

Peggy G. Carr was appointed to a six-year term as Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, in 2021. Her term was set to expire in June 2027.

Dr. Carr formerly served as Associate Commissioner of the Assessment Division for NCES, a role she held for nearly 20 years. In that role, she was responsible for national and international large-scale assessments, and most notably, managed the administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Most recently, she oversaw the transformational transition of NAEP from paper and pencil assessments to digital-based ones.

Prior to NCES, Dr. Carr served as the Chief Statistician for the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Carr is a published researcher in the field of student achievement and equity. She has over a decade of experience teaching graduate-level courses in statistics and research methodology. She holds a B.S. from North Carolina Central University; and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Howard University.

Her public service has been widely recognized, which includes receiving the American

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Meritorious Executive Rank Award in 2008.

The citation for her AERA Distinguished Public Service Award read:

Dr. Peggy Carr, Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), has been a leading voice for data integrity, fairness, and equity in the curation and dissemination of education data. Throughout her longstanding federal government service, she has lent her expertise in statistics and measurement to drive innovation in data collection and assessment within the U.S. and globally. At NCES, she has led efforts to transform the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to adapt