

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO STOP Education Fraud



The U.S. Department of Education (ED) administers hundreds of programs and disburses billions of dollars each year to State and local educational agencies, schools, and organizations and entities to help educate our nation's students. But each year, criminals target these programs, including special education, vocational rehabilitation, adult education, and Title I funds to school districts serving low-income families. ***These bad actors abuse ED programs and intentionally misuse and embezzle ED funds aimed at helping students, schools, and teachers.*** When it comes to education fraud, know that you have a partner to help fight and stop these types of crimes—the U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General.

What Can Federal Education Fraud Look Like?

- 🚩 Missing school funds or property
- 🚩 Irregularities in contracts or undue influence by decision-makers
- 🚩 Grant funds that inexplicably run out too quickly

Free Resources to Help You Identify and Report Fraud to the OIG

We have a number of FREE resources available on the ED OIG website, oig.ed.gov, to help you identify and report fraud to the OIG so together we can stop it!

- **Free Virtual Trainings** for an overview of Federal education fraud and how to spot it and report it.
- **Free One-on-One Meetings** with us to discuss any specific concerns you may have about Federal education fraud.
- **Free Fraud Indicator Materials** with helpful tips on identifying and reporting suspicions of fraud or other criminal activity involving Federal education funds.

- 🚩 Persistent issues with internal controls
- 🚩 Suspicious vendors, "ghost" employees or students
- 🚩 Altered, inadequate, or missing documentation

About the Office of Inspector General (OIG)

The OIG is the independent statutory entity within ED, working to ensure Federal education funds are used as required and reach the intended recipients. This includes investigating misuse, theft, fraud, and other civil and criminal activity involving ED programs and funds. These law enforcement efforts are carried out by the OIG's Investigation Services component.

About OIG Investiagtion Services

Our law enforcement professionals are equipped with decades of experience in conducting education-related investigations and stopping education-focused fraud schemes.

We Need and Rely on Your Help!

As someone on the front line in distributing and spending Federal education funds, you are our eyes and ears—you can help us identify and stop fraud!

Contact Us



You can reach us via the regional investigative office closest to you.
<https://oig.ed.gov/contact/regional-offices>



You can also report suspicions or allegations of fraud directly to our online Hotline Portal.
oighotline.ed.gov



Don't be afraid to report your suspicions of fraud to the OIG! Learn about whistleblower protections.
<https://oig.ed.gov/resources/>

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