



Southern Education Foundation Analysis of President Biden's FY 2023 Budget Proposal

Last week President Biden released his FY 2023 budget proposal outlining his budgetary priorities for the FY 2023 appropriations cycle. The Administration's budget proposal comes a few weeks after Congress finalized the FY 2022 omnibus package. Overall, President Biden suggests a nearly 21 percent (\$15.3 billion) increase to the U.S. Department of Education's programs compared to the 2021-enacted levels, marking a historic suggested increase to federal education programs.

In particular, the budget request proposes **\$36.5 billion for Title I** schools, which is nearly double the current funding level. It also proposes a **\$1 billion** investment to increase the number of counselors, nurses, school psychologists, social workers, and other health professionals in schools to help mitigate the lingering effects of COVID-19. President Biden's budget request also presents a clear path for the federal government to **double the maximum Pell Grant** award by 2029 so that more students from low-income families can advance to and through college. Other notable budget requests include:

- a **\$393 million** increase to the **Full-Service Community Schools** program to help address the comprehensive needs of the whole child;
- **\$100 million** in a new investment to help build more **racially** and **socio-economically diverse** K-12 schools; and
- **\$20 million** to help **diversify the teaching workforce** by supporting **Hawkins Centers of Excellence** educator preparation programs at Minority-Serving Institutions.

We believe the President's budget request presents a framework to shape the federal policy and funding agenda in a way that focuses on eliminating persistent inequities in education opportunity and genuinely transforms our educational ecosystem of learning. Not only does this proposal clearly outline his funding priorities to Congress, but the request also reflects President Biden's values and morals to the American people. As states and districts across the country, and in particular, in the southern region, continue to respond to and recover from the impact of COVID-19, and contend with inadequate per-pupil funding levels and the ongoing threat of classroom censorship, key federal investments, as proposed by the President, will be critical for student success. States and community partners understand federal investments directly support historically disadvantaged populations, build student and family agency, and help ensure all students have access to a high-quality and supportive learning environment.

We have highlighted the proposed funding levels of critical federal programs along with program descriptions below. We believe these specific programs and recommended funding levels would help

advance educational equity and we call on Congress to adopt the funding levels outlined in President Biden’s Department of Education FY 2023 budget.

Additional Resources

[U.S. Department of Education FY 2023 Budget Summary](#)

[U.S. Department of Education's FY 2023 Budget Justifications](#)

[SEF's Public Policy Priorities](#)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2023 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

U.S. Department of Education Programs	Enacted FY 2022 Omnibus Funding Levels	FY 2023 President’s Budget Request	FY 2023 President’s Budget Request Compared to FY 2022 Omnibus increase or decrease
Early Childhood Education			
IDEA Preschool Grants	\$410 million	\$503 million	+93 million
IDEA Grants for Infants and Families	\$496 million	\$932 million	+436 million
K-12 Education			
Full-Service Community Schools	\$75 million	\$468 million	\$393 million
Promise Neighborhoods	\$85 million	\$96 million	+\$11 million
School Leader Recruitment and Support	Not Included	\$40 million	---
Fostering Diverse Schools	Not Included	\$100 million	---
School Safety National Activities	\$201 million	\$129 million	-\$72 million
Higher Education			
Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools	\$65 million	\$95 million	+\$30 million
Teacher Quality Partnerships	\$59 million	\$132 million	+\$73 million
Hawkins Centers of Excellence	\$8 million	\$20 million	+\$12 million
Other Programs			

Equity Assistance Centers	\$7 million	\$7 million	Level Funding
Office for Civil Rights	\$136 million	\$161 million	\$25 million

Program Descriptions¹

Early Childhood Education

- \$503 million for IDEA Preschool Grants. This program provides funding to statewide organizations, or consortia of such organizations, to establish statewide centers that promote parent and family engagement in education or provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to State Education Agencies (SEAs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), schools, and organizations that support partnerships between families and schools.
- \$932 million for IDEA Grants for Infants and Families. This program provides formula grants to help states implement statewide systems of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families so that state and local agencies identify and serve children with disabilities early in life when interventions can be most effective in improving educational outcomes.

K-12

- \$468 million for Full-Service Community Schools, which is an increase of \$438 million over the 2021 enacted level, to dramatically expand the Full-Service Community Schools program. This historic funding level recommendation recognizes the role of schools as the centers of our communities and neighborhoods. It funds efforts to identify and integrate the wide range of community-based resources needed to support students and their families, expand learning opportunities for students and parents alike, support collaborative leadership and practices, and promote the family and community engagement that can help ensure student success. The increase includes \$25 million to help school districts design and implement integrated student supports focused on addressing a range of student and family needs including meeting student social, emotional, mental, and physical health, and academic needs. It would also provide resources and services to meet family needs, including through cross-agency efforts and partnerships with community-based organizations and other family support providers external to the school site.
- \$96 million for Promise Neighborhoods. This program provides competitive grants to support distressed communities in improving the academic and developmental outcomes for children, youth, and their families from birth through college. Funded activities are focused on “pipeline services,” which include high-quality early childhood programs; high-quality in-school and out-of-school programs; transition support for students at all levels of education and workforce preparation; family and community engagement support; job training, internships, and career counseling; and social, health, nutrition, and mental health services.
- \$40 million for the School Leader Recruitment and Support program (last funded in 2017), which provides competitive grants for LEAs, SEAs, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), or

¹ As described by the U.S. Department of Education.

consortia of one of those entities with nonprofit organizations or IHEs to improve the recruitment, preparation, placement, support, and retention of effective principals or other school leaders in high-need schools. Funds would support new grants for high-quality professional development for principals and other school leaders as well as high-quality training for aspiring principals and school leaders.

- \$100 million for a new Fostering Diverse Schools program that would help communities voluntarily develop and implement strategies that will build more racially and socioeconomically diverse schools and classrooms. The proposed Fostering Diverse Schools program would address the well-documented, persistent negative effects of racial isolation and concentrated poverty by supporting voluntary efforts to increase school racial and socioeconomic diversity in preschool through grade 12. The program would make competitive awards to LEAs—alone, in consortia, or in partnership with state educational agencies—that have significant achievement gaps and racial or socioeconomic segregation within or across districts.
- \$129 million for School Safety National Activities. This program authorizes activities that would improve students' safety and well-being. Activities include competitive grants and other discretionary activities to foster a safe, secure, and supportive school and community learning environment conducive to teaching and learning; facilitate emergency management and preparedness, as well as recovery from traumatic events; and increase the availability of school-based mental health service providers for students. The \$21 million increase would support a new Project Prevent competition focused on Community Violence Interventions, a school facilities clearinghouse, and additional funding for Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV).

Higher Education

- \$95 million for Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools. This competitive grant program supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through campus-based childcare services. Grants made to institutions of higher education must be used to supplement childcare services or start a new program, not to supplant funds for current childcare services. The program gives priority to institutions that leverage local or institutional resources and employ a sliding fee scale.
- \$132 million for Teacher Quality Partnerships, an increase of \$80 million over the 2021 enacted level, to support comprehensive pathways into the profession, such as high-quality residencies and Grow Your Own programs, that support educator diversity, improve teacher effectiveness, and increase teacher retention.
- \$20 million for the Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence to help expand the diversity of the teacher workforce through competitive grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities as well as other Minority-Serving Institutions to support teacher preparation.

Other

- \$6.6 million for Equity Assistance Centers. This program supports four regional Equity Assistance Centers, selected competitively, that provide services to school districts upon request on issues related to discrimination based on race, sex, national origin, and religion. Typical activities include disseminating information on successful practices and legal requirements related to nondiscrimination, and providing training to educators to develop their skills in specific areas, such as in the identification of bias in instructional materials.

- \$161 million for ED's Office for Civil Rights, a \$30 million increase compared to the 2021 enacted level, to provide sufficient staffing and other capacity for monitoring, technical assistance, data collection, and enforcement.