarantee your room.

- Reservations for lodging must be made at the hotel prior to Monday, July 2, 2007.
- To receive the group rate, please reference the **NCES Meeting** room block.
- The hotel is offering the Summer Forum and Data Conference participants the July 2007 federal single per diem rate for the Washington, DC, area (currently \$162 plus taxes per night).
- After Monday, July 2, 2007, the hotel will accept sleeping room reservations on a space-available basis only and at a significantly higher rate.
- The meeting room block could sell out prior to the cutoff date of July 2. If the block does sell out, rooms may not be available at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel and you will have to make a reservation elsewhere. To ensure you have a room at the conference hotel, make your reservation early.



Preliminary Schedule of Events

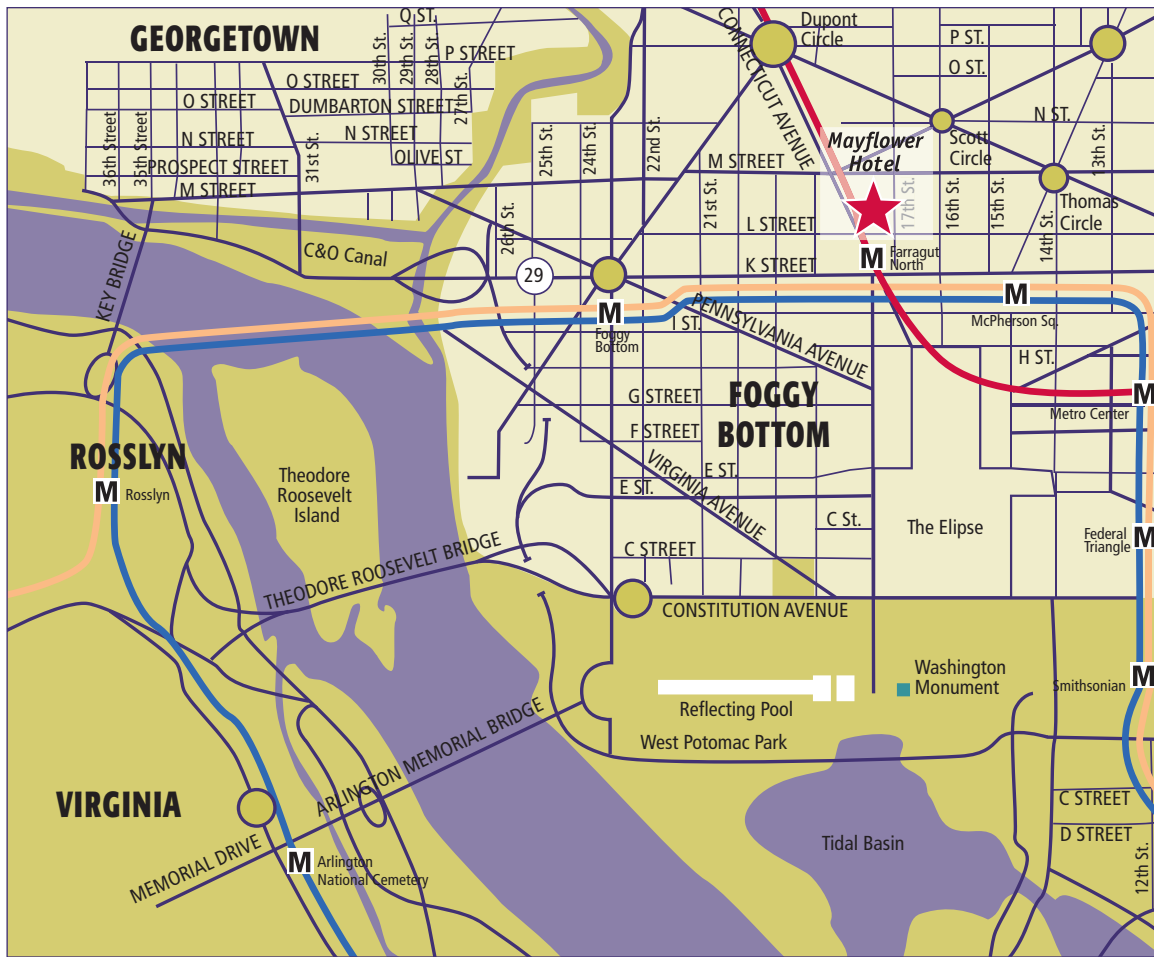
DATES	TIMES	ACTIVITIES
Meeting of the National Forum on Education Statistics		
Forum Working Meetings		
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Sunday 7/22	All Day	Task Force Meetings
Monday 7/23	AM	Task Force Meetings New Members' Orientation
	PM	Forum Opening Session Standing Committee Meetings
Tuesday 7/24	All Day	Forum Meetings Continue
Wednesday 7/25	AM	Forum Meetings Continue Forum Closing Session
Data Conference		
General Attendance		
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Wednesday 7/25	AM	CCD Fiscal Training Data Conference Opening Session
	PM	CCD Nonfiscal Training
Thursday 7/26	All Day	Data Conference Concurrent Sessions
Friday 7/27	AM	Data Conference Concurrent Sessions

Want to know more?

For online registration and regularly updated meeting information, go to <http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences>

To learn more about the National Forum on Education Statistics, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/forum>

CCD Coordinators should check the Coordinators' Corner at <http://nces.ed.gov/CCD>



Getting There by Car

From the North via I-95 (New York, Baltimore) or Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Airport
 Take I-95 South towards Washington, DC. Take the I-495 West exit toward Rockville/Silver Spring. Take Exit 33 Connecticut Avenue South towards Chevy Chase. Follow Connecticut Avenue for approximately 7 miles. The Renaissance Mayflower Hotel is located on the left at Connecticut Avenue and DeSales Street between M and L Streets.

From the North via I-270 (Frederick, Gaithersburg)
 Take I-270 South to I-495 South towards Virginia. Take the George Washington Parkway exit. Take the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge (U.S. Route 50) exit. Cross the bridge and stay in the left lane. Follow signs to E Street. Continue on E Street and turn left onto 17th Street. 17th Street turns into Connecticut Avenue after crossing K Street. The hotel is located 1½ blocks up on the right.

From the South/Richmond or Reagan National Airport
 Take I-95 North towards Washington, DC. Take the I-395 North exit and stay in the left lane. Follow signs to the 14th Street Bridge/Route 1 North exit. Cross the 14th Street Bridge and stay in the far left lane. Follow 14th Street for approximately

10 blocks, and turn left on K Street into the service lane on the right. Turn right onto Connecticut Avenue. The hotel is located 1½ blocks up on the right.

If traveling from Reagan, exit the airport by following signs to Washington. Take the 14th Street Bridge/Route 1 North exit and continue to follow the directions above.

From the West or Dulles International Airport: all hours except 6:30 am – 9:00 am, Monday–Friday*
 Follow the signs to I-66 East towards Washington, DC. Follow I-66 East to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge (U.S. Route 50). Cross the bridge and stay in the left lane. Follow signs to E Street. Continue on E Street and turn left onto 17th Street. 17th Street turns into Connecticut Avenue after crossing K Street. The hotel is located 1½ blocks up on the right.

*HOV Restrictions: I-66 East, 6:30 am–9:00 am, Monday–Friday, minimum of two passengers during morning rush hour.

Alternate Directions: Take the Dulles Access Road to I-495 North towards Baltimore. Take the George Washington Parkway exit to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and continue to follow the directions above.

Parking: The Renaissance Mayflower Hotel offers valet parking for \$28.00 per day.

By Metro

Farragut North (Red Line)

The Renaissance Mayflower Hotel is located 1½ blocks from the Farragut North Metro Station. When getting off the subway car, take the escalator marked L Street at the far end of the platform (not the center escalator). The escalator will bring you to the corner of L Street and Connecticut. At street level, follow the sidewalk to the right ½ block. The hotel will be on your right.

To get to the Farragut North Metro Station from Reagan National Airport, take the Yellow Line north to the Gallery Place Metro Station and transfer onto the Red Line heading toward Shady Grove. The Farragut North Station is the second stop from the Gallery Place Station.

Farragut West (Orange/Blue Lines)

The Farragut West Metro Station is approximately 2½ blocks from the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel. Upon arrival at the station, take the escalator marked 17th Street. At street level, walk down K Street to Connecticut Avenue. Cross Connecticut Avenue. (At the Connecticut Avenue/K Street corner, you will see the sign for the Farragut North Metro Station.) Turning to your left, walk 1½ blocks up Connecticut Avenue to the hotel.

By SuperShuttle

The SuperShuttle serves Reagan National, Dulles International, and Baltimore/Washington International airports. No reservations are needed for service from these airports into Washington, DC. Shuttles leave for the Washington, DC area every 15 to 30 minutes. For return service to the airport, please call 800-BLUEVAN 24 hours before departure to reserve SuperShuttle pickup from the hotel. You can also contact the hotel's concierge desk to make your shuttle or taxi arrangements. Please read below for specific departure information for each airport, and for more information, visit the SuperShuttle website at <http://www.supershuttle.com>.

From Reagan National Airport

Go to the ground transportation area, walk out of the terminal to the taxi stand area, and look for the onsite SuperShuttle representative. After 12:00 a.m., call 800-BLUEVAN and press 1 for dispatch to arrange for service. The approximate one-way fare is \$13.00 for the first person, \$11.00 for each additional person.

From Dulles International Airport

Follow signs for Ground Transportation/Shared Ride Vans on the lower level where SuperShuttle ticket counters are located just before the building exit. After 12:00 a.m., call 703-416-7884 to arrange for service. The approximate one-way fare is \$26.00 for the first person, \$11.00 for each additional person.

From Baltimore/Washington International Airport

Go to one of the SuperShuttle ticket counters located on the lower level to make arrangements. The ticket counters are located near Baggage Claim areas 1 and 10. When counters are closed, call 888-826-2700 to arrange service. The approximate one-way fare is \$31.00 for the first person, \$11.00 for each additional person.

By Taxi

Taxicabs are available in the Ground Transportation areas of all three local airports. Prices range from \$15.00 to \$80.00.

Climate

The climate for the month of July in Washington, DC is generally hot and humid. Temperatures range from the 70s to the 90s.

Important Dates

April 2007

Online registration and information regarding the Summer Forum and Data Conference are available on the NCES website:

<http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences>

Friday, May 18

Cut-off date for submission of presentation, workshop, or demonstration proposals.

Week of May 28

Presenters and demonstrators notified via e-mail of acceptance or rejection of proposal.

Monday, July 2

Cut-off date for hotel room block. All meeting participants booking a room after this date will be responsible for paying a higher room rate if space is available.

Friday, July 6

End of pre-registration. After this date participants must complete registration paperwork on site at the conference.

Sponsored Travel Information

Sponsored Travelers

All local education agency members of the Forum, plus the State Forum Liaisons from California, Indiana, Maine, North Carolina, and Texas are eligible for sponsorship at the Summer Forum and Data Conference. Sponsorship to attend the Data Conference is also available to the CCD Coordinators and one additional person from those states. Sponsorship includes:

- Lodging at the July 2007 federal rate (currently \$162 plus tax). If you book at a higher rate, you will be responsible for the difference in cost.

- You will still need to make your own hotel reservations and guarantee it to your credit card. In July, Westat will provide the hotel with a list of individuals whose room and tax will be transferred to the Westat master account. If you have not reserved your room with the hotel, a reservation will not be made for you.
- Pre-paid Air/Ground Travel within GSA guidelines.
- Daily per diem (2007 DC per diem is \$64).

Sponsored participants will be contacted by Westat with further logistics information.

Other Travelers

For all other states and outlying areas, the expenses of State Forum Liaisons, CCD Coordinators, and other persons selected by the state are included in the State Cooperative System Contract under the task order for Basic Participation. Meeting expenses for these individuals are reimbursed directly by the state education agency, and respective state travel regulations apply.

The expenses of all other Summer Forum and Data Conference participants are the responsibility of the individual. Please consult your organization or association regarding procedures, rules, and regulations for travel.

The expenses associated with the meeting for federal employees will be paid according to guidelines outlined by the Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP). For answers to frequently asked questions, please refer to the website

<http://www.gsa.gov> and click on the *Policy* button at the top of the screen, then select *Travel Management* in the left margin.

A few selected speakers and presenters may be eligible for sponsorship. Please send an e-mail with your request to mary.mccrory@ed.gov and provide the following information:

1. Name, title, affiliation, full address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address.
2. Role in the conference.
3. Scope of request (e.g., travel, airfare, number of days lodging, and number of days per diem).

Funds are limited, and we regret that we will be unable to honor all requests.

Sponsorship decisions for the Data Conference will be made in June; Westat will notify you with the decision regarding your request.

Please note: All presenters, co-presenters, and demonstrators must register for the meeting to appear in the participant list.

Audiovisual Equipment: All presentation rooms will be equipped with a high-speed Internet line, laptop, data projector, screen, and flipchart. Overhead projectors will not be provided.

Demonstrators will be provided with a high-speed Internet line.

Presentation Guidelines: Presentations from vendors are allowed only if the vendors are co-presenting with the state or district representative with whom they are working. However, the state or district representative must submit the proposal and lead the session if the proposal is selected.

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Preregistration Form (Please type or print clearly.)

I will attend: Forum only Data Conference only Forum and Data Conference

Name _____

Agency/Affiliation _____

Title/Department _____

Work Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

I request confirmation of attendance in Professional Development Activities.

Methods of Registration

Fax this form to Dixie Boren at 240-453-2903.

Mail this form using the enclosed envelope.

Visit <http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences> to register online or to download this form.

Summer Data Conference Call for Proposals

(submit your proposal online at <http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences>)

All proposals are due by Friday, May 18, 2007

I am interested in making a concurrent session presentation. YES NO (Vendors may not submit proposals for presentations.)

Presentation Types: Individual presentation (50 minutes) Panel presentation (50 minutes) Workshop (2 hours)

I am interested in being a demonstrator in the Cyber Café. YES NO (Demos will run Wed. a.m. through 10:00 a.m. Friday)

Topics of interest:

- Statewide longitudinal data systems
- Encouraging data use for instructional improvement
- Quality assurance strategies
- Interoperability: School, district, state, and national models

Please submit and include a separate abstract of the presentation/demonstration. This abstract will be used in the conference program. Summarize in 60-100 words, using complete sentences.

Presentation/Demonstration Title:

Other presenters/demonstrators, their titles, and their agencies/affiliations:

Three keywords or phrases that can be used to index your presentation:

Questions? E-mail edstudiesevents@westat.com and one of the Westat planners will respond to you.

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