

# Selected Federal Education Programs That Can Help Middle and High School Students Get an Excellent Education



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NOTE: On December 8, 2004, President Bush signed into law P.L. 108-477, an omnibus appropriations bill providing fiscal year 2005 funding for thirteen federal departments, including the Department of Education. A table showing the amounts provided for the programs and activities of the Education Department, including an across-the-board reduction of 0.8 percent, is available at <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget05/05action.pdf>.

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No Child Left Behind Programs	FY 2004 Funding Level	FY 2005 Bush Budget	FY 2005 Senate Committee	FY 2005 Omnibus Spending Bill (includes the 0.8 percent across-the-board cut)
<u>Title I: Grants to School Districts</u> Helps disadvantaged students meet high standards; only 15 percent of funds currently go to middle and high school students	<b>\$12.34 billion</b>	<b>\$13.34 billion</b>	<b>\$13.46 billion</b>	<b>\$12.74 billion</b>
<u>Striving Readers</u> Involves states and school districts in developing and implementing research-based interventions to help improve the skills of secondary school students who are reading below grade level	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$100 million</b>	<b>\$25 million</b>	<b>\$24.8 million</b>
<u>Title II: Teacher Quality</u> State grants to increase student academic achievement and student performance through such strategies as improving teacher quality, increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom, and reducing class size	<b>\$2.93 billion</b>	<b>\$2.93 billion</b>	<b>\$2.98 billion</b>	<b>\$2.92 billion</b>
<u>21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers—Afterschool Programs</u> Helps communities establish or expand school-based learning activities, including afterschool, weekend, and summer school opportunities, particularly for students in low-performing schools and low-income communities	<b>\$999 million</b>	<b>\$999 million</b>	<b>\$1 billion</b>	<b>\$991 million</b>
<u>Smaller Learning Communities</u> Offers competitive grants to local school districts to create smaller schools or break up larger schools by funding innovative strategies such as schools-within-schools and career academies	<b>\$174 million</b>	<b>\$0 (eliminates program)</b>	<b>\$174 million</b>	<b>\$94.5 million</b>

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<u>Dropout Prevention Program</u> Assists schools with high dropout rates to implement dropout prevention programs; identifies ten allowable activities, including professional development, reduction in pupil-teacher ratios, counseling and mentoring for at-risk students, and implementing comprehensive school reform models	<b>\$4.97 million</b>	<b>\$0 (eliminates program)</b>	<b>\$10 million</b>	<b>\$4.93 million</b>
<u>Elementary and Secondary Schools Counseling Program</u> <sup>1</sup> Competitive grants to LEAs to establish or expand the range, availability, quality, and quantity of counseling for students in elementary and secondary schools; expands eligibility for the program from only elementary schools to both elementary and secondary schools when appropriations reach \$40 million	<b>\$33.8 million</b>	<b>\$0 (eliminates program)</b>	<b>\$36 million</b>	<b>\$34.72 million</b>

<sup>1</sup> According to the No Child Left Behind Act, if the amount appropriated for this program is less than \$40 million, the secretary “shall award grants to local educational agencies *only to establish or expand counseling programs in elementary schools*” (emphasis added). In other words, no money can be distributed to secondary schools.

Upcoming Reauthorizations	FY 2004 Funding Level	FY 2005 Bush Budget	FY 2005 Senate Committee	FY 2005 Omnibus Spending Bill (includes the 0.8 percent across-the-board cut)
<u>Special Education (IDEA)</u> Assists states in providing a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities ages three through twenty-one and early intervention services for infants and toddlers birth through age two and their families	<b>\$10.07 billion</b>	<b>\$11.07 billion</b>	<b>\$11.23 billion</b>	<b>\$10.59 billion</b>
<u>Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Program</u> Provides formula grants to states to further state and community efforts to improve vocational education programs and adult education and literacy systems	<b>\$1.33 billion</b>	<b>\$1 billion</b>	<b>\$1.33 billion</b>	<b>\$1.33 billion</b>
<u>TRIO</u> Encourages individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter and complete college	<b>\$832.6 million</b>	<b>\$832.6 million</b>	<b>\$844.5 million</b>	<b>\$836.5 million</b>
<u>GEAR UP</u> Funds partnerships of high-poverty middle schools, colleges and universities, community organizations, and businesses to work with entire grade levels of students	<b>\$298.2 million</b>	<b>\$298.2 million</b>	<b>\$302.5 million</b>	<b>\$306.5 million</b>
<u>Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants</u> Addresses teacher recruitment and preparation in areas experiencing a shortage of qualified teachers through grants to teacher preparation colleges and universities working with schools	<b>\$88.9 million</b>	<b>\$88.9 million</b>	<b>\$88.9 million</b>	<b>\$68.3 million</b>