

# Education NEWS & NOTES

## A “Treasure Chest” Of Education Information

(NAPSA)—Press a few keys on your computer, [www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.nces.ed.gov), and you can open a treasure chest of education statistics. For example, you can learn that:

- The number of violent crimes in schools went down between 1995 and 1999.

- The number of people going to college will increase 20 percent between now and 2011.

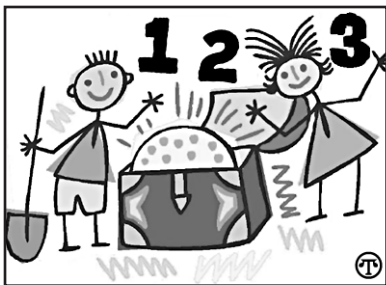
- Finland had the highest average reading scores—higher than the U.S.—among the many countries whose students were tested in the year 2000.

This information is from the Web site of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) at the U.S. Department of Education. Going to this site will introduce you to nearly 1,700 publications and statistical products. It features a “Did You Know?” education facts section, a “Students’ Classroom,” a sign-up subscription for e-mail alerts about new products and help pages to make your visit easier.

Try visiting the NCES Web site if:

- Your family is moving to a new town and you want information about the city’s schools;

- Your child would like to play a game that will teach how and why probability works; or



**Go to [www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.nces.ed.gov) for statistics about education in America.**

- You need information about colleges.

The COOL page (College Opportunities OnLine), for example, is a special feature of the site that has up-to-date information on over 9,000 U.S. colleges and universities. If you need information about a large university, a small liberal arts college, a specialized school, a community, career, or technical college or a trade school, COOL can help.

Reliable education statistics can help you make good decisions about education. The U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics has a wealth of information that you can use for both learning and teaching. Open the treasure chest at [www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.nces.ed.gov) and see what you find.