Education Gets Small Increase for FY 2021: Still $7 Billion Below 2011 Level in Inflation-Adjusted Terms

(Department of Education Discretionary Funding in Billions of Dollars)

2017, 2019, 2020, & 2021 Senate and Final bill totals reflect rescissions of Pell Grant funds
Education COVID-Relief Funding for 2021 is Much Less than House and Senate Had Supported

Billions of Dollars for Department of Education

- CARES ACT (enacted March 2020): $30.9
- Heroes Act #1 (House-passed): $100.2
- Heroes Act #2 (House-passed): $105.1
- HEALS Act (Senate proposed): $225.0
- 2021 Relief (enacted Dec. 2020): $81.9
Education Coronavirus Relief Just Slightly Above Education Support after 2008 Recession

(Department of Education Discretionary Funding in Billions of Dollars)

![Bar chart showing Department of Education Discretionary Funding from 2009 to 2021. Regular ED Funding is shown in yellow, and Emergency Relief (2009 Recovery Act & 2010 Ed Jobs, 2020 CARES Act & 2021 COVID relief) is shown in green. The chart indicates that 2017, 2019, 2020, & 2021 totals reflect rescissions of Pell Grant funds.]


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In 2019, 12 States Still Provided Less Education Funding than Before the 2008 Recession

Percent change in state formula funding* per student, inflation adjusted, fiscal years 2008-2019

Texas
Oklahoma
Alabama
Kentucky
Kansas
Michigan
West Virginia
Utah
North Carolina
Arizona
Mississippi
Idaho

SOURCE: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | CBPP.ORG
Education Accounts for Less Than 2% of All Federal Spending

2021 President's Budget Outlays by Category

- Defense Discretionary
- Non-Defense Discretionary - excluding education
- NDD - just education
- Mandatory - Social Security
- Other Mandatory
- Mandatory - Net Interest

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SOURCE: CEF based on FY2021 OMB Budget
Increasing Federal Funding for Public K-12 Education is One of Americans’ Highest Priorities

Percentage Saying it is an "Extremely Important Priority" to Increase Funding for the Following:

- Public K-12 Education: 73%
- Infrastructure: 79%
- Environment/Climate Change: 69%
- Defense: 53%

Source: POLITICO/Harvard poll conducted December 4-9, 2018
Federal Funding Has Been Flat for Years Across Education Continuum

(Discretionary nominal dollars, in billions)

Elementary and Secondary Education

Post Secondary Education

Career and Adult Education

Other (includes student loan administration)
Special Education: Federal Share Falling Further Below “Full Funding” Even as Dollars Increase, Compounding Cost Burden to State and Local Budgets

Federal “Full Funding” would cover 40% of excess cost of educating children with disabilities

Source: CRS and ED funding history
Maximum Pell Grant No Longer Covers Much of Average Cost of College

Source: College Board “Trends in College Pricing 2020,” and ED