



## The Impact of Federal Funding for Special Education Research

### What is the Institute of Education Sciences (IES)?

- IES was charged by Congress to provide rigorous scientific evidence to inform education practice and policy.
- IES grants allow researchers to use the best, most current evidence to design and test interventions that improve student outcomes. These interventions directly benefit students and generate evidence about what works, which informs educators across the US. IES grants are required to consider the cost-effectiveness of interventions to ensure interventions shared with schools have a strong return on investment.
- Cutting IES funding directly impacts students with and without disabilities, current and future special educators, and education leaders.

### We urge members of Congress to support special education research by:

1. Funding the Institute of Education Sciences (\$793.1 Million), including National Center for Special Education Research (\$64.3 Million)
2. Requiring IES to restore funding for and access to NCEE and NCES datasets

### Who Does IES Funding Impact?

Students with disabilities	IES research tests academic and behavioral interventions to better educate students with disabilities and prepare them for self-determined lives.
Students <i>without</i> disabilities	IES research improves how teachers provide instruction to all students through teacher training and coaching. Findings from special education research on a range of topics—from literacy to behavior support—are now implemented school-wide and benefit all students.
Current and future K12 Teachers	IES provides opportunities for education professionals to increase their use of evidence-based practices and for teachers to get graduate degrees. IES provides training for future education faculty members who train the next generation of teachers.
State educational leaders	IES reports and state-wide data systems provide leaders with information to make smart decisions. Without IES, educational systems will waste money using programs and data in ways that don't improve outcomes for students.

What Does IES Funding Pay For?	What Happens if IES is Defunded?
Research to understand how teachers can improve outcomes for kids with and without disabilities.	We will not be able to adjust and improve our educational systems as technology evolves and student needs change.
Training for people who want to become researchers and faculty members in education.	There will not be a next generation of special education faculty and teacher educators. Future K12 teachers will not have access to the mentorship and training they need.
Coaching and training for K12 teachers and leaders so that they can use research in their schools.	School leaders and teachers will have more difficulty implementing evidence-based practices in their schools.
Trainings on data analysis, which ensure continued advances in the accuracy, usefulness, and cost-effectiveness of education data collections and research.	Educational systems will waste money using programs and data in ways that don't improve outcomes for students.
National and state-wide data collection about outcomes for students with and without disabilities.	We will not have data to understand how to make our country competitive internationally. States will have less information to make smart decisions about their own educational systems.