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Michael Hawes is the director of the Student Privacy Policy and Assistance Division (SPPAD) for the U.S. Department of Education. SPPAD is responsible for developing policy and guidance on long-standing and emerging student privacy policy issues. SPPAD also provides general and targeted technical assistance to educational agencies and institutions, and the broader education community, on issues relating to statutory and regulatory compliance, as well as best practices for protecting student privacy beyond compliance with federal requirements.

Prior to becoming the director of Student Privacy Policy, Mr. Hawes served for 5 years as the Department's statistical privacy advisor, advising the chief privacy officer and senior leadership on issues relating to data privacy, data governance, and statistical disclosure limitation. Before joining the Department, Mr. Hawes served as a statistician and policy analyst for the U.S. Census Bureau, focusing on data stewardship and data management. He is a statistician, a Project Management Institute-certified Project Management Professional, and a Certified Information Privacy Professional/Government.