

Appendix B - XML Schema

An XML Schema specifies the rules surrounding the logical structure of an XML document. It is an application that describes the allowed content of documents. It defines the elements present in the document and the order in which they appear, as well as any attributes that may be associated with an element.

To support the open standards proven effective in the development of the Common Record, the Office of Student Financial Assistance is making the XML Schemas for the Common Record available electronically to all interested parties. Whether a school, a software provider, or a third party servicer is using it for product development to support COD or any student financial resource trading partner interested in incorporating the Common Record into their products and services, the updated schema is available around the middle of November 2001 at SFA's website:

- <http://ifap.ed.gov>