

## Climate Adaptation Plan

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**C**limate change impacts on students, families, schools, and communities across the country are present, severe, and worsening. Pathways through which climate change affects student achievement include school closures due to extreme weather or unsafe conditions, poor environmental conditions within schools that impede learning, students' own personal health and safety, increased social and emotional anxiety related to climate change and extreme weather events, and increased migration and economic disruption for households and communities.

In September 2021, the Department released a new **FY 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan**. With this new plan, the Department acknowledges that climate change is affecting the Department's mission and the need for comprehensive and urgent action to promote adaptation and resilience through the Department's programs and operations. This plan builds on the lessons learned from the Department's past sustainability action plans, climate change adaptation plans, and environmental justice plans to offer new actions that the Department can undertake to better adapt to climate change and develop agency resilience and resilience across the nation's schools.