



Preliminary Analysis of President’s FY2009 Budget Request to Congress

President Bush released his Fiscal Year 2009 budget request on Monday, February 4, 2008. The budget proposal of \$3 trillion would keep the overall funding level for discretionary grant programs within the U.S. Department of Education at \$59.2 billion – approximately the same level as FY08. The proposed budget includes 47 program terminations in education totaling \$3.2 billion. The following charts provide a preliminary analysis of proposed funding for select K-12 education programs.

Proposed Program Increases

Program	FY07 Enacted	FY08 Enacted	FY09 President’s Request	Difference Between FY08 Enacted and FY09 Request
Title I Grants	12.8 billion	\$13.89 billion	\$14.3 billion	\$406 million
Special Education State Grants (Part B)	\$10.78 billion	\$10.9 billion	\$11.2 billion	\$337 million
Reading First	\$1.0 billion	\$393 million	\$1.0 billion	\$607 million
English Language Acquisition	\$669 million	\$700 million	\$730 million	\$30 million
Striving Readers	\$31.9 million	\$35.4 million	\$100 million	\$65 million
Teacher Incentive Fund	\$200,000	\$97.3 million	\$200 million	\$103 million
Head Start	\$6.8 billion	\$6.8 billion	\$7.0 billion	\$200 million

*The president proposed a new \$300 million program--“Pell Grants for Kids”-- a voucher program that would allow students attending public schools that are being restructured under the No Child Left Behind Act to transfer to another public or private school. This proposal could divert federal funding from key programs, such as Title I and special education (IDEA), into vouchers for private schools.



Programs that would be level-funded

Program	FY07 Enacted	FY08 Enacted	FY09 President's Request
School Improvement Grants	\$125 million	\$491.3 million	\$491.3 million
Impact Aid	\$1.228 billion	\$1.240 billion	\$1.240 billion
Math and Science Partnerships	\$182.1 million	\$179 million	\$179 million
State Assessments	\$407.6 million	\$408.7 million	\$408.7 million

Proposed Program Decreases

Program	FY07 Enacted	FY08 Enacted	FY09 President's Request	Difference \$\$
Teacher Quality State Grants	\$2.88 billion	\$2.93 billion	\$2.83 billion	-\$100 million
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities	\$346.5 million	\$294.8 million	\$100 million	-\$194.8 million
Secure Rural Schools Act/payments-in-lieu-of taxes (PILT) ¹	\$232.5 million	\$229 million	\$195 million	-\$34 million
21st Century Community Learning Centers ²	\$981.2 million	\$1.1 billion	\$800 million	-\$281 million

¹ Federal payments through the U.S. Department of Interior to local governments with non-taxable federal forest lands within their boundaries.

² Program would be replaced by a new "21st Century Learning Opportunities" program that would establish a "scholarship fund enabling poor students in low-performing schools to enroll in high-quality after-school and summer school programs aimed at increasing student achievement," according to the U.S. Department of Education. The program could become a part of the Administration's faith-based initiative.



Proposed Program Terminations

Program	FY07 Enacted	FY08 Enacted	FY09 President's Request
Career and Technical Education	\$1.18 billion	\$1.16 billion	0
Tech-Prep Education	\$104.7 million	\$102.9 million	0
Educational Technology	\$272 million	\$267.5 million	0
Even Start	\$82.3 million	\$66.5 million	0
Total cut of 47 programs (see below)			-\$3.2 billion

**Title V Innovative Education Grants are not included because funding was eliminated in FY08. NSBA urges Congress to restore funding for the program. The FY07 funding level was \$99 million.*

Program (2008 Funding Levels, in millions)

<u>Academies for American History and Civics</u>	\$1.9
<u>Advanced Credentialing</u>	9.6
<u>Alaska Native Education Equity</u>	33.3
<u>Alcohol Abuse Reduction</u>	32.4
<u>Arts in Education</u>	37.5
<u>B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships</u>	1.0
<u>Byrd Honors Scholarships</u>	40.3
<u>Career and Technical Education National Programs</u>	7.9
<u>Career and Technical Education State Grants</u>	1,160.9
<u>Civic Education</u>	31.9
<u>Close Up Fellowships</u>	1.9
<u>Comprehensive School Reform</u>	1.6
<u>Demonstration Projects for Students with Disabilities</u>	6.8
<u>Education for Native Hawaiians</u>	33.3
<u>Educational Technology State Grants</u>	267.5
<u>Elementary and Secondary School Counseling</u>	48.6
<u>Even Start</u>	66.5
<u>Excellence in Economic Education</u>	1.4
<u>Exchanges with Historic Whaling and Trading Partners</u>	8.8
<u>Federal Perkins Loans Cancellations</u>	64.3
<u>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants</u>	757.5



Proposed Program Terminations (*continued*)

<u>Foundations for Learning</u>	1.0
<u>Javits Gifted and Talented Education</u>	7.5
<u>Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships</u>	63.9
<u>Mental Health Integration in Schools</u>	4.9
<u>Mentoring</u>	48.5
<u>Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers</u>	2.2
<u>National Writing Project</u>	23.6
<u>Parental Information and Resource Centers</u>	38.9
<u>Physical Education</u>	75.7
<u>Projects With Industry</u>	19.2
<u>Reading is Fundamental</u>	24.6
<u>Ready to Teach</u>	10.7
<u>Recreational Programs</u>	2.5
<u>School Leadership</u>	14.5
<u>Smaller Learning Communities</u>	80.1
<u>Special Olympics Education Program</u>	11.8
<u>State Grants for Incarcerated Youth Offenders</u>	22.4
<u>Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions</u>	11.6
<u>Supported Employment State Grants</u>	29.2
<u>Teacher Quality Enhancement</u>	33.7
<u>Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow: Baccalaureate/Master's STEM</u>	2.0
<u>Tech-Prep Education State Grants</u>	102.9
<u>Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program</u>	2.9
<u>Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions</u>	7.5
<u>Underground Railroad Program</u>	1.9
<u>Women's Educational Equity</u>	1.8
Total	\$3,260.4

Proposed policy directives in the President's budget that could impact federal funding for education programs:

- Proposed line-item veto by the president (which has been ruled unconstitutional in previous years by the U.S. Supreme Court)
- Proposed joint budget resolution that would have the force of law; Congressional budget resolutions are currently non-binding.

