



Federal Policy Update **April 3, 2026**

Today, the President released his FY27 Department of Education (ED) budget proposal ([POTUS budget](#)), which outlines the Administration's spending priorities for Congress. As a reminder, the budget does not have the force of law. Overall, the budget requests \$76.5 billion for the Department of Education, a 2.9% reduction from FY 2026. The budget includes level funding of \$18.4 billion for Title I, \$15.4 billion for IDEA (a \$538.6 million increase over FY 2026), and \$10.5 billion more for Pell grants.

The budget request also provides \$2 billion for the new Make Education Great Again (MEGA) grants program, which would "support evidence-based instruction in reading and mathematics while also permitting a range of other activities authorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act. States would be required to reserve at least 25% of the MEGA funds to support literacy activities and 25% for evidence-based mathematics instruction. Remaining funds could be used by states to support any activities currently allowable under 17 formula and competitive K-12 grant programs (including 21 CCLC) that would be eliminated in the proposal. Funding for the 17 programs totaled \$6.5 billion in FY 2026. Twelve other programs, totaling \$2.1 billion, would be eliminated "to reduce the Federal role in education and curb unnecessary or ineffective investments."

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