



WHAT IS IPEDS?

- IPEDS is the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.
 - It is a system of interrelated surveys conducted annually by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics(NCES).
- IPEDS gathers information from every college, university, and technical and vocational institution that participates in Title IV federal student financial aid programs.
- The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires that institutions that participate in federal student aid programs report data on enrollments, program completions, graduation rates, faculty and staff, finances, institutional prices, and student financial aid
 - **College Navigator** college search Web site and to researchers and others through the **IPEDS Data Center**.



IPEDS Surveys Components

- IC Header (ICH) and Institutional Identification (ID)
- Institutional Characteristics (IC)
- Academic Libraries (AL)
- Admissions (ADM)
- Completions Data (C)
- 12-month Enrollment (E12)
- Fall Enrollment (EF)
- Student Financial Aid Data (SFA)
- Graduation Rates (GR)
- Graduation Rates 200 (GR200)
- Outcomes Measures (OM)
- Finance (F)
- Human Resources (HR)

Using IPEDS Data

- **IPEDS Data Center** (<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>)
- **College Navigator is a consumer** <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/> - Information and college search tool. It was designed to help college students, prospective students, and their parents understand the differences between colleges and how much it costs to attend college.
- **College Affordability and Transparency Center** - <http://collegecost.ed.gov/>, includes information for students, parents, and policymakers about college costs at America's colleges and universities.
- **Data Feedback Report (DFR) and Executive Peer Tool (EXPT)** - produce an annual report that is useful to institutional and institutions for benchmarking and peer analysis, and that can help improve the quality and comparability of IPEDS data

IPEDS and the Common Data Set (CDS)

- Collaborative effort between higher education data providers and publishers such as College Board, Peterson's, U.S. News
- Goals to improve quality and accuracy of data and reduce the reporting burden
- The CDS uses standard definitions, many of which are the same as IPEDS
- The participating publishers' surveys incorporate CDS items and unique items

