



Education

SELECTED WEBSITES AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

No recommendation is made in respect of any non-U.S. government web sites listed here.

U.S. Government education agencies

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml> The United States Dept of Education (DOE).

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/htmls/states.html> Links to the Departments of Education in each State.

<http://ies.ed.gov/> The Institute of Education Sciences, the DOE unit responsible for research and evaluation

<http://nces.ed.gov/> National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/> NCES resource for locating statistical data on specific schools

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncser/>

The National Center for Special Education Research. NCSER sponsors special education research into issues affecting infants, toddlers and children with disabilities.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/index.html>

The Administration for Children & Families, a division of the US Department of Health & Human Services. The ACF focuses mainly on child welfare, but takes an interest in education issues as they affect their clients.

Non governmental organizations

<http://www.newamerica.net/issues/education>

The education pages of the New America Foundation, "a nonprofit, post-partisan, public policy institute."

http://www.brookings.edu/gs/brown/brown_hp.htm The Brown Center on Education Policy, a unit of Brookings Institution, that "conducts research on topics in American education, focusing on efforts to improve academic achievement in elementary and secondary schools."

<http://www.cep-dc.org/> Center on Education Policy is "a national, independent advocate for public education and for more effective public schools.

<http://www.nea.org/index.html> The National Education Association – A nationwide teachers' union. Access to NEA research reports through this site.

<http://www.aft.org/>

American Federation of Teachers - teacher's union. Access to AFT research, newsletters and journals through this site.

<http://www.educationsector.org/> Education Sector, an independent education policy think tank.

http://www.publicagenda.org/research/research_reports_topic.cfm#education The education pages

of Public Agenda, a “nonpartisan, opinion, research, and civic engagement organization.”

Online journals /databases

<http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.a4dbd0f2c4f9b94cdeb3ffdb62108a0c/>

Educational Leadership. Monthly journal of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization.

http://www.aft.org/pubs-reports/american_educator/issues/fall2006/index.htm

American Educator. Quarterly journal of the American Teacher’s Federation, covering a range of education related issues, from the use of music in teaching to neuroscience in the classroom.

<http://www.naesp.org/ContentLoad.do?contentId=288>

Principal Magazine. Bimonthly publication by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Aimed at primary school principals – only some articles are available fulltext online.

http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=584&DID=48246

Connections: Journal of Principal Preparation & Development. Annual peer-reviewed publication by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal>

ERIC, the Education Resources Information Center, provides free access to more than 1.2 million bibliographic records of journal articles and other education-related materials and, if available, includes links to full text. ERIC is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.

Preschool and elementary education

Organizations

<http://www.naeyc.org/> National Association for the Education of Young Children

<http://www.nhsa.org/> National Head Start Association

<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ncedl/> National Center for Early Development & Learning

<http://www.naesp.org/> National Association of Elementary School Principals

Fulltext articles

http://www.newamerica.net/publications/policy/teacher_quality_in_grades_pk_3_challenges_and_options

Teacher quality in grades PK-3: challenges and options. October 2006 report into teacher quality in preschool and the early school years [19 p.]

http://www.newamerica.net/publications/policy/closing_the_achievement_gap

Closing the achievement gap. July 2006 paper arguing in favor of increased financial support for widespread, fulltime early childhood education programs [17p.]

http://www.newamerica.net/publications/policy/ladders_of_learning

Ladders of learning. January 2006 paper discussing the longterm benefits of high quality early childhood education [11 p.]

<http://www.whatworks.ed.gov/InterventionReportLinks.asp?iid=103&tid=12>

Caring school Communities. This October 2006 report describes a program that aims to promote core values, prosocial behavior, and a schoolwide feeling of community. The program was designed for and implemented at elementary school level [7 p.]

Secondary education

Organizations

http://www.nassp.org/s_nassp/index.asp National Association of Secondary School Principals

<http://www.nsta.org/highschool> National Science Teachers Association

<http://www.nfhs.org/> National service and administrative organization of high school athletics and fine arts programs in speech, debate and music.

Fulltext articles

http://www.educationsector.org/usr_doc/Measured_Progress.pdf

Measured progress: a report on the high school reform movement. March 2006 report into the impact of high school reforms over the past half-decade [20 p.]

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0600/ijse/ijse0600.htm>

Education in the United States: the pre-university years. A State Dept e-journal, published in 2000. [64 p.]

<http://www.whatworks.ed.gov/InterventionReportLinks.asp?iid=261&tid=12>

Lions Quest Skills for adolescence. This September 2006 report describes a program designed for early secondary school classes (age 12 to 15), aimed at promoting good citizenship skills, core character values, and social-emotional skills and discouraging the use of drugs, alcohol, and violence. [5 p.]

Higher education

Organizations

<http://www.fulbright.org.nz/> This New Zealand-based organization promotes educational and cultural exchange between New Zealand and the United States. Their education services include advice and reference guides on studying at universities in the US.

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> EducationUSA is a global network of more than 450 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/> American Association of Community Colleges.

<http://www.highereducation.org/> The National Center on Public Policy and Higher Education is "an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization [that] prepares action-oriented analyses of pressing policy issues facing the states and the nation regarding opportunity and achievement in higher education."

Fulltext articles

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/1105/ijse/ijse1105.htm>

College and University Education in the United States. A State Dept e-journal, published in 2005. [64 p.]

http://www.educationsector.org/usr_doc/CollegeRankingsReformed.pdf

College rankings reformed: the case for a new order in higher education. September 2006 paper arguing that present systems for college rankings may be misleading them about the "best" colleges and universities, and that new data and technologies offer an opportunity to really measure how well colleges and universities are preparing their undergraduate students. [30 p.]

http://www.highereducation.org/reports/hunt_tierney/Hunt_Tierney.pdf

American Higher Education: how does it measure up for the 21st century? A May 2006 paper by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher education. [23 p.]

http://www.educationsector.org/analysis/analysis_show.htm?doc_id=426475

America's best colleges? October 2006. Transcript and audio of the discussion among leading federal policymakers and higher education experts about reforming college and university rankings.

http://www.newamerica.net/blogs/2006/12/pushing_on_a_string

Higher Education blog by new America Foundation education expert Michael Dannenberg.

<http://measuringup.highereducation.org/>

Measuring Up 2006. 2006 report produced by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education is an annual national report card for higher education, providing both a nation-wide overview and State by State analyses [32p – national report card]

Education in the United States - miscellaneous articles

<http://www.cep-dc.org/pubs/publiceducationprimer/PublicEducationPrimer.pdf>

A public education primer: basic (and sometimes surprising) facts about the US education system. July 2006 report providing a comprehensive picture of the nation's public schools with data about students, governance, funding, achievement, teachers, and non-instructional services. [40 p.]

http://www.educationsector.org/analysis/analysis_show.htm?doc_id=429073

Fallout shelter. November 2006 article looking at the likely impact of the midterm election changes on education policy.

<http://www.cep-dc.org/nclb/NCLB-TenBigEffects.pdf>

Ten big effects of the No Child Left Behind Act on public schools. November 2006 paper, based on the Center on Education Policy's four year study of the implementation of NCLB at the federal, state, and local levels [4 p.]

http://www.brookings.edu/gs/brown/bc_report/2006/2006report.htm

The 2006 Brown Center Report on American Education: how well are American students learning? This year's report by the Brown Center [34 p.]

<http://www.house.gov/english/pdf/K-12edu.pdf>

K-12 Education: highlights of the No Child Left Behind Act 2001. A January 2006 report by the Congressional Research Service, a division of the Library of Congress.

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<http://newzealand.usembassy.gov/>



