

Biography – Frances W. Hopkins

Frances W. Hopkins is the Director of the President's Education Awards Program (PEAP) at the U.S. Department of Education. In this capacity, Ms. Hopkins oversees the only recognition program within the agency that partners with America's educators to honor graduating elementary, middle and high school students for their achievement and hard work. Since 1983, PEAP has proudly partnered with NAESP, with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and with principals, teachers and other staff in public and non-public schools across the United States. Each year through the program, nearly 2.25 million students receive certificates and letters of commendation signed by the President and the U.S. Secretary of Education. Throughout her 28-year career at the Department of Education, Ms. Hopkins has focused on providing outreach and service to the public, advancing education improvement efforts, and administering programs that celebrate the nation's many notable schools and students.