

1999 requires each SEA desiring to participate in the education flexibility program to submit an application detailing that SEAs education flexibility plan. Section 4(a)(5)(B) requires each SEA that is authorized to become an Ed-Flex Partnership State to submit an annual report on the results of its oversight and the impact of the waivers on school and student performance. Previously, the annual reporting requirement instructions and burden hours were included as part of the application. In order to standardize reporting, we have created an annual reporting template and are increasing the burden hours related to the annual reporting based on feedback from the field. However, overall, there is a decrease in burden due to a change in the estimated number of responses based on past experience with the program.

Dated: October 25, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0188]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2025 Long-Term Trend (LTT)

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 29, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2023-SCC-0188. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not

available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2025 Long-Term Trend (LTT).

OMB Control Number: 1850-0928.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individual or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 921,531.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 491,800.

Abstract: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107-279 title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. NAEP consists of two assessment programs: the NAEP long-term trend (LTT) assessment and the main NAEP assessment. The LTT assessments are given at the national level only and are administered to students at ages 9, 13, and 17 in a manner that is very different from that used for the main NAEP assessments. LTT reports mathematics and reading results that present trend data since the 1970s. In addition to the operational assessments, NAEP uses two other kinds of assessment activities: pilot assessments and special studies. Pilot assessments test items and procedures for future administrations of NAEP, while special studies (including the National Indian Education Study (NIES), the Middle School Transcript Study (MSTS), and the High School Transcript Study (HSTS)) are opportunities for NAEP to investigate particular aspects of the assessment without impacting the reporting of the NAEP results. The initial request for clearance of NAEP 2024 received OMB approval in April 2023 (OMB #1850-0928 v.28). Amendment #1 to the NAEP 2024 clearance package received OMB approval in June 2023 (OMB #1850-0928 v.29). Since that packages submission for public comment and OMB approval, changes have occurred to the scope of the 2024 NAEP administration, including the addition of: (1) Addition of Reading Router Pilot for grades 4 and 8, increasing costs, (2)

Addition of School and District Technology Coordinator roles and SBE survey completion, increasing burden hours, (3) Addition of protocols for the health and safety of field staff, increasing costs, (4) Reduction in SQ burden time for students, teachers and schools since COVID-19 learning recovery items are no longer adding additional time to the SQs; rather, other items were dropped to accommodate these items, reducing burden hours; and (5) Addition of Field Trial for grades, 4, 8 and 12, increasing burden hours and costs. This revision updates Part A and Part B detailing the changes to scope and references to the communication materials and the amendment schedule, Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, Appendix D (added communication materials), Appendix G, Appendix I, and Appendices J1, J2, J3, and J-S to include the operational survey questionnaires (SQs), COVID-19 Learning Recovery SQs, NIES SQs, and Pilot SQs.

Dated: October 24, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Federal Direct PLUS Loan Request for Supplemental Information

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 29, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by

selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, (202) 377-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Federal Direct PLUS Loan Request for Supplemental Information.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0103.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,230,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 615,000.

Abstract: The Federal Direct PLUS Loan Request for Supplemental Information serves as the means by which a parent or graduate/professional student Direct PLUS Loan applicant may provide certain information to a school that will assist the school in originating the borrower's Direct PLUS Loan award, as an alternative to providing this information to the school by other means established by the school. This is a request for a revision of the currently approved form. The form was reorganized for improved usability and flow. There has been no change to the underlying regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Regional Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) announces upcoming virtual meetings for each of its 10 Regional Advisory Committees (RACs).

DATES: The date and time for each virtual meeting is listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for each RAC, listed below:

Appalachia and West RAC: Muhammad Kara, Muhammad.Kara@ed.gov

Central and Southwest RAC: Rebekka Meyer, Rebekka.Meyer@ed.gov

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Midwest and Northwest RAC: Bryan Keohane, Bryan.Keohane@ed.gov

Northeast and Islands RAC: Sarah Zevin, Sarah.Zevin@ed.gov

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For information about the RACs, visit the RAC website at <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/program-and-grantee-support-services/comprehensive-centers-program/regional-advisory-committees/>. For questions, contact Michelle Daley, Program and Grantee Support Services, at (202) 987-1057, or email OESE.RAC@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Regional Advisory Committees: The purpose of the RACs is to advise the Secretary by (1) conducting an educational needs assessment of each region identified in section 174(b) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002; and (2) submitting reports for each region based on the regional assessments. Notice of these meetings is required under 5 U.S.C chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committee Act).

Statutory Authority: The RACs are authorized by the Educational Technical