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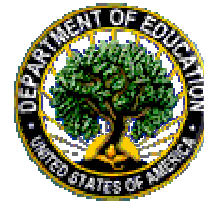
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Updated NCES Locator Tools Provide Ready Access to Key School and District Statistics

Have you ever wished you had at your fingertips key statistics for your school or district and its peers for a grant proposal? In September 2001, the National Center for Education Statistics updated its Global Locator, Public School Locator, and Public School District Locator with data for the 1999-2000 school year.



The **Global Locator** (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator>) permits an individual to search for data on schools (as well as colleges and libraries) nationwide.

School statistics available via this tool include: community setting or locale, total enrollment and enrollment by grade and race/ethnicity, pupil-teacher ratio, percentage of minority students.

The **Public School Locator** (<http://nces.ed.gov/ccdweb/school/school.asp>) also permits searching for a school or group of schools that meet certain user-defined conditions. In addition to directory-type information (including address and telephone number), this tool reports data on

- **school characteristics:** numbers of teachers and students, pupil-teacher ratio, low and high grades, and number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program;
- **school membership:** numbers of students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten and by grade; and
- **membership by race/ethnicity:** American Indian/Alaskan, Asian, Black, Hispanic, and White.



The **Public School District Locator** (<http://nces.ed.gov/ccdweb/school/district.asp>) provides access to directory information and other details, such as setting or locale and metropolitan status. The district characteristics are limited to the numbers of students and teachers and the student-teacher ratio.



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