

EDUCATION

Description:	Highest level of schooling a person has completed	
Allowable Values:	0, 1*, 1-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9, 10, 11, 12*, 13*, 13-16*, V, A, B, M, P, D	
Length:	6	
Format:	AN	
Codes:	No schooling completed	0
	Nursery school	1*
	1, 2, 3, or 4th grade	1-4
	5th or 6th grade	5-6
	7th or 8th grade	7-8
	9th grade	9
	10th grade	10
	11th grade	11
	12th grade, no diploma	12*
	High school graduate	12
	Some college credit, but less than 1yr	13*
	1 or more years of college, no degree	13-16*
	Occupational/vocational degree	V
	Associate degree, academic program	A
	Bachelor's degree	B
	Master's degree	M
	Professional degree	P
	Doctoral degree	D

Notes: If the value of the education level data element is missing or does not adhere to the CIPHER standard, the data element may be noted as blank to indicate a missing value. Although the above-noted categories are consistent

with categories supported by other standards organizations, CIPHER also supports the concept of allowing for flexibility in education level categories both at collection time (data input) and at analysis time (data output). Such flexibility benefits those programs that require slightly different categories based on their particular needs. Programs can choose categories that more narrowly define the CIPHER-supplied categories. For example, a program may wish to define categories ' 1' (1st grade), ' 2' (2nd grade), ' 3' (3 rd grade), and ' 4' (4th grade), all of which can roll into the larger CIPHER-defined category of ' 1-4' (1st, 2nd, 3 rd, or 4th grade)."

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