

Education Policy and Politics: What's at Stake for Students with Disabilities

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4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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Federal Education Policy

Birth to Five

Head Start (1965) Head Start Reauthorization (1972) CCDBG (1990) Section 619 of IDEA (1975) Part C of IDEA (1986) CCDBG Reauthorization (2014)

<u>K-12</u>

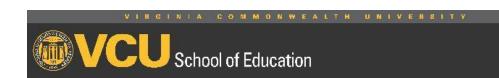
Brown v. Topeka (1954) NDEA (1958) ESEA (1965) EAHCA (1975) IDEA (1990) NCLB (2001) ESEA Reauthorizations

<u>CTE</u> Vocational Education Act (1963) Perkins (1998) WIA (1998) WIOA (2014)

Post-Secondary

G.I. Bill (1944) HEA (1965) TRIO Programs (1965) Pell Grants (1980) HEOA (2008)

FERPA (1974)



ESRA (2002)

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History of Federal Education Policy

- 1800s: Higher education focused (e.g., the Morrill Act of 1862)
- Early 1900s: Vocational education focus (e.g., Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 and the George-Barden Act of 1946)
- Mid-1900s: More focus on higher education (e.g., the GI bill of 1947)
- 1958: "Missile Gap" (National Defense Education Act)
- 1965: Poverty and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- 1975: Education for All Handicapped Children Act 1975
- 1986: EAHCA Reauthorization
- 1990: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act



Four Major Touchpoints for Federal Education Disability Policy

- Congress (the House and the Senate
- The Executive Branch (the president and the agencies)
- Advocates
- The States





Education Appropriations (FY 2013)

- ESEA Title I \$13,760,476,000
 - IDEA K-12 \$10,975,104,000
- IDEA Preschool \$353,155,000
 - IDEA Part C \$419,554,000
- Career and Technical Ed
 - Head Start \$7,585,173,000
 - TRIO \$795,487,000

\$1,064,531,000



Political Landscape

- Sequestration
- Generally flat funding
- 0-5% cuts annually to small programs
- Consolidation of programs
- Preference for states to try new ideas
- Common ground has narrowed



Important Education Players in Congress

- John Kline
- Bobby Scott
- Patty Murray
- Lamar Alexander



Important Education Players in the Administration

- Arne Duncan
- Melody Musgrove
- Sue Swenson
- Roberto Rodriguez
- Cecilia Munoz



Common Ground Issues

- Increasing states' flexibility to implement programs (sometimes)
- Student achievement (sometimes)
- Social security (sometimes)
- Disability (sometimes)



Early Childhood (birth to 5)



K-12

CTE

Higher Ed

Cross-cutting Issues

- Education Research: ESRA
- Student and Family Privacy: FERPA

