
Federal Update

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Overview of WestEd

- **National nonpartisan organization**
- **Types of work**
 - Research and evaluation
 - Professional learning
 - Technical assistance and capacity building
- **Areas of work**
 - Early childhood care and learning
 - K-12 education
 - Postsecondary access and career pathways
 - Workforce development and adult education
 - Juvenile justice and re-entry programs

Congress' Focus: Appropriations and Budget Reconciliation

Appropriations (Discretionary spending)

- Full-year Continuing Resolution (CR) extended FY 2024 funding levels to September 30, 2025
- CR passed *without* a bill report / explanatory statement, which includes:
 - Line-Item Funding Details
 - Explanatory Statements
 - Policy Directives
- FY 2026 – September 30 should be finalized

Budget Reconciliation (Mandatory spending)

- Allows for expedited consideration of certain taxes, spending, and debt limit legislation
- House passed its bill; now with the Senate for next steps
- Only requires a simple majority in the Senate




FY 2025 Appropriations – Statute vs. Bill Report

Account	In Statute		In Bill Report	
Title I	Grants to LEAs	\$18.4b	Title I, Part C – Migrant	\$376m
			Title I, Part D – Neglected and Delinquent	\$49m
Special Education		\$15.4b	Grants to states	\$14.2b
			Preschool grants	\$420m
			Grants for infants and families	\$540m
			Personnel preparation	\$115m
			State personnel development	\$39m
			Technical assistance and dissemination	\$39m

- Funding for specific accounts and programs listed in the CR statute is *not* flexible.
- Funding for programs typically found in bill reports (and are not in statute) is now flexible.
- Agencies' operating plans have been submitted to Congress; plans have not been shared with the public.

FY 2025 Appropriations – Statute vs. Bill Report cont.

Account	In Statute		In Bill Report	
School Improvement Programs	21 st Century Learning Centers	\$1.33b	Title II – Supporting instruction	\$2.19b
	State assessments	\$380m	Title VIII – McKinney-Vento	\$129m
	Rural education	\$220m	Training and advisory services (EACs)	\$6.5m
	Title IV – Support and enrichment	\$1.38b		
Indian Education		\$195m		
Innovation and Improvement	Education innovation and research	\$259m	Supporting effective educator development (SEED)	\$90m
			Charter schools grants	\$440m
			Magnet schools assistance	\$139m
Title III - English Language Acquisition		\$890m		
CTE and Adult Ed	Adult ed national activities	\$14m	CTE state grants	\$1.44b
			CTE national programs	\$12m
			Adult basic ed state grants	\$715m
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FY 2026 Presidential Budget Request:

ED - \$66.7b (-\$12b)

Funds requested:

- Title I, Part A - \$18.4b
- K-12 Simplified Funding Program - \$2b
 - Consolidation of 18 programs
 - Overall cut of \$4b to K-12 programs
- Special Education - \$15.4b
 - Grants to states - \$14.98b (+ \$677m)
 - Grants for infants and families - \$540m
- Charter Schools - \$500m (+ \$60m)
- CTE - \$1.4b
- Impact Aid - \$1.6b
- Indian Education - \$194.7m

Consolidations suggested:

- Title I, Parts B, C, and D
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Educators
- Title III – English Language Acquisition
- Title IV – Student Support and Enrichment
- Title VIII – McKinney-Vento
- Rural education

Eliminations suggested:

- Adult Education (WIOA Title II)
- Preschool Development Grant
- Teacher Quality Partnerships

What's Next on Congress' To Do?

- **Budget Reconciliation –**
 - “One big, beautiful bill” for mandatory spending
 - Potential cuts to Medicaid
 - Potential inclusion of school choice tax credit
 - Significant restructuring to student loans
- **FY 2026 Appropriations –**
 - Due by September 30, 2025
 - Potential policy riders to codify many of the Administration's changes
 - Alignment with Trump Administration's “skinny” FY 2026 budget
- **Potential Trump rescission request coming to Congress**

