

U.S. Department of Education Interagency Agreements (IAAs) Overview

As of March 2026, **the Department of Education (ED) has signed 10 IAAs with five federal agencies.** These agreements represent significant **restructuring** of federal education administration, shifting operational responsibility from ED to other federal agencies.

What This Means for Institutions:

- ✔ **Grant applications and payments** for transferred programs are moving to different agency systems as awards will be administered through their grants management systems rather than traditional ED processes
- ✔ Institutions may expect new points of contact for compliance and monitoring as receiving agencies assume **more operational responsibilities** previously held by ED
- ✔ The **\$1.7 trillion federal student loan portfolio** is transitioning to the Department of the Treasury through a **three-phase process**: defaulted loan collections, administrative servicing of non-defaulted debt, and programmatic policy and student financial assistance (including FAFSA administration)
- ✔ Programs not currently included in any IAA **may be subject to future transfers** as implementation evolves

ED Office and Program Transfer Summary:

IAA Title	ED Office	Programs/Functions Transferred	Receiving Agency
Postsecondary Education Partnership	Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)	Higher education grants including TRIO programs, GEAR UP, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, HBCU grants, Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	DOL
Workforce Development Partnership	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education	Career and Technical Education programs; Adult Education and Family Literacy programs	DOL
Elementary and Secondary Education Partnership	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)	K-12 grants supporting teaching and learning	DOL
Federal Student Assistance Partnership	Office of Federal Student Aid	Federal student loan portfolio (~\$1.7 trillion); initial phase covers defaulted loan collections; future phases expected to include non-defaulted loan servicing, FAFSA, and institutional eligibility	Treasury
Child Care Access Means Parents in School Partnership	OPE	Child Care Access Means Parents in School program	HHS
The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation	OPE	Medical subject matter expertise to support reviews of foreign medical education accreditation standards	HHS
Family Engagement and School Support Partnership	OESE	School safety/security and mental health grants that support family engagement centers	HHS
Indian Education Partnership	OESE / OPE / Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Indian Education programs for Native students and tribal college grants	DOI
Section 117 Partnership	Office of the General Counsel	Foreign gift and contract reporting as required of higher education institutions under Section 117 of the Higher Education Act	State
International Education and Foreign Language Studies Partnership	OPE — International Programs	Fulbright and Hays Program grants; Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships; International Research and Studies Program	State