

Still reporting from data you don't fully trust?

Striving toward IPEDS, FERPA and Title IV compliance?

Critical academic funding is at risk from expanded reporting requirements. You can't report what you can't trace and affirm. Most student data is scattered across siloed systems, ungoverned and undefined — sometimes even unstructured and unsecure.

Institutional Research, Finance, Financial Aid and HR teams often work from different versions of the same data, with no shared definitions, no lineage and no audit trail.

Institutions have invested heavily in ERP and Student Information Systems (SIS) platforms. Yet the student data governance layer remains unresolved.

Overcoming the compliance gap: Where the reporting risk lives

- Student records fragmented across SIS, LMS, ERP and financial aid platforms
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII) buried in shared drives and legacy repositories
- No single, agreed-upon definition of “enrolled student,” “completer,” or “Title IV recipient”
- Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) survey fields mapped manually, with no documented lineage back to source systems and records

Trusted data governance is critical as a foundation for IPEDS accuracy, FERPA compliance and Title IV eligibility

- Define and standardize data terms across every reporting domain
- Map IPEDS survey fields directly to governed, authoritative data sources
- Control access to student Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in accordance with FERPA requirements
- Maintain a clean audit trail for every submission and data access event

You can't submit accurate IPEDS data from sources you haven't cataloged.

You can't protect student records you haven't governed.

The gap between compliance intent and compliance reality is often a data governance problem.

- IPEDS keyholder teams pulling numbers from ungoverned, undocumented sources
- FERPA breaches stemming from over-permissioned access to student PII
- Title IV eligibility findings triggered by inconsistent enrollment and financial aid data
- No repeatable, auditable process — every reporting cycle starts from scratch

Collibra Higher Education solution

- **Complete data inventory across the student data estate:** SIS, ERP, financial aid, HR, and research systems — surfaced, cataloged and kept current without manual effort
- **Student PII classified before it causes exposure:** FERPA-protected records and sensitive financial data identified, tagged and access-controlled at scale — without manual classification projects
- **IPEDS reporting grounded in governed data:** Survey components mapped directly to certified, documented data sources with full lineage — so keyholder teams submit with confidence, not hope
- **Policy enforcement, not just good intentions:** Data access policies, retention schedules, and stewardship roles defined in Collibra and applied consistently across every campus system

Key outcomes

IPEDS submissions you can defend

Every survey field traces back to a cataloged, governed source. Business definitions are agreed upon and documented. Lineage is visible. When the NCES asks a question — or when an auditor does — you have an answer.

FERPA compliance-ready

Student PII is identified wherever it lives. Access is controlled, logged, and auditable. Third-party vendor data sharing is documented and policy-governed — reducing breach risk and federal funding exposure.

Title IV eligibility, protected

Enrollment, financial aid, and completion data is consistently defined, reconciled across systems, and traceable to source — so your Program Participation Agreement remains on a solid foundation.

Collibra Data Platform offers context and control

Discover and catalog structured and unstructured data across your institution. Connect to SIS platforms (Banner, Workday, Colleague, PeopleSoft), cloud data warehouses, LMS (Blackboard and Canvas) and shared drives. Apply data quality rules, assign stewardship roles, and monitor data health — continuously — so your reporting catalog stays current, and you have a single source of truth.



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