

## U.S. Department of Education

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**Mission:** The mission of the Department of Education is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation.

**History & General Information:** The Department of Education Organization Act of 1979 created the U.S. Department of Education. Its offices now include the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Civil Rights, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, and the Institute of Education Sciences.

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### BASIC FACTS

**Audience** Congress, federal agencies, state education agencies, state and local officials, educational organizations, news media, business organizations, and the general public

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**President/Director** Secretary Margaret Spellings

### CIRCULATION

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## Programs and Publications

The U.S. Department of Education's regular publication series, data resources, and information products include:

- ❑ Reports and publications from the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (see NCES profile for more information)
- ❑ Information products tailored for different audiences (students, parents, teachers, and administrators)
- ❑ Reports on the performance of Department of Education programs
- ❑ A variety of newsletters including *The Achiever*, *EDInfo*, *ED Review*, and the *Education Innovator*
- ❑ Guides to policies and practices for educators, administrators and parents

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