

Washington Update



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Washington Update

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- The 111th Congress

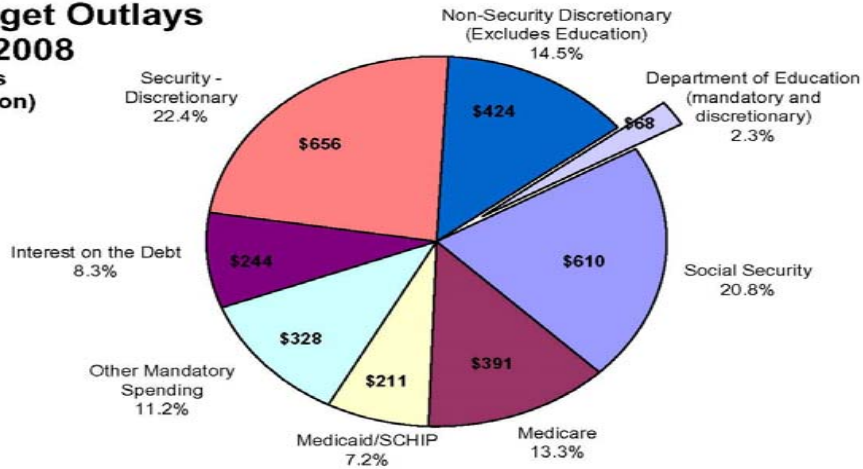


Budget and Appropriations

- Congress passed Continuing Resolution through March for FY 2009
- Flat funding for most programs

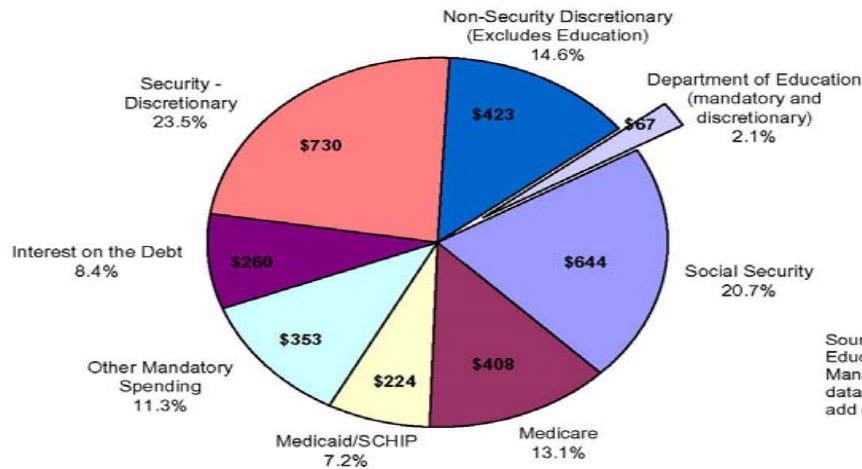
Federal Budget Outlays Fiscal Year 2008 (Outlays in billions Total = \$2,931 billion)

Source: Department of Education and Office of Management and Budget data (numbers may not add due to rounding)



Proposed Federal Budget Outlays Fiscal Year 2009 (Outlays in billions Total = \$3,107 billion)

Source: Department of Education and Office of Management and Budget data (numbers may not add due to rounding)



Appropriations

Selected Education Programs	FY2008 Enacted	President's FY2009 Request	House Labor/HHS/ED subcommittee	Senate Appropriations full committee
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	\$2,935.24	\$2,835.25	\$2,960.25	\$2,935.25
Special Education - IDEA (total)	\$11,993.68	\$12,335.94	\$12,587.92	\$12,512.63
Special Education, National Activities Personnel Preparation	\$88.15	\$88.15	\$88.15	\$93.15
Special Education, National Activities, Technical Assistance and Dissemination	\$48.04	\$48.04	\$48.04	\$48.04
Special Education, National Activities, Parent Information Centers	\$26.52	\$26.52	\$26.52	\$27.52
State Personnel Development	\$22.60	\$48.00	\$22.60	\$48.00
NCSER	\$70.50	\$70.50	\$70.5	\$70.5

Appropriations cont.

Selected Education Programs	FY2008 Enacted	President's FY2009 Request	House Labor/HHS/ED subcommittee	Senate Appropriations full committee
Studies & Evaluation-IES	\$9.46	\$9.46	\$9.4	\$9.4
Special Education, State Grants, Pre-School Grants	\$374.09	\$374.09	\$374.09	\$374.09
Special Education, State Grants, Infants and Families	\$435.65	\$435.65	\$435.65	\$443.2
Demonstration Projects for Students with Disabilities - Higher Education	\$6.75	-	\$6.75	\$6.75
Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Higher Education	\$33.66	-	\$33.66	\$47.54
TOTAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AS REPORTED BY THE DEPT OF EDUCATION 7/8/08	\$59,181,467.00	\$59,210,061.00	\$62,956,623.00	\$61,840,510.00

The Higher Education Opportunity Act

Why HEOA?

“This bill is crucial to the health of our economy and will ensure that more students graduate prepared for the 21st century workplace,”

Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX, Chairman, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness), July 31, 2008

“It will also ensure that students and parents have the information they need about the costs of college and the financial impact of their loans so they can make sound decisions about their futures.”

Senator Enzi (R-WY, Ranking Member, HELP Committee), August 14, 2008

“It empowers consumers and takes meaningful steps to hold down the college cost increases that are threatening students’ ability to pursue their higher education dreams,”

Rep. Buck McKeon (R-CA, Ranking Member, Education and Labor Committee), July 31, 2008

Themes in Teacher Education Provisions

- Integrate HEA with NCLB and IDEA
- Emphasis on clinical preparation
- Increased accountability and planning
- Invest in capacity building
- Focus on shortages

Teacher Quality Partnership Grants

- Three programs merged into one
- Required partners: school of ed, school of arts and sciences, high-need LEA
- Focus on clinical preparation (including induction for 2 years, mentoring and coaching) at BA level; residency programs at MA level and leaders in rural areas

Teacher Quality Partnership Grants (cont.)

□ Use of Funds

■ Required

- Strengthening pre-baccalaureate preparation or developing teacher residency programs

■ Optional (only in conjunction with the “required”)

- Preparing school leaders for rural schools
- Developing digital education content

Teacher Quality Partnership Grants (cont.)

- Strengthening Pre-baccalaureate programs
 - Minimum of year-long clinical experience
 - Must have an induction program
 - Provide literacy training
 - Must include a teacher recruitment component

Teacher Quality Partnership Grants (cont.)

- Developing Teacher Residency Programs
 - One-year Master's degree program for career changers and recent graduates
 - Residents teach alongside mentor teachers for the year while taking graduate courses
 - Residents receive a living stipend
 - 3-year service obligation in a high-need school in the “eligible partnership”

Funding for Teacher Quality Partnerships Grants

- ❑ Authorized at \$300 million
- ❑ Last year funded at \$34 million
- ❑ Administration attempts to eliminate every year
- ❑ Senate included increase to \$45 million
- ❑ **ADVOCACY NEEDED**

Accountability for Teacher Preparation

- Annual report cards from institutions of higher education
 - Progress on meeting teacher development goals (see below)
 - Pass rates and scaled scores
 - Program information
 - Use of technology, including universal design for learning
 - Activities that prepare general and special education teachers to effectively teach students with disabilities, participate in IEPs

Accountability for Teacher Preparation cont.

□ State Report Cards

- Includes alternate route programs not at IHEs
- Pass rates on teacher licensing exams by institution and alt. route programs
- How the state is addressing shortages, including special education
- How general and special education teachers are prepared to teach students with disabilities and participate in IEPs
- How technology is integrated, including UDL

Accountability for Teacher Preparation cont.

- Federal Report on Teacher Quality
 - Comparison of states' efforts to improve teaching workforce
 - Comparison of partnerships' efforts to improve teaching workforce
 - National mean and median scaled scores and pass rates

Accountability for Teacher Preparation (cont.)

Teacher Development Provisions

- IHE's must set annual quantifiable goals to increase number of teachers in math, science, special education, English language learners and other shortage areas
- IHE's must provide assurances that
 - ▣ Preparation is tied to needs of state and LEAs where they will likely teach
 - ▣ Special education teachers receive preparation in core academic subjects
 - ▣ General education teachers receive preparation in instructing students with disabilities
 - ▣ Candidates are prepared to teach in urban and rural areas, as applicable

Accountability for Teacher Preparation (cont.)

- Release of Information provision
 - Applies to all states that receive funds under HEOA
 - States must provide to preparation programs data that will help evaluate the program or the program's graduates
 - Data could include
 - K-12 student achievement data and demographic data
 - Teacher effectiveness evaluations

New Special Ed Teacher Prep Programs in HEOA

- TEACH to REACH grants
- Graduate Fellowships to Prepare Faculty in High Need Areas in Colleges of Education

New Disability Programs in HEOA

- Access to Pell Grants, Work Study and SEOG financial aid for students with intellectual disabilities
- Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities
- Coordinating Center

New Disability Programs in HEOA cont.

- ❑ Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities
- ❑ Model Demonstration Programs to Support Improved Access to Postsecondary Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities
- ❑ National Center for Information and Technical Support for Postsecondary Students with Disabilities

Reauthorized in HEOA...

- ▣ Demonstration Projects to Support Postsecondary Faculty, Staff, and Administrators in Educating Students with Disabilities
 - Effective Transition Practices
 - Distance learning
 - Career pathways
 - Secretarial Report due August 2009 on all grants from 1999-2008

GAO Study Request by Chairman George Miller

- ❑ To what extent are students with disabilities participating in higher education?
- ❑ What factors influence their access to higher education?
- ❑ How are accommodations used on admissions tests?
- ❑ Effectiveness and capacity of disability support services on campus
- ❑ IHE partnerships with other programs to support students with disabilities
- ❑ Program characteristics of effective programs in recruiting and graduating students with disabilities

GAO Study Request by Subcommittee Chairman Ruben Hinojosa

- ❑ Which federal programs support the preparation of general education teachers to work with ELL and students with disabilities?
- ❑ To what extent do teacher prep programs prepare general education teachers to work with these two groups?
- ❑ How do selected states and districts influence the preparation of general education teachers to work with these two groups?
- ❑ What challenges do teacher preparation programs, states and districts face in preparing teachers with these skills? What assistance does the US department of Education provide?

TEACH Grant Amendments – Title IV

- Service obligation completion in State-listed shortage areas
- List of extenuating circumstances
- Program Report



Teach for America

- Title VIII, Teach for America Authorization

What Next?

- Negotiated Rulemaking for Title IV programs and Title II provision
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html#neg-reg>
 - September 19, 2008, at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
 - September 29, 2008, at the University of Rhode Island, Providence Campus, Paff Auditorium, Providence, Rhode Island
 - October 2, 2008, at Pepperdine University, Malibu, California
 - October 6, 2008 at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina
 - October 8, 2008, at the U.S. Department of Education, 8th Floor Conference Center, 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC
 - October 15, 2008 at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio
- Reauthorization of NCLB and implications for Title II of HEOA
- Appropriations for programs

TEACH Grants

- Over 500 colleges and universities participating

Policy Agenda for the New President

- Eclipse of the economic situation
- Initial vehicle FY 2010 Budget Proposal – March
- NCLB will demand attention



Obama's Education Platform

- \$18 Billion
- Expand early childhood
- Teacher service scholarships
- All schools of Education must be professionally accredited
- Voluntary national performance assessment
- Teacher residency programs for 30,000 teachers
- Fully fund IDEA

McCain's Education Platform

- No new funding
- Expand choice
- Expand alternate routes like TFA, New Teacher Project
- Bonuses for teachers based on high need schools, field and student gains
- Fully fund IDEA

Policy Players for the New President

McCain Secretary of Education:

- **Lisa Graham Keegan**, former Chief in Arizona, CEA of Education Leaders Council
- **Gov. Tim Pawlenty, MN**, on short list for VP, pay for performance, HS reform
- **Mike Huckabee**, former Pres. Candidate and Gov. of Arkansas, chaired ECS, advocates for arts education, opposes state funded vouchers
- **Jane Swift**, former Gov. of Mass; since 2003 founded consulting firm working with for-profit education businesses

Policy Players for the New President Cont.

Obama Secretary of Education:

- **James Hunt**, former Gov. North Carolina, long history of improvements in North Carolina schools, national following
- **Janet Napolitano**, Arizona Governor, Chaired NGA, pushed for increased federal education spending
- **Linda Darling Hammond**, Obama education advisor, Stanford, expert on teacher quality
- **Arne Duncan**, Obama education advisor, CEO Chicago Public Schools, champions smaller schools, public-private partnerships, not popular with unions

Policy Players for the New President Cont.

Wildcards that McCain or Obama may consider:

- **Joel Klein, NYC Chancellor**
- **Cory Booker, Newark, New Jersey Mayor**
- **Paul Vallas, New Orleans Superintendent**

The 111th Congress

- Convening in January
- Likely to be more heavily Democratic in House and Senate
- Senators likely to be tapped for cabinet positions
- Reorganization of Committees
- Senate HELP Committee – Chairman Kennedy?

Senate

- ❑ Democrats could gain from 6-12 seats
- ❑ Five seats are tossups (OR, CO, MN, NC, NH)
- ❑ Stalwarts like Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) and Mitch McConnell (R-KY) are in tough races
- ❑ Democrats are close to the 60 vote majority

House of Representatives

- Democrats may pick up 25-30 seats
- 31 seats are tossups and 13 leaning Democrat and 10 leaning Republican
- The economy has been a game changer

Congressional Agenda

- Continue NCLB reauthorization
- IDEA reauthorization looming
- IES reauthorization
- Education on the back burner
- Complete FY 2009 funding bill (March-September)
- Appropriations for FY 2010 – fund new HEOA programs; keep campaign promises

And in Conclusion Remember...

**If you are not at the
table, you are probably
on the menu.**