

Student Data Handbook: Elementary, Secondary, and Early Childhood Education

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The handbook is intended as a reference document for public education agencies, public and private schools, early childhood centers, and other educational institutions as they develop appropriate, cost-effective, and efficient administrative records systems. All terms and recommendations must therefore be interpreted and applied according to local, state, and Federal reporting requirements.

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