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Forum Purpose

To improve the

- QUALITY
- COMPARABILITY
- UTILITY

of elementary & secondary education data
Forum Goals

- To develop and recommend strategies for implementing national education standards useful to education decisionmaking
- To improve the collection and dissemination of education data
- To address emerging issues affecting education data policy
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Forum Standing Committees

- National Education Statistics Agenda Committee
  ... recommends the development of comparable & effective national elementary and secondary education data systems

- 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
Current Task Force & Working Group Topics

- Crime, Violence & Discipline
- Data Use
- Education Privacy
- Section 508: Accessibility
Work of the Forum

- Identify and address common challenges involving data collection, reporting, and use
- Share best practices
- Develop resources that benefit education stakeholders at all levels
Forum Audiences

- Education policymakers
- School, district, and state administrators
- Data collectors, reporters, and providers
- Data collection instrument developers
- Administrative records system developers
- MIS & technology staff
- Community members
- Parents
Free Forum Resources

Prior-to-Secondary School Course Classification System: School Codes for the Exchange of Data

Traveling Through Time: The Forum Guide to Longitudinal Data Systems (Series)
- Book I: What is an LDS?
- Book II: Planning and Developing an LDS
- Book III: Effectively Managing LDS Data
- Book IV: Advanced LDS Usage (forthcoming)

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

Forum Guide to Metadata: The Meaning Behind Education Data

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Forum Guide to Core Finance Data Elements

Forum Curriculum for Improving Education Data: A Resource for LEA
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*Forum Guide to Education Indicators*

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