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The publication of "Handbook of Cumulative Records," Bulletin 1944, No. 5, was announced today by the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency.

The new publication is the report of the National Committee on Cumulative Records, appointed by the U. S. Office of Education. The bulletin was prepared on the basis of the Committee's experience with the use of cumulative records in schools, a review of literature on the subject, and two conferences of the Committee, of which Dr. David Segel is Chairman, called by the U. S. Office of Education.

Chapter I of the Bulletin presents the results of a Nation-wide survey of the various types of cumulative-record systems used, together with general recommendations regarding items which school systems might find useful. Chapter II gives the general principles which justify the keeping of such records. Chapters III and IV tell of specific uses of records for elementary schools and high schools. Other chapters deal with various phases such as test scores, advising with parents, student follow-up, records of placement of students in jobs, and types of unique uses of cumulative records. Each chapter was written by a member of the National Committee.

As stated in the foreword, "The impact of war has shown the need for cumulative records by its sudden demands for the training and placement of teen-age persons. Actually, need for such records has been there all the time. During war times the need for information about large numbers of persons is immediate and the best condition to satisfy such a need is the cumulative record."

✓ "Handbook of Cumulative Records" may be obtained by purchase for 20 cents a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.



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