

Analyzing the President’s FY 2027 Budget Proposal: Suggested Cuts to Critical Education Programs

President Trump recently released his Fiscal Year 2027 ([FY27](#)) [Budget Request](#) to Congress. The proposal calls for a \$3 billion reduction in funding for the U.S. Department of Education and a \$50 million reduction for the Office for Civil Rights. It also includes outright eliminations of many critical education programs, such as Equity Assistance Centers (EACs), once known as Desegregation Assistance Centers.

The President’s proposal inaccurately characterizes EACs as having been “weaponized to force local districts to implement Washington-directed DEI practices against their will.” This federal school desegregation program is authorized under Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and provides no-cost technical assistance and training to State education agencies, local education agencies, school boards, and other governmental agencies at their request

It’s important to note that the president’s budget request is not law. It simply marks the beginning of the annual appropriations process. Congress is now responsible for drafting its FY27 appropriations bills that the president must sign. Because appropriations bills require 60 votes to pass the Senate, any final appropriations bill will require bipartisan support. The table below highlights the president’s FY27 budget requests for key education and early childhood programs.

President’s FY27 Budget Request	President’s FY27 Budget Program Eliminations
<p>U.S. Department of Education (Full Request)</p> <p><i>K-12 Education Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I: \$18.4B, level funding • IDEA: +\$489M, consolidates 6 smaller IDEA programs. • Charter School Program: +\$60M <p><i>Higher Education Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pell Grant (discretionary funds): +\$10B to address shortfall. • Pell Grant (maximum award): \$7,395, level funding • Strengthening HBCUs: \$405M, level funding <p><i>Other Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office for Civil Rights: -\$50M <p>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Full Request)</p> <p><i>Early Childhood Education Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start, Early Head Start: \$12.4B, level funding, weakens state rules. • Child Care Development Block Grant: \$8.8B, level funding 	<p>U.S. Department of Education</p> <p><i>Early Childhood Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Development Block Grant <p><i>K-12 Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Assistance Centers • Title III ESSA (Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students) • Full-Service Community Schools <p><i>Higher Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIO Programs and GEAR UP • Augustus F. Hawkins Center of Excellence • Teacher Quality Partnerships • Funding for Minority Serving Institutions

Additional Resources:

- [What Trump’s FY2027 Budget Means for Our Kids](#) (National Parents Union)
- [Overview of the President’s FY 2027 Budget Request](#) (EducationCounsel)
- [FY2027 K-12 Education Budget Will Cut \\$7.3 Billion in Crucial School Programs](#) (Free the Future)