

# Department of Education

- Why it's important

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## Percent of Federal Funding for K-12

Alameda County 4%

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School  
District. 6%

Pleasanton Unified 2%

Dublin Unified 1.5% (not including  
food services)

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# Federal Funding for K-12

CA gets about \$15.5 billion, which is just over 13% of total education funding. About \$8 billion of that is for **K-12 schools**, or about **6%** of all spending in that category.

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# Department of Education is a data collection and research agency

- “. . .Critics warn that such a move could exacerbate educational inequalities, leaving underfunded schools in disadvantaged communities without essential resources. Experts argue redistributing its functions to other federal agencies could disrupt funding and reduce resources for states heavily reliant on federal aid. The transition of educational programs might also create uncertainties in fund allocation, potentially leading to inequalities in education.”

Newsweek February 5, 2025

# DOE Collapse Would Leave Millions of Teachers Without Funding

- **administers federal laws relating to education as well as the \$268 billion education budget**, which includes about \$119 billion for K-12 schools across the country, much of it dedicated to special education services and support for students from low-income families.
- Some of the department's core functions include administering federal student aid, enforcing civil rights cases, providing Title I funding for low-income school districts and guaranteeing a free public education for children with disabilities via the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

# Can the President do that?

**NO**

BUT

Eliminating staff results in a lack of service

Cutting the staff in half results in significant  
**chaos.**

Staff at regional Department of Education  
offices for civil rights enforcement, for  
example, were locked out Wednesday,. That  
means investigations into discrimination could  
be **curtailed.**



## **7 out of 12 Civil Rights offices have been closed**

The offices enforce federal laws against discrimination based on race, ethnicity, sex and disabilities in schools and colleges nationwide. When it finds violations, it can require educational institutions to change discriminatory policies, order staff training, strengthen standards of conduct by students and teachers, and improve their responses to complaints and their contacts with police.

**San Francisco's regional office is one that was closed.**



# **CEAS (CIVICS EMPOWERS ALL STUDENTS)**

- All SEED grants received a termination letter in template form that stated

**Teaching young people about the  
Constitution is Unconstitutional**

(paraphrased)

# **California Joins other states in suing the Trump Administration**

- California Attorney General Rob Bonta said the Trump administration “ignores the invaluable role the Department of Education plays in ensuring the health, safety and education of our children – administering programs that assist children from low-income families, providing vocational training, and enforcing anti-discrimination laws.”

# TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against the Department in the case of *California v. Department of Education*, Case 1:25-cv-10548-MJJ
- Part of a class action suit

CALIFORNIA.      MASSACHUSETTS      NEW JERSEY      COLORADO  
ILLINOIS.      MARYLAND      NEW YORK      WISCONSIN

Teacher Quality Partnership (“TQP”) Program

Supporting Effective Educator Development (“SEED”) Grant Program

Both terminated in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”).



**What can you do?**

**DON'T STOP THE PRESSURE**

MAKE SURE YOU PRACTICE SELF CARE  
PICK ONE OR TWO THINGS THAT YOU CAN  
DO AND KEEP DOING THEM!

**Call**

**Write**

**Show UP**

You can't do it all BUT YOU CAN DO  
SOMETHING!