

The Trump Rollback

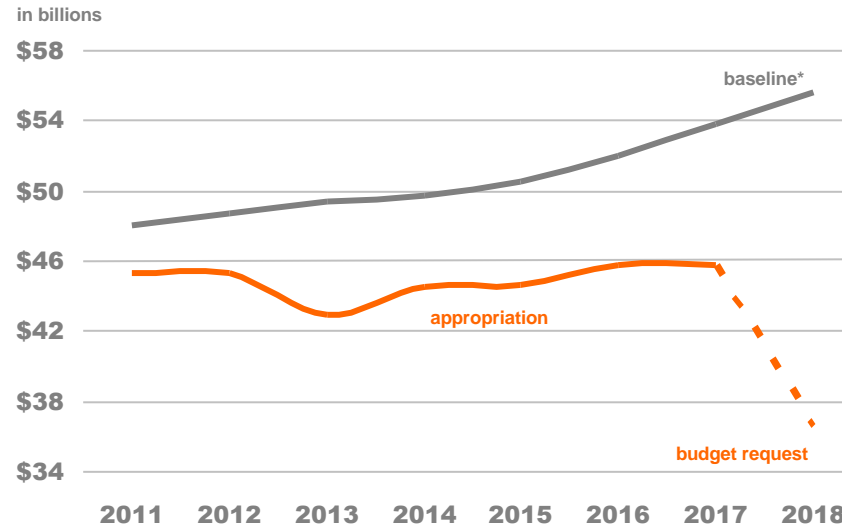
only two-thirds of the funding required for current enrollment

U.S. Department of Education
Budget Request, FY2018

Education Department Total Discretionary Funding

[excluding Federal Pell Grants]

The Trump Administration's fiscal year 2018 budget request for the Education Department would rollback discretionary funding (excluding Federal Pell Grants) by 20 percent compared to current levels. When adjusted for changes in enrollment and inflation, the budget request would provide only 66 percent of what is necessary just to keep pace with the services provided in 2010.



*Baseline: represents the actual appropriation for fiscal year 2010 adjusted each year thereafter for inflation and enrollment

What is discretionary funding?

Discretionary funding is subject to the annual appropriations process. Congress chooses which programs to fund and the amounts.

Why is the budget request compared to a baseline?

A baseline reflects the funding level required to provide the same level of services in a certain year as was provided in the baseline year by adjusting for changes in the cost of services and enrollment. It is policy-neutral. Including a baseline in a funding chart indicates whether or not current or proposed funding is above, below, or just at the level necessary to keep pace with changes in inflation and enrollment.

Why exclude Pell Grants?

Pell Grant funding represents about 33 percent of total Education Department discretionary funding, so the program can have an outsized impact on changes in overall funding levels. Excluding it allows a better look at how all other programs are faring.

in billions	FY 2018 Budget Request	vs FY 2017 CR Appropriation**		vs FY 2010 Baseline (Adjusted for Inflation & Enrollment)***	
Total Education Department Discretionary Funding, excluding Pell	\$36.6	-\$9.2	-20.1%	-\$19.1	-34.3%

**CR=continuing resolution, or the level of continuing appropriations provided under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017, that are due to expire on April 28.

***FY 2010 represents the year prior to the start of concerted efforts to restrain nondefense discretionary spending, including the enforcement of spending caps and sequestration under the Budget Control Act.

Sources: budget request from America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again, Office of Management and Budget; and appropriations data from the U.S. Department of Education Budget Service. NEA calculated the baseline using data from the U.S. Department of Education Budget Service and Projections of Education Statistics to 2024 (September 2016), National Center for Education Statistics. For more information, contact Tom Zembar at 202.822.7109 or TZembar@nea.org. | March 16, 2017

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