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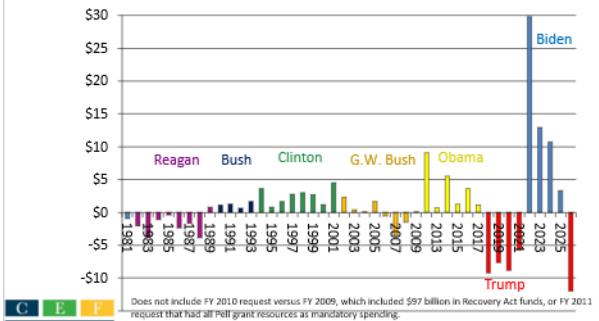
The Trump Administration's five budgets requested the steepest cuts in education funding and oversight that have ever been proposed, with cuts across the education continuum. Congress largely ignored the first four budgets, but since then the House Appropriations Committee has approved education funding proposals for fiscal year (FY) 2024 and 2025 that included even deeper cuts – cuts that have not been enacted, but all provide an outline of what might be ahead for education for FY 2026 and beyond.

The Trump budgets proposed to eliminate whole programs – the complete list starts below – and to steeply cut other investments in education. The FY 2026 budget consolidates most elementary and secondary education programs except for special education and Title I into one block-grant to states and slashes total funding by 69% (\$4.5 billion), which would have eliminated the intent of Congress to focus federal funding to fill gaps where state and local funding was not sufficient. The Trump budgets all eliminated three of the big K-12 programs (to train teachers and school leaders, to provide afterschool programs, and the block grant that consolidated many smaller programs in the 2016 K-12 reauthorization), and many smaller K-12 programs. In higher education, the budgets had steep cuts to student aid and institutional support.

CEF is urging Congress to follow the public's wishes to [support more education funding](#) by strengthening support for education rather than enacting harmful cuts that will undermine the nation's future.

President's FY 2026 Budget Requests Huge Cut in Education Funding

Requested change in Dept. of Education regular discretionary funding vs. prior year, in billions



Source: Department of Education 2026 request and budget history tables

Education programs proposed for elimination in President Trump's budget requests

Dollar amount of program proposed for elimination in billions, listed by size of cut

| | Fiscal year | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2026 |
|--|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Title II - Supporting effective instruction state grants (\$2.29 billion in 2025). | | -2.056 | -2.056 | -2.056 | * | ** |
| Title IV-A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (\$1.38 B) | | -0.400 | -1.100 | -1.170 | * | ** |
| 21st century community learning centers (\$1.33 billion in 2025) | | -1.192 | -1.212 | -1.222 | * | ** |
| TRIO programs | | | | | | -1.191 |
| Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants | | -0.733 | -0.840 | -0.840 | -0.865 | -0.910 |
| English Language Acquisition | | | | | | -0.890 |
| Adult education | | | | | | -0.729 |
| Special education preschool grants (\$420 million in 2025) | | | | | | *** |
| State assessments (\$380 million in 2025) | | | | | | ** |
| Title I Migrant education state grant | | | | | | -0.376 |
| Gaining early awareness & readiness for undergrad programs (GEAR UP) | | -0.350 | -0.360 | -0.365 | -0.388 | |
| Education innovation and research | | | | | | -0.259 |
| IES Research, development, and dissemination | | | | | | -0.245 |
| Rural education (\$220 million in 2025) | | | | | | ** |
| School safety national activities (\$216 million in 2025) | | | | | | ** |
| Comp. literacy development grants (\$194 million in 2025) | | -0.190 | -0.190 | -0.190 | * | ** |
| Full-service community schools | | -0.010 | -0.018 | -0.018 | * | -0.150 |
| Magnet schools assistance (\$139 million in 2025) | | | | | | ** |
| Aid for Hispanic-serving institutions | | | -0.134 | -0.136 | | |
| Education for homeless children and youth (\$129 million in 2025) | | | | | | ** |

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| IES Statistics..... | | | | | | -0.122 |
| Special education personnel preparation (\$115 million in 2025)..... | | | | | | *** |
| Strengthening institutions | -0.087 | -0.099 | -0.100 | -0.108 | -0.112 | |
| Promise neighborhoods (\$91 million in 2025) | -0.078 | -0.078 * | | | | ** |
| Supporting effective educator development (SEED) | -0.075 | -0.075 * | | | | -0.090 |
| International education and foreign language studies | -0.072 | -0.072 | -0.072 | -0.076 | -0.086 | |
| Child care access means parents in school | -0.015 | | | | | -0.075 |
| IES program administration..... | | | | | | -0.074 |
| Teacher quality partnerships | -0.043 | -0.043 | -0.043 * | | | -0.070 |
| IES research in special education..... | | | | | | -0.064 |
| Teacher and school leader incentive grants (previously TIF) | -0.200 | | | * | | -0.060 |
| IES regional educational laboratories | -0.055 | -0.055 | -0.056 | -0.056 | -0.054 | |
| Title I special programs for migrant students (HEP/CAMP)..... | | | | | | -0.052 |
| Comprehensive centers | -0.052 | -0.052 * | | | | -0.050 |
| Title I - grants for neglected, delinquent, at-risk children and youth (\$49 million in 2025)..... | | | | | | ** |
| Native Hawaiian education (\$46 million in 2025)..... | -0.033 | -0.036 | -0.036 * | | | ** |
| Alaska Native education (\$45 million in 2025)..... | -0.032 | -0.035 | -0.035 * | | | ** |
| Special education technical assistance and dissemination (\$39 million in 2025)..... | | | | | | *** |
| Special education state personnel development (\$39 million in 2025)..... | | | | | | *** |
| Arts in education (\$37 million in 2025)..... | -0.027 | -0.029 | -0.029 * | | | ** |
| Special education parent information centers (\$33 million in 2025)..... | | | | | | *** |
| Special education - educational technology, media, materials (\$31 million in 2025)..... | | | | | | *** |
| Ready to learn programming | -0.026 | -0.028 | -0.028 * | | | -0.031 |
| Innovative approaches to literacy (\$30 million in 2025)..... | -0.027 | -0.027 | -0.027 * | | | ** |
| IES statewide longitudinal data systems | -0.032 | -0.032 | -0.033 | -0.033 | -0.029 | |
| Graduate assistance in areas of national need | -0.023 | -0.023 | -0.023 | -0.023 | -0.024 | |
| Statewide family engagement centers (\$20 million in 2025) | -0.010 | -0.010 * | | | | ** |
| IDEA - Special Olympics education programs | -0.013 | -0.016 | -0.018 | | | |
| Javits gifted and talented students (\$17 million in 2025) | -0.012 | -0.012 | -0.012 * | | | ** |
| Strengthening Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian-serving institutions | -0.016 | -0.016 | | | | |
| School leader recruitment and support | -0.015 | | | | | |
| Hawkins Centers for Excellence..... | | | | | | -0.015 |
| IES special education studies and evaluations..... | | | | | | -0.013 |
| Strengthening predominantly black institutions | -0.011 | -0.011 | | | | |
| Strengthening HBCU masters programs | -0.008 | | | | | |
| Training and advisory services..... | | | | | | -0.007 |
| Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education | -0.006 | -0.005 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.171 | |
| Strengthening Asian American- & Native American Pacific Islander-serving insts. | -0.004 | -0.004 | | | | |
| Strengthening Native American-serving nontribal institutions | -0.004 | -0.004 | | | | |
| American history and civics academies and national activities | -0.004 | -0.004 | -0.005 * | | | ** |
| Rescission of previously appropriated Pell Grant funding..... | -3.900 | | | | | |
| * 2021 budget creates a new Elementary & Secondary Education for the Disadvantaged Block Grant with \$4.8 billion funding cut for programs shaded in tan | | | | | | -4.766 |
| **2026 budget creates a K-12 Simplified Funding Program with a \$4.5 billion (69%) funding cut with programs shaded in pink. | | | | | | -4.535 |
| *** 2026 budget eliminates 6 special education programs funded at \$677 million in 2025 and moves that funding into the Grants to States program. | | | | | | *** |

Other education-related programs, not in the Department of Education

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|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Library Services Technology Act | -0.184 | -0.189 | -0.189 | -0.195 | -0.211 |
| Museum Services Act | -0.030 | -0.032 | -0.032 | -0.036 | -0.055 |
| Preschool Development Grants..... | | | | -0.275 | -0.315 |