

Education

The President's proposal would increase funding for the Department of Education by \$1.4 billion or 2.8 percent for a total of \$50.3 billion in discretionary appropriations, including billion dollar increases for Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. State assessments, Teacher Quality, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Early Reading First, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers would be level funded. In addition, Reading First is proposed to be funded at \$1 billion, an increase of \$100 million over FY 2002.

New Proposals:

Refundable tax credit for parents transferring children from a failing public school - If a student's regular public school is identified as a failing school, parents would be able to transfer the students to another public or private school and receive a credit of 50 percent of the first \$5000 in tuition, fees, and transportation costs.

Teacher's tax credit - Teachers could deduct up to \$400 in out-of-pocket classroom expenses such as books, supplies, equipment, and some professional training programs.

Charter schools - \$200 million to support approximately 1,800 new and existing charter schools and \$100 million for credit enhancement to assist charter schools in acquiring, leasing, and renovating school facilities through competitive grants.

Choice demonstration fund- \$50 million to support research projects that develop, implement, and evaluate innovative choice approaches.

Program	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 President's Request	\$ Difference Between FY 02 & Request	% Difference Between FY 02 and Request
Title I				
Basic Grants	7,172	7,175	2	0%
Concentration Grants	1,365	1,365	0	0%
Targeted Grants	1,018	2,018	1,000	98.2%
Even Start	250	200	(50)	-20%
State Assessment	387	387	0	0%
Impact Aid	1,143	1,140	(3)	-0.3%
Reading First Grants	900	1,000	100	11.1%
Early Reading First	75	75	0	0%
Teacher Quality (state grants)	2,850	2,850	0	0%
Educational technology state grants	700	700	0	0%
Choice and Innovation State Grants	385	385	0	0%
Safe and Drug Free Schools	472	472	0	0%
21 st Cent. Community Learning Centers	1,000	1,000	0	0%
Bilingual Education	665	665	0	0%
Special Education				
State Grants (part B)	7,528	8,528	1,000	13.3%
Preschool Grants	390	390	0	0%
Grants for Infants and Families	417	437	20	4.8%
Pell Grants	10,314	10,863	549	5.3%
Maximum award	\$4000	\$4000	0	0%