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This document and attached site map explain the various resources that are available on the NCES Students' Classroom site available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/>

SEARCH FOR SCHOOLS

School Search

If you want to Find A Public or Private School, you've come to the right place! Use this map to locate and get information on the approximately 30,000 Private Schools and 94,000 Public Schools in our database. That's right, over 120,000 different schools. Get an address, find out how many students attend, and learn other school characteristics. Click on a state, or choose one from the pull down menu beneath the map, then select a city and click on the name of the school when the list appears.

School and district addresses are available with statistics for both that include the type of locale, total students, total teachers, and student/ teacher ratio.

College Search

Begin your college search by selecting either:

Search by state, or by region

Find information on nearly 7,000 colleges and universities in the United States. If you are thinking about a large university, a small liberal arts college, a specialized college, a community college, a career or technical college or a trade school, you can locate them all here. Get information on:

- Contact information
- Average full-time tuition
- Total enrollment, degrees and programs offered
- Diversity of student body
- Library Information
- U.S. Dept. of Education campus security
- Federal Student Aid Website

Library Search

If you want to find your library, or any library, this is the place! Get information on any of the over 9,000 public libraries and over 17,000 branches in our 2003 data base. Get its address, learn how many books it has, and discover other cool things. To begin, click on a state from the map or choose one from the pull down menu beneath the map. Then select a city and pick a library from the list. The site includes library statistics and contact info. If the library has branches you can also get that info.

CREATE A GRAPH

You don't need Excel or other graphing software to study graphs or analyze data. Here you will find five different graphs and charts for you to format in many different ways. Maybe it will help explain what you are trying to show. Use homework problems, things you have a special interest in, or use some of the numbers you find elsewhere on this site. See how graphs can be used in probability!

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GAMES & ACTIVITIES

How about printing this Survey and passing it out to your friends? Then collect the data and see what results you get!

Explore Your Knowledge - How's your Math/Science knowledge? What are the results from around the world based on the same questions at the 4th and 8th grade levels?

These questions are from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and the Civic Education Study (CivEd).

What Are Your Chances - Ever wonder how often an event might happen? Try What Are Your Chances? Gain a little knowledge about probability.

Mathematicians Are People 2 - Take a Quiz and find out which famous mathematician most interests you.

Mascot Matching Game - Play the Mascot Matching Game and match the mascot to the University to which you think the mascot belongs.

Math Teaser Challenge - A great way to test your math/statistics skills with some fun and interesting questions. Every month we will give you a math/statistics brain teaser that lets you test your knowledge with a fun problem.

Technology School/Home Quiz- Test your smarts about education in the U.S. and around the world by taking an interesting quiz.

Word Search – Are you good at Word Search puzzles? Come here and search for education and statistical terms in an online word search.

Get Ready to Color - Choose a color from the palette by clicking on it, then click on the area in the picture that you want colored with that color. When you finish coloring *this* picture, click on the arrow button next to the colors at the bottom to color another picture

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OTHER GOOD STUFF

Fun Facts Featured – Review fun facts collected by NCES on Assessments, Early Childhood, Elementary & Secondary, International Education, Libraries, and Post Secondary

Word of the Day – Vocabulary builder. Learn something new in a flash.

New Education Data - recent NCES publications links take you to the NCES site where you can browse through a provocative publication.

Glossary - will help you better understand some of the words and concepts found on this website.

Fun with Surveys - NCES conducts surveys with schools, organizations and individuals all over the country. After collecting the information we analyze the results and make the information available. Data collections are done by mail, phone, and via the Web. The questions below come from many NCES surveys. Read the questions, select your answer, and click on the "Evaluate Answers" button at the end to see your score!

Who Is NCES – Explains the National Center for Education Statistics

Parents Corner - provides access to current publications by NCES. In addition, we have provided some useful links that can be found both on the NCES Students' Classroom and on the general NCES website.

Department of Education Official Seal – Learn about the seal and read about the current U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings

Art Within Math - Watch this short video and try to identify the location of the sculptures. Then see how art and these sculptures relate to the science of mathematics. (Hint, they're all somewhere in Washington, DC!)

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CRUNCH - An Online Magazine for Students to Share Ideas and Opinions

Crunchy What?

CRUNCH is an online magazine, just waiting for you, our student writers, to fill its pages. We accept feature articles, art and technology reviews, and creative writing. (In each area of submission, students are invited to explore NAEP data related to their area of interest.)

Mission

CRUNCH is meant to provide a forum for student-created content; we invite you to challenge yourselves, explore ideas in new ways, and have fun doing so! CRUNCH editors provide the parameters (fancy word for guidelines) for submission and review everything sent in before choosing the most well written and/or provocative (fancy word for thoughtful or deep) pieces. We are always interested in feedback (reactions and suggestions) from our writers and readers.

Who knows? Maybe we'll see you get involved in contemporary education issues, arts, and technology, all the while gaining confidence and expertise by practicing writing and analysis skills. Maybe CRUNCH can even be your first online publishing experience? Not bad at all.

How to Submit

We can't exactly promise glamour, but we can help make you a published writer. Here's the skinny on how you should submit something for publication. There are four areas that you can choose from when submitting to CRUNCH:

- Feature submission: 50-200 words
- Arts Review: 50-150 words
- Technology Review: 50-150 words
- Show-off submission: 50-250 words

When submitting something for CRUNCH please follow these steps:

- Click on the Submit button (which can be found in each section).
- Select an area of the magazine from the pull-down menu.
- Select a User Name. This can be anything you like. Do not supply your real name (and please never include your last name). Instead use a nickname or some made-up name.
- Tell us your age.
- If you would like people to know what City you live in you can tell us that as well.

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- Provide us with what you have written. This can be done by either keying in all of the information in the space provided, or copying and then pasting what you have already written (which you might have in a word processing program such as WORD or WORD PERFECT) into the space provided. The way that you copy and then paste something is almost identical for Mac and PC users. First you highlight the text you want to copy. Then you select either the "apple key" (Mac) or the CONTROL key (PC) and hit the letter "C" (for copy). You then go to where you want to paste the text and select either the "apple key" (Mac) or the CONTROL key (PC) and hit the letter "V" (for view). It's as easy as that.
- Finally, just hit the submit button and your submission will be on its way. You will then get a message thanking you for your submission. That's all there is to it. Feel free to submit as many things as you wish as often as you like and tell your friends and family members as well. We promise that we will read them all. However, we can't promise that we will publish everything as we do get more submissions than we have room for in CRUNCH. One more thing, before anything is published it does go through two edit stages. We can't wait to read all of the things you have to write about.

Arts Review

Choose a book, CD, concert, art show, movie, tv show, or anything else and explain why others should read, listen to, view, or experience the particular item that you are writing about. Please make an effort to not submit reviews of CDs that contain obscene lyrics, profanity, or hate language. (Hint: try to avoid overusing general terms such as "interesting" and "good" and instead show what you mean when you use the terms; in other words, be specific and colorful.) Keep the word count to between 50 - 150 words.

If you want to read about education in the Arts, you might want to look at The Arts section of the Nations Report Card.

Tech Review

Choose a newly released computer game, a new version of a previous version of a game or software, or a new technology (such as DVD, global positioning systems, computers, new software, whatever is new!). Explain why others need to know about the technology that you are reviewing. Talk about how you are using it and how it has changed the way you do things. (Hint: pretend that you are writing for a person who will have no idea what you are talking about; don't assume that the reader will be able to just figure out references that you make to other games or software.) The total word count should be between 50 - 150 words.

By the way, you might be interested in looking over a [glossary of technology terms](#) to help you out. Or perhaps you would like to try your hand at a [Technology Quiz](#) about schools.

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Show Off

If you write poetry, or tried your hand at other forms of creative writing (for example fiction or comedy) simply send it in! We'll look it over and publish your pieces so that others may read them. The total word count for the poem or creative writing should be between 50 - 250 words.

Challenge

Every month we will give you a math/statistics brain teaser that lets you test your knowledge with a fun problem.

NCES Reports

Offers information of interest from published NAEP reports that cover all aspects of U.S. education, including trends in enrollments, student achievement, dropout rates, degree attainment, long-term outcomes of education, and education financing.

HELP

What Is This? - Explains NCES and its purpose.

Tech Tips - Read our tips if you'd like help optimally viewing our site and others and exploring links to some useful downloads, tools, and resources.

Optimizing with browsers
Pathway to better resolution
Start your surfing with us
Flash
Video and Audio Standards
Download some timesaving tools

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

Site Organization (*next page*)

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If you're looking for something on our site, your first stop should be our site index. All of our offerings are there. A quick categorization is as follows:

Information about schools, colleges, and libraries:

- [Find Your School](#)
- [College Search](#)
- [Find Your Library](#)

The NCES student magazine:

- [CRUNCH](#)

Tools:

- [Create a Graph](#)
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Challenges

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