

The Trump/DeVos Rollback

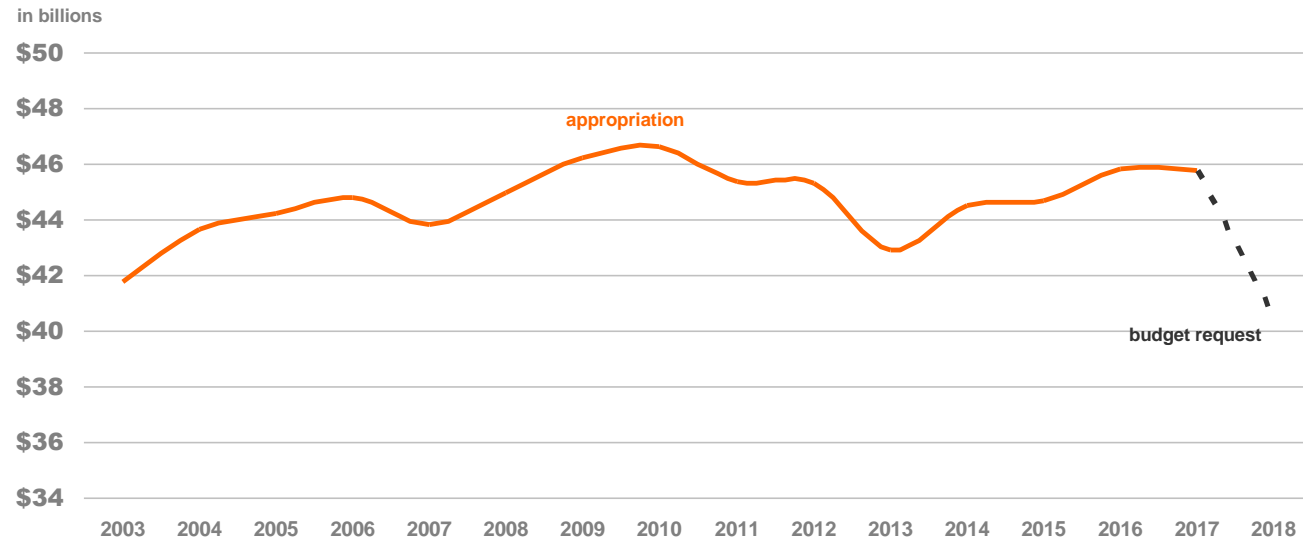
below 2003 funding levels

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) to levels below 2003 in current dollars. Public preK-12 and postsecondary enrollment has increased by 6.8 million students since 2003.



What is discretionary funding? Funding subject to the annual appropriations process. Congress decides which programs to fund and by how much.

Why exclude Federal Pell Grants from the discretionary total? Federal Pell Grants represent about 33 percent of total Education Department discretionary funding, so the program can have an out-sized impact on changes in overall funding levels. Excluding it allows a better look at how all other programs are faring.

	FY 2018 Budget Request	vs FY 2017 Appropriation		vs FY 2003 Appropriation		Change in Student Enrollment* Since 2003	
Total Education Department Discretionary Funding, excluding Pell	\$40.5 billion	-\$5.3 billion	-11.6 percent	-\$1.3 billion	-3.1 percent	+6.8 million	+10.3 percent

*Public preK-12 and postsecondary (public and private).

Sources: budget request from A New Foundation for American Greatness, Office of Management and Budget; and appropriations data from the U.S. Department of Education Budget Service. Enrollment data from Projections of Education Statistics to 2024 (September 2016), National Center for Education Statistics. For more information, contact Tom Zembler at 202.822.7109 or TZembler@nea.org. | May 23, 2017

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