



TEACH GRANT AND COD UPDATES

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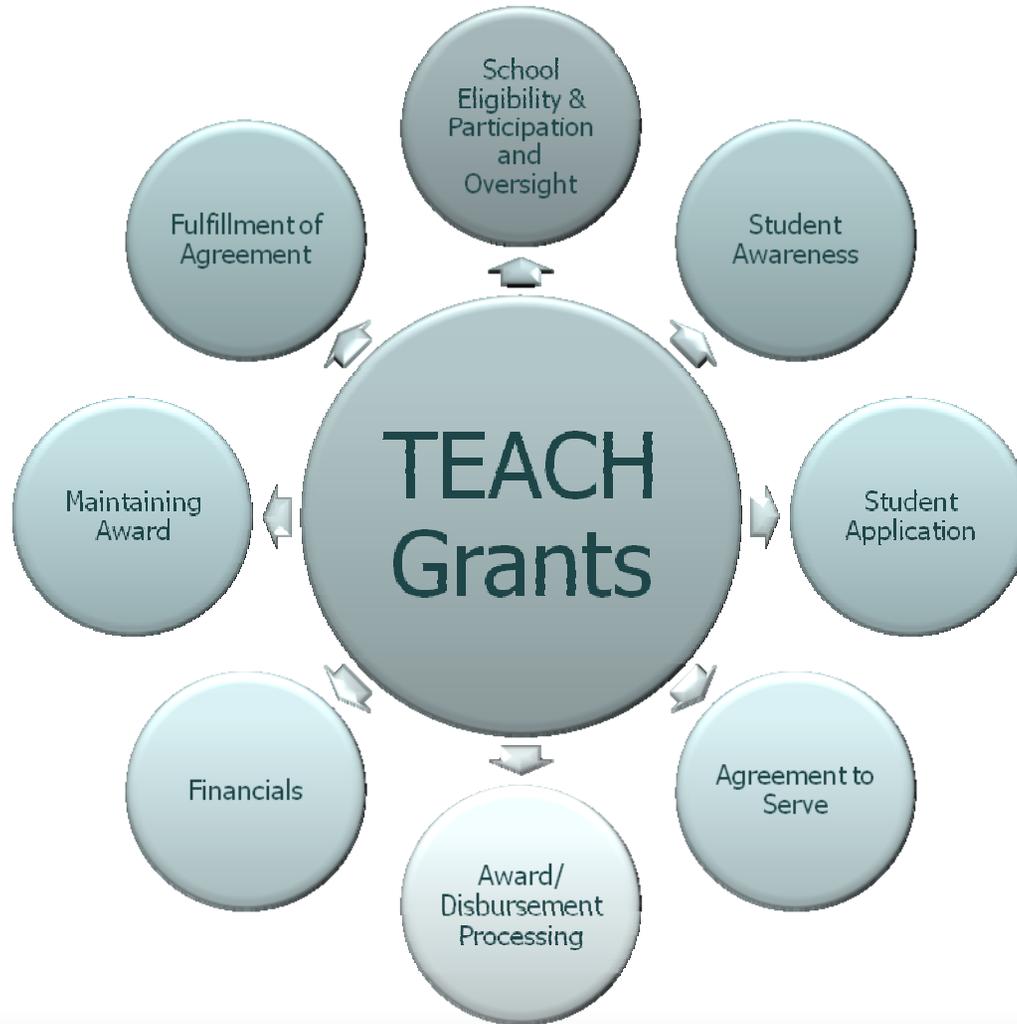
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TEACH Grant Program Background



- College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA), Pub.L. 110-84
 - Enacted September 27, 2007
 - Established TEACH Grant Program effective 2008-09
- TEACH Grant Program
 - Provides up to \$4,000 per academic year
 - Institution has the option to participate in the TEACH Grant Program
 - Students who plan on becoming teachers and meet certain additional requirements
 - Requires repayment as Direct Unsubsidized Loan if specified teaching requirement is not met



Student Application 2008-2009



For 08/09 **and 09/10**, students will apply via FAFSA.

- **January 1, 2008** - One question added to FAFSA on the Web (FOTW) regarding students intent to teach. Response stored in CPS database.

Info About You (the Student)

Are you planning on completing coursework, now or in the future, necessary for you to become an elementary or secondary school teacher?

A "YES" response will inform your school that you may be interested in a new Federal aid program for students who meet certain conditions and plan on becoming teachers.

Select

Select
Yes
No

- **February 11, 2008** - New SAR Comment Code 281 for FAFSA on the Web Filers Who Answered "Yes"
- **May 5, 2008** - New SAR Comment Code 282 for Paper, FAA Access, and EDE Filers Who Were Not Presented With TEACH Grant Question

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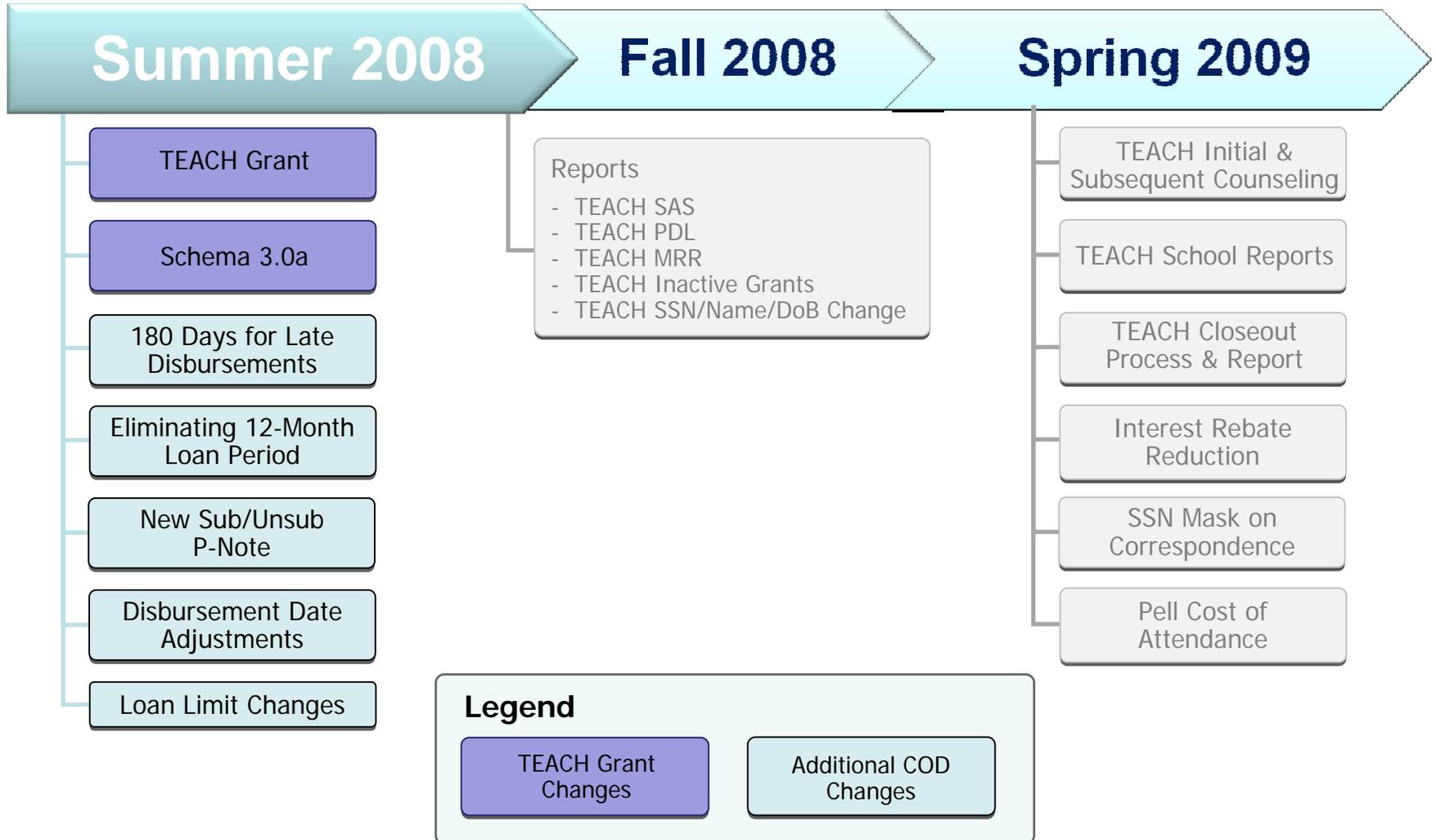
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2008-2009 COD Calendar





Release 7.1, implemented June 28, 2008, includes:

- TEACH Grant School Set up
- Batch and Web Processing for TEACH Grants
- Agreement to Serve (ATS) Web site
- TEACH Grant Award linking to ATS
- Funding level changes
- School funding data displayed on COD Web site
- Interface updates
- TEACH Grant Discharge Processing
- Student and School data displayed on COD Web site
- Critical school and FSA Reports





- School eligibility is defined in the DCL GEN-08-07
- Institutional choice whether to participate
- Eligible Schools wanting to award TEACH Grant must request to participate via eAPP
- Schools that request to participate will receive notification of approval or denial
- Institution must be approved to participate prior to awarding a TEACH Grant



- COD will process TEACH Grant awards and disbursements submitted by Title IV eligible schools
 - Loss of Title IV eligibility means loss of TEACH Grant eligibility
 - Loss of TEACH Grant eligibility does not affect Title IV Grant eligibility
 - Only main locations may submit records



Agreement To Serve



TEACH Grant Agreement To Serve (ATS) will explain the service obligation that must be fulfilled, the circumstances that will result in the TEACH Grant being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and, if the TEACH Grant is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, the terms and conditions associated with repaying the loan

- Only submitted electronically via the Agreement To Serve Web site.
- An ATS must be signed by the student before disbursing a TEACH Grant.
 - An ATS must be accepted on the COD System in order to allow actual disbursements to be accepted on COD for associated grants.
- Same ATS may be used by multiple schools



Agreement To Serve



- New Web site is being developed for ATS, accessible with Federal Student Aid PIN
- ATS Web site will include a TEACH Grant Fact Sheet that supplements the Initial and Subsequent counseling
- ATS Web site URL: www.teach-ats.ed.gov

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GO FURTHER
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SHOW HELP

1. School Info 2. Student Info 3. Review Draft 4. Submit ATS

Please enter your full name as you provided it on the most recent Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA that you submitted. Then, select the location of your school from the list. Based on information returned from the PIN site, we have filled in some of your personal information.

Warning: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form will be subject to penalties which may include fines, imprisonment, or both, under the U.S. Criminal Code and 20 U.S.C. 1097.

OMB No. 1845-0007
Form Approved
Exp. Date 03/31/2008

First Name:	Ginger
Middle Initial:	
Last Name:	Howell
SSN:	234-12-5467
DOB:	12/24/1979
School Location:	
School:	
School Year:	

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Agreement To Serve



- **Schools** will be able to search and view all ATS information via COD Web site
- ATS will be required each year a student is scheduled to receive a new TEACH Grant
 - No Master ATS
- ATS will be linked to Award ID for TEACH Grant
- COD will acknowledge completion of ATS and notify school
- ATS ID – 21-character ATS identifier similar to MPN ID

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- The COD System links an accepted TEACH Grant to a valid ATS using ALL of the following student data elements:
 - Current SSN
 - Current Date of Birth
 - First two characters of the first name
 - Award Year
- The COD System does not link an ATS to an award if the award amount equals zero.
 - When an award amount on an unlinked award is increased from zero, ATS linking process will be initiated



ATS Acknowledgement



- A Pending ATS is an accepted ATS, which cannot yet be linked with an award record (No accepted Origination record on file.)
- ATS Acknowledgements are sent to the school
- Schools may receive unsolicited ATS Acknowledgements

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Award and Disbursement Processing



- A TEACH Grant Award cannot be originated with an award amount equal to zero
- A school may originate more than one TEACH Grant award for the same student within an award year.
- The scheduled Award amount for a single award per academic year cannot exceed \$4000.
- The cumulative award amount for all TEACH Grant awards across all schools, across all grade levels, cannot exceed the maximum of \$8000 for a single award year
- Student level code can span multiple award years.
- The sum of the disbursement amounts must equal the award amount in order to originate the TEACH Grant award.

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Award and Disbursement Processing



- An eligible Citizenship Status is required to originate a TEACH Grant award on COD.
- TEACH Grant Award ID, the 21-character award identifier similar to Direct Loan, ACG, National SMART Grant Award ID
 - Must be unique on the COD System
 - Sequence Number (last 3 characters of the Award ID): Sequenced when there is more than 1 per award year

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- The COD System requires submission of all disbursement information when establishing a TEACH Grant award via the common record or COD Web site.
- The COD System compares the sum of the disbursements (anticipated and/or actual) to the Award Amount to verify they are equal



Award and Disbursement Processing



- No automatic correction process for TEACH Grants; records will be rejected
- TEACH Grants that become loans will not apply to Direct Loan annual or aggregate loan limits.
- No POP (Potential Over-award) process for TEACH Grants
- No Initial Current Funding Level (CFL); CFL is driven by actual accepted disbursements

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- The COD System will book a TEACH Grant Award when the following occur:
 - The TEACH Grant award amount is greater than \$0 and is accepted in COD; and
 - The TEACH Grant award is linked to an ATS; and
 - The TEACH Grant award has an initial disbursement that is accepted and applied in COD with disbursement date less than or equal to the Current Processing Date.
- Adjustments can be made after booking
- For TEACH Grant awards that are booked, the COD System will send Booking Notifications to the school



Message Classes and Schema



- The COD System will accept and return TEACH Grant data in new TEACH Grant-specific Message Classes implemented in this release
- All current, non-program specific Message Classes will be able to process TEACH Grant data.
- The COD System will begin to accept and process data from new XML Schema 3.0a
- Schema version 2.0e may still be used for Pell Grant, ACG, National SMART Grant, and Direct Loan
- Schema version 3.0a is required for TEACH Grant processing
- Beginning March 2009 schools must use the latest schema version

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TEACH Grant Maintenance



- Once a TEACH Grant books, it is transferred to Direct Loan Servicing
 - Servicing will send a welcome letter to the student
 - Servicing will send Quarterly Statement to student, which contains:
 - Status of TEACH Grant
 - Amount Owed if TEACH Grant becomes an Unsubsidized DL
 - Information on how to affirm commitment
 - Servicing will send TEACH Grant information to NSLDS
- Student may convert TEACH Grant to Unsubsidized DL

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Release 7.1, implemented July 2008, also includes:

- 180-Days for Late Disbursements
- Loan/Award Period Changes
- New DL Sub/Unsub MPN
- Revised DL PLUS MPN
- Disbursement Date Adjustments
- Loan Limit Changes



180 Days for Late Disbursements



The period for making a late disbursement is increased from 120 days to 180 days.

- School may make late disbursement of Title IV funds up to 180 days after student ceases to be enrolled at school for award year for which aid was intended, or, for FFEL or Direct Loan program loan, up to 180 days after date student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time for loan period.

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180 Days for Late Disbursements



- School does not need approval from Department to make late disbursement within 180-day period.
- Schools may no longer request approval from the Department to make a late disbursement beyond the late disbursement period.
- All current late disbursement requirements in 34 CFR 668.164(g)(2) continue to apply.

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Loan/Award Period Changes



- Loan period (Award Period in COD) may be up to 36 months long
 - COD now allows a difference of up to 36 months between Financial Award Year Begin and End Dates
 - COD now allows a difference of up to 36 months between Academic Year Start and End Dates
- Financial Award Year will still need to equal or fall within the Academic Year



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New Sub/Unsub MPN



- Effective July 2008:
 - New eMPN
 - Addendum removed
 - Borrowers Rights and Responsibilities incorporated
 - BRR is no longer an additional insert
- Print Specifications
 - No update because no change to form itself
 - Only changing legal text within document and related pages
- Direct Loan Bulletin will be forthcoming
- Updated based on CCRAA and Student Loan Act
- Paper MPN will be updated in a forthcoming release

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The CCRAA and Regulatory Changes of 2007 have changed the terms and conditions for Direct PLUS loans and these changes must be reflected on the PLUS MPN and Endorser Addendum.

- Implement the revised Direct Loan PLUS MPN and Endorser Addendum.
- This change will incorporate the legislative changes from College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (CCRAA) and regulatory changes into the Direct Loan PLUS MPN and Endorser Addendum.
- The revised MPN and Endorser Addendum documents will be implemented and the eMPN Web site will be updated with the changes.
- Changes as a result of the *Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008* (H.R. 5715) will be incorporated as an addendum.



Disbursement Date Adjustments



- Schools may submit an adjusted Disbursement Date at any time it is determined that the date originally provided does not accurately reflect when the disbursement was made
- COD will now allow a Disbursement Date change that is more than 120 days after the original disbursement date

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Loan Limit Changes



Grade Level	Subsidized Annual Limit	Total Subsidized/Unsubsidized Annual Limit	Additional Unsubsidized Annual Limit
0, 1	3,500	5,500	9,500
2	4,500	6,500	10,500
3	5,500	7,500	12,500

- Effective for Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008
- Total Subsidized/Unsubsidized Annual Limit applies to Dependent Students
 - Excluding students whose parents cannot borrow PLUS
- Additional Unsubsidized Annual Limit applies to Independent Students and dependent students whose parents cannot borrow PLUS

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Schema 3.0a

180 Days for Late Disbursements

Eliminating 12-Month Loan Period

New Sub/Unsub P-Note

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Reports

- TEACH Grant SAS
- TEACH Grant PDL
- TEACH Grant MRR
- TEACH Inactive Grants
- TEACH SSN/Name/DoB Change

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TEACH Grant Reports



Report Name	Sort	Frequency	SAIG			Web
			Preformatted	Comma Delimited	Fixed Length	Comma Delimited
Multiple Reporting Record (MRR)*	SSN	Daily			X	
Inactive Grant Report	Award ID	Monthly	X			X
Pending Disbursement Listing	Last Name	Weekly	X			X
School Account Statement (SAS)	SSN	Monthly		X		
SSN/Name/Date of Birth Change Report	SSN	Weekly (if Triggered by Change)	X			X

*TEACH Grant MRR is system generated only for concurrent enrollment

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Release 8.0, to be implemented March 2009, will include:

- Initial and Subsequent Counseling Processes for TEACH Grants
- TEACH Grant School Reports
- TEACH Grant Closeout Process and Report
- Interest Rebate Reduction
- Mask SSN on Correspondence
- Pell Cost of Attendance Change

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- The ATS Web site will allow authorized students to complete and submit annual Counseling for TEACH Grants
- Annual Counseling for TEACH Grants will be award year specific
- The ATS Web site will require a student to successfully complete annual Counseling for a TEACH Grant prior to submitting an ATS for an award year
 - For the first TEACH Grant award, the student is required to conduct Initial Counseling
 - For following TEACH Grant awards, the student is required to conduct Subsequent Counseling

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Beginning March 2009, the COD system will produce the following new TEACH Grant school reports/files:

- Data Request Functionality
 - TEACH Grant YTD
 - TEACH Grant MRR
- ATS Discharge Report



TEACH Grant Closeout Process



- The COD System will provide a closeout process for schools for the TEACH Grant Program
 - School considered closed once Latest Date to Accept Common Record has passed
 - School may request extended processing after award year has closed via Request Post Deadline/Extended Processing web page
- Balance Information Letter
 - Generated for schools that have TEACH Grant cash activity or NAPD for the award year
 - Sent on TEACH Grant Closeout Start Date

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Direct Loan Interest Rebate Reduction



The COD System will reduce the Interest Rebate Percent in parallel with Origination Fee Percent reductions for Direct Loan Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

- Earliest Disbursement Date will be used to confirm the appropriate Interest Rebate Percent was submitted with the loan, regardless of the award year
- Interest Rebate Percent may only be changed if the loan is inactive
- Authorized users may choose the Interest Rebate Percentage from a dropdown list based on the COD Web site
- PLUS Loan Origination Fee and Rebate percentages remain unchanged

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Mask SSN on Correspondence



The COD System shall mask borrower/student social security numbers on correspondence to students for non-legal documents.

- This will affect the first five characters of the SSN within the Award ID and MPN ID:

Sample MPN ID with Unmasked SSN

9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 M 0 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 0 0 1

Sample MPN ID with Masked SSN

X X X X X 9 9 9 9 M 0 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 0 0 1

Pell Cost of Attendance Field



- **Currently when the COD system receives a Pell correcting school's Common Record with no tag for the COA data field, the COD system:**
 - Places a default value of \$99,999.99 in the COA field
 - Returns a correcting edit 993 (Missing Value)
 - Accepts the Common Record
- **With this change the COD System will:**
 - Place a default value of \$99,999.99 in the COA field
 - Return a rejecting edit 994 (Missing Value)
 - Will reject the Common Record.

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School & Vendor Testing



- March 2008 (Release 7.0) Testing Concluded
- June 2008 (Release 7.1) Testing Schedule

Phase I	In Progress	Until 8/1/2008
Implementation	Completed	6/28/2008
Phase II	In Progress	Until 9/26/2008



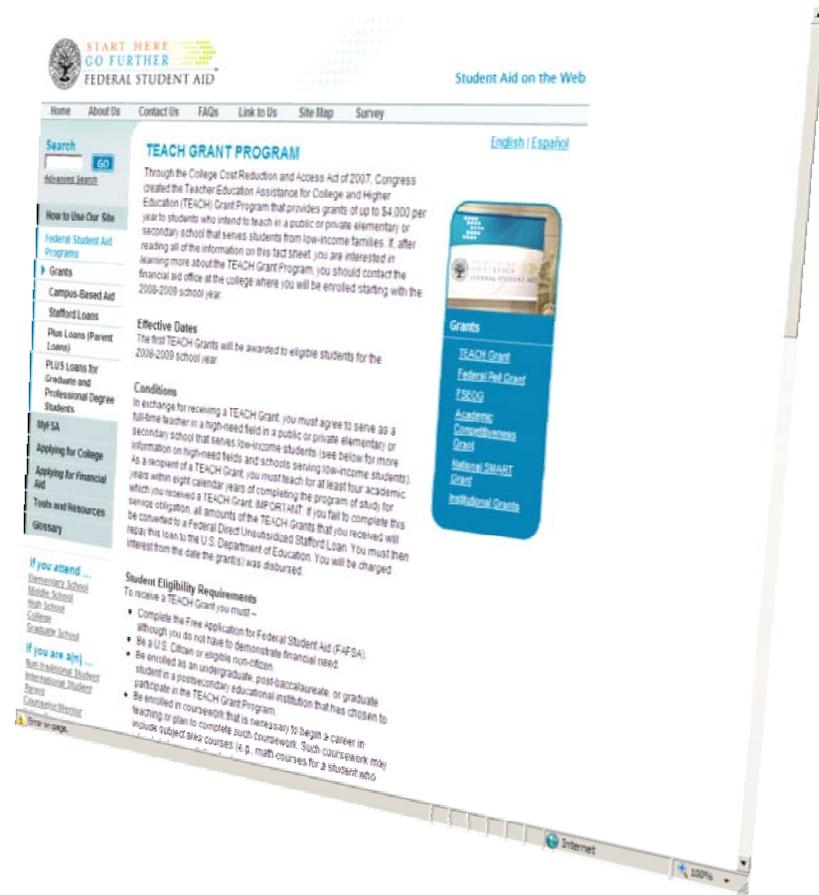


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- COD Technical Reference
 - 2008-2009 Updates (7/2008)
 - Combination System Supplement
 - 2009-2010 Draft (9/2008)
- TEACH Grant Program
Web site has been developed and is available at www.teachgrant.ed.gov





- 12/21/2007 - New TEACH Grant Program Question Will Be Added to 2008-2009 FAFSA on the Web
- 02/05/2008 - New 2008-2009 SAR Comments for TEACH Grant Program
- 02/11/2008 - 2008-2009 ISIR Reprocessing on February 15, 2008 to Add TEACH Grant Comment Code 281
- 03/07/2008 - Upcoming SAIG Message Class File Update
- 03/11/2008 - COD Common Record XML Version 3.0a
- 04/09/2008 - TEACH Grant Operational Implementation Overview
- 04/24/2008 - COD CCRAA School Testing for 2008-2009 Award Year
- 05/01/2008 - Implementation of TEACH Grant Comment Code 282 and the TEACH Grant Fact Sheet With Paper SARs and SAR Acknowledgements on May 5, 2008

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QUESTIONS

