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- “The federal government has mandated that every state collect personal student information in the form of Student Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS’s), in which the personal information for each child is compiled and tracked from birth onwards...”
- “Though the federal government is barred by law from creating a national student database, the U.S. Department of Education has evaded this restriction by means of several strategies, including funding multi-state databases, which would have been illegal before FERPA was rewritten by the Department in 2011.”
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- “The two Common Core testing multi-state consortia funded by the federal government, PARCC and SBAC, are accumulating a huge amount of personal student data across state lines, and potentially sharing that information with other third parties. PARCC released a very porous privacy policy last year; SBAC has so far refused to provide any privacy policy...”

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