

IMPORTANT UPDATES regarding federal education policy, FAFSA batch correction processing, and financial aid GE/FVT reporting deadlines.

Secretary McMahon's Vision for ED

Secretary of Education Linda McMahon has outlined a bold vision for the Department of Education (ED), emphasizing reduced federal oversight and a shift toward state control. She discussed further in her speech on March 3rd 2025. Here are some key takeaways:

- **Dismantling Bureaucratic Oversight:** Commitment to reducing federal intervention and streamlining governance.
- **State Control & Parental Choice:** Prioritizing state-led education oversight and increased parental decision-making power.
- **Focus on Workforce Outcomes:** Aligning postsecondary education with job market demands for measurable student benefits.

Potential Impact on Financial Aid: While details remain unclear, possible changes to federal aid policies may emerge as the administration evaluates ED's budget, staffing, and operations.

Read more: [NASFAA: 'Our Department's Final Mission' – McMahon Outlines Vision for ED](#) | [Linda McMahon Secretary of Education Email to ED](#)

FAFSA Batch Corrections Now Live

The Department of Education (ED) has launched batch corrections processing for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 FAFSA cycles following a successful beta testing phase. This is the first time batch corrections have been available since FAFSA Simplification was implemented.

- **Batch Processing Began: February 27 at 12:01 p.m. ET**—any files submitted before this were cleared and not processed.
- **Beta Testing Success:** ED processed 16 batch files covering 200+ records across both award years.
- **Guidance for Institutions:**
 - Batch correction procedures differ from the legacy Central Processing System (CPS).
 - Refer to [Volume 3](#) & [Volume 5](#) of the 2025-26 FAFSA Specifications Guide for tips and troubleshooting.

ISIR Processing Update:

- Some ISIRs were issued with blank Student Aid Indexes (SAIs) and "No Reject" codes.
- Schools do not need to take action—ED is addressing the issue by assigning Reject Code 68 & Comment Code 329, followed by reprocessing.

- Updated ISIRs will include calculated SAIs once the fix is implemented.

Read more: [NASFAA: ED Begins Processing FAFSA Batch Corrections](#)

GE/FVT Reporting Deadline Extended to September 30, 2025

ED has extended the Gainful Employment (GE) and Financial Value Transparency (FVT) reporting deadline again, to September 30, 2025.

- **New Deadline:** September 30, 2025, allowing institutions more time to submit or revise GE/FVT data.
- **Reasons for Extension:**
 - Ongoing technical and operational issues in the reporting process.
 - Submission challenges and errors due to ED processing delays.
- **Impact on Institutions:**
 - Previously submitted Completers Lists reverted to draft status in NSLDS on February 17, 2025, for corrections.
 - Institutions can review and fix inaccuracies in reported data.
 - As a result of technical and operational fixes ED is still working to resolve with the GE/FVT reporting process, ED will not produce any GE/FVT metrics prior to September 30, and will “take no enforcement or other punitive actions” against institutions.

Read more: [NASFAA: ED Extends GE/FVT Institutional Reporting Deadline](#)

CASFAA encourages members to stay informed and access available resources as necessary, we will continue to monitor these developments as they arise.

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