

American Rescue Plan

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- \$130 billion for safe reopening and addressing needs of students
- \$7.2 billion E-Rate to Address Digital Divide
- \$10 billion for testing in schools
- Cut child poverty in half
- \$40 billion for Child Care Relief
- \$1 billion for Tribal Child Care Relief
- Increased SNAP benefits by 15% for families in need

Resources and Guidance

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As part of the launch of the [Return to School Roadmap](#), the Department released:

- A [fact sheet](#) for schools, families, and communities on the Return to School Roadmap, reviewing the three “Landmark” priorities, and elevating schools and districts that are addressing each in effective ways.
- A [guide](#) for schools and districts outlining what schools can do to protect the health and safety of students, including increasing access to vaccinations and steps for implementing the CDC’s recently updated K-12 school guidance.
- A [checklist](#) that parents can use to prepare themselves and their children for a safe return to in-person learning this fall, leading with vaccinating eligible children and masking up if students are not yet vaccinated.

To support states, districts, and schools, the Department also released:

- The COVID-19 Handbook [*Volume 1: Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools*](#)
- The COVID-19 Handbook [*Volume 2: Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs*](#)
- [*Questions and Answers on Civil Rights and School Reopening*](#)
- Guidance on the use of [*Federal pandemic recovery funds*](#)
- [*Safer Schools and Best Practices Clearinghouse*](#)
- *NEW: Strategies for Using American Rescue Plan Funding to Address the Impact of Lost Instructional Time*

President Biden's Budget Request for FY2022

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Highlights

- **Head Start:** Additional \$1.2 billion to increase number of slots.
- **Child Care and Development Block Grant:** Additional \$1.5 billion to expand access to quality, affordable child care.
- **Community Schools:** Additional \$413 million for Full Service Community Schools.
- **Special Education:** Additional \$2.6 billion for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- **NEW PROGRAM: School-Based Health Professionals:** Additional \$1 billion to increase number of school counselors, nurses, social workers and school psychologists.
- **NEW PROGRAM: Fostering Diverse Schools:** New \$100 million grant program to help communities develop and implement strategies that would build more diverse student bodies.
- **NEW PROGRAM: Title I Equity Grants:** New \$20 billion program for Title 1 schools to raise teacher pay and address inequity in school funding (new program).

Support for Educators

- Building a Diverse Teacher Pipeline
 - **Over \$400 million** (including \$280 million in mandatory AFP funding) for Teacher Quality Partnership grants to effectively prepare aspiring teachers
 - **\$60 million** (including \$40 million in mandatory AFP funding) for Augustus Hawkins Centers of Excellence to help diversify the teacher pipeline
- Educator Training and Support
 - **\$1.6 billion** to support additional certifications for more than 100,000 educators in high-demand areas like special education, bilingual education, career and technical education, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
 - **\$30 million** to recruit and train school leaders

American Families Plan

Early Childhood Education & Teachers



American Families Plan: *Early Childhood Education*

- **Universal Pre-School:** Invest \$200 billion to create a national partnership with states to offer free, high-quality, accessible, and inclusive pre-K to all three- and four-year-old children.
- **Affordable, High Quality Childcare:** \$225 billion to guarantee that no one earning under 150% of state median income has to pay more than 7% of their income on high-quality care for children 0-5.

American Families Plan: *Teachers*

President Biden is calling on Congress to invest \$9 billion in American teachers, addressing shortages, improving training and supports for teachers, and boosting teacher diversity.

- **Make it Easier to Enter the Profession:** Double size of annual TEACH grant, planning to target juniors, seniors and graduate students. Strengthen program by:
 - Do not capitalize interest upon conversion to loan.
 - Reduce amount that converts to a loan for each year of service completed.
 - Allow promotions into schoolwide or district roles.
 - Phase-in quality guardrails for program eligibility based on grant recipient outcomes.
- **TQPG:** Increase funding for Teacher Quality Partnership Grants, focusing on residencies and Grown Your Own programs (\$2.8B)
- **Hawkins Centers of Excellence:** Invest in teacher prep programs at HBCUs, TCU and MSIs through Augustus Hawkins Centers of Excellence Program (\$400m)

American Families Plan: *Teachers*

- **Section 662 of IDEA Part D:** Double funding for this program developing pipeline of special education teachers (\$900m)
- **NEW PROGRAM: Answer the Call: Supporting In-Demand Credentials for Teachers:** (\$1.6B, available until expended)
 - Provide funds for current teachers to pay for additional certifications in high-demand areas or those associated with improved teacher performance, so they don't have to pay out of pocket.
 - Will support additional certifications for over 100,000 current teachers.
 - Priority for teachers with at least two years of experience at schools with a significant portion of low-income students or significant teacher shortages.
- **NEW PROGRAM: Expanding Opportunities for Teacher Leadership & Development:** Invest in teacher leadership, leveraging teachers to have an impact beyond their classroom (\$2B)