



Allocating Education Relief Funding to Support Student Performance


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What COVID Funding Means for K-12

- **The House has voted to approve a \$1.9T stimulus package**
 - **Would dedicate an additional \$170B to K-12 and higher ed**
 - **This is more than the previous two relief packages combined (\$30.7B and \$82B)**
- **Senate is expected to vote in the coming weeks**
- **This plan is called the American Rescue Plan**
 - **CARES Act: March 2020**
 - **COVID Relief Package: December 2020**

How Much Will Congress Spend to Shore Up Schools?

The Covid-19 relief plans before Congress all dedicate billions to stabilizing education budgets amid deep losses in state revenue. But the amounts vary from bill to bill.

 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	CARES Act Signed into Law March 2020	Covid Relief Package Signed into Law December 2020	American Rescue Plan Passed by the House February 2021
Education Total	\$30.7 billion	\$82 billion	\$170 billion
K-12	\$13.2	\$54	\$130
Higher Ed	\$14	\$22	\$35
Governors	\$3	\$4	\$5

American Rescue Plan

\$63.5B: Avoid layoffs, close budget gaps, and hire more health staff

\$59.5B: Social Distancing, PPE, and other materials

\$46B: Meet the learning needs (closing the digital divide) and social-emotional needs of students

Funding Distribution

- All 50 states will receive funding
- Each state may reserve up to 10%
- States will largely tie the funding to Title I



Letter from 19 Educational Organizations Supporting the Plan

“Declines in state and local revenues that are outpacing the Great Recession a decade ago, have made educator job loss among the hardest-hit sectors during the COVID-fueled economic crisis”

“These facts, taken together, outline the stark reality of continued need for additional federal investment. We strongly support the \$128 billion in funding included in the American Rescue Plan.”

[Click here to see the 19 supporting K-12 organizations](#)

Equitable Expenditure #1: Afterschool & Summer School

- A. Supplemental solution for ensuring students are ready for the next school year
- B. Ensure seniors will meet requirements to graduate
- C. Live-stream certified teachers



Equitable Expenditure #2: Equipment for Teachers & Students



- Acquire and distribute distance learning-related equipment
- Internet options
- Educate the community about their options
- Re-engage students who have not been able to participate virtually

Equitable Expenditure #3: Address Teacher Vacancies

- Pre-pandemic, there was a shortage of teachers; it's only getting worse
- Whether filling a vacancy or expanding a department, explore options



Equitable Expenditure #4: Re-establish Defunded Classes



1. Music
2. Arts
3. Foreign Language
4. Career and Technology
5. AP/GT

Equitable Expenditure #5: Build Comprehensive Safety Routines



1. Protective Equipment
2. Space Allocation
3. Cleaning
4. Communications

THANK YOU!

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