

## **The Department of Education**

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FY2010 Enacted: \$46.8 billion

The President's Budget proposes a bold strategy to achieve the Department of Education's mission of fostering educational excellence, advancing equity and opportunity, improving student achievement, rewarding successful outcomes, investing in innovation and preparing our nation's children for global competitiveness.

### **Reform Elementary and Secondary School Funding**

- \$28 billion – a \$3 billion increase – for programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), plus up to \$1 billion in additional funding if Congress successfully completes a fundamental overhaul of the law. Together, these measures would represent the largest funding increase for ESEA programs ever requested.
- \$900 million for School Turnaround Grants.
- \$1.35 billion to continue the President's Race to the Top challenge and to expand the competition from states to school districts that are ready for comprehensive reform.

### **Increase the Number of Effective Teachers and Principals**

- \$950 million in a new competitive fund for states and districts to support bold approaches to recruiting, developing, retaining, and rewarding effective teachers, particularly in high-need schools.
- \$405 million to back successful and innovative pathways into teaching and school leadership.

### **Support Innovative Student Achievement Efforts**

- \$1.8 billion investment in the Supporting Student Success initiative. Through this effort, the Budget reforms the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program to focus funding on models that redesign and extend the school day, week, or year to provide additional time for students to engage in academic and enrichment activities, as well as on programs that support full-service community schools that coordinate access to comprehensive services.
  - Included is \$210 million for the Promise Neighborhoods program, an initiative to improve college-going rates by combining a rigorous K-12 education with a full network of support services.

### **Invest in Education Programs Proven to Work**

- \$500 million to expand the Investing in Innovation Fund, which will expand proven models -- and develop and validate promising ones -- for achieving student success.
- Eliminate six discretionary programs and consolidate 38 K-12 programs into 11 new programs that emphasize using competition to allocate funds, giving communities more choices around activities, and using rigorous evidence to fund what works.

### **Invest in the Next Generation of Scientists and Engineers**

- \$300 million in new grants to states to develop and implement curricula and improve teaching and learning in science and math aligned to new high standards.
- \$150 million within the Investing in Innovation Fund to competitive grants for school districts, nonprofits, and other organizations to develop, validate, and scale promising strategies to improve teaching and accelerate student learning in STEM subjects.

### **Open the Doors to College to More Students**

- Make permanent the Recovery Act's increase in the Pell Grant maximum award, and put these grants on a path to grow faster than inflation every year.
- \$10.6 billion in community college funding over 10 years to launch a new American Graduation Initiative that will strengthen and support America's community colleges, focus on college completion, and graduate 5 million more students by 2020.
- Strengthen income-based repayment plans for student loans by reducing monthly payments and shortening the repayment period so that overburdened borrowers will pay only 10 percent of their discretionary income in repayments and have their remaining debt forgiven after 20 years.

### **High-Priority Performance Goals**

The Administration is committed to building a transparent, high-performance government capable of addressing the challenges of the 21st century. As part of developing the budget, every department identified high-priority performance goals (along with the strategies and in-house resources to achieve them) that each will work to accomplish over the next two years. Highlights of this department's goals are:

- **Effective Teaching:** Improve the quality of teaching and learning by:
  - Increasing by 200,000 the number of teachers for low income and minority students who are being recruited or retained to teach in hard-to-staff subjects and schools in systems with rigorous processes for determining teacher effectiveness;
  - Ensuring that all States have in place comprehensive teacher evaluation systems, based on multiple measures of effectiveness including student achievement, that are used for professional development, retention, tenure, and compensation decisions.
- **Data Driven Decisions:** All States implementing comprehensive statewide longitudinal data systems that link student achievement and teacher data and link K-12 with higher education data and, to the extent possible, with pre-K and workforce data.
- **Simplified Student Aid:** All participating higher education institutions and loan servicers operationally ready to originate and service Federal Direct Student Loans through an efficient and effective student aid delivery system with simplified applications and minimal disruption to students.

To see the Department's full set of performance information, please visit: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).