

Spending Bill Gives Education Slight Hike

	Fiscal year 2009	Fiscal year 2010	President's request	Stimulus	Percent change from 2009 to 2010
<p>Title I grants to districts to help cover the cost of educating disadvantaged students were flat-funded, excluding a major boost in the stimulus law.</p>	\$14.5 billion	\$14.5 billion	\$13 billion	\$10 billion	0%
<p>Title I School Improvement Grants, which help states turn around schools that are struggling to meet the goals of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, were identified for a major boost in the president's budget, but were ultimately level-funded.</p>	\$545 million	\$545 million	\$1.5 billion	\$3 billion	0
<p>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act state grants to help cover the cost of educating students in special education were level-funded, although the program got a major boost in the stimulus.</p>	\$11.5 billion	\$11.5 billion	\$11.5 billion	\$11.3 billion	0
<p>Character Education was proposed for elimination in the president's budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee restored the funding in its bill. but the program was ultimately zeroed out.</p>	\$11.9 million	0	0	0	-100
<p>Teacher Incentive Fund, which gives grants to districts to create pay-for-performance programs, was the administration's top education priority. It received a major spending hike, despite a tight year.</p>	\$972 million	\$400 million	\$4872 million	\$200 million	+311.2
<p>21st Century Community Learning Centers were singled out by then-candidate Obama Barack as worthy of increased funding, so advocates for after-school programs financed under this initiative were disappointed by a proposal for level funding. The centers ultimately got a slight boost in the final spending bill.</p>	\$1.13 billion	\$1.16 billion	\$1.13 billion	0	3.1
<p>High School Initiative is a new program to bolster innovative strategies for increasing graduation rates, especially in schools with acute dropout problems.</p>	*	\$50 million	\$50 million	*	*
<p>Promise Neighborhoods is a new program that will provide grants to community-based organizations to develop efforts to help children deemed at risk succeed in school. Such supports could include prekindergarten, after-school programs, and college planning.</p>	*	\$10 million	\$10 million	*	*
<p>Striving Readers, traditionally an adolescent-literacy program, was transformed into a comprehensive K-12 literacy program and given a big increase.</p>	\$35 million	\$250 million	\$370 million	0	606.8
<p>Charter School Grants, which Mr. Obama had pledged during the 2008 campaign to increase, received a significant boost in a tight budget year.</p>	\$216 million	\$256 million	\$268 million	0	18.5

* New program created in fiscal 2010 spending bill.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education