

# House budget proposal hints at cuts to education funding without laying out specifics

Education proposals from the “Building a Better America” House budget plan

Proposal	What it might mean
<i>Strengthen Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs</i>	The proposal emphasizes CTE and workforce development programs, building on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. However, the proposal hints that it may cut funding for these programs in an attempt to “streamline” them and reduce administrative costs.
<i>Streamline higher education programs</i>	Citing the “complicated and time-consuming” process of applying for federal financial aid, the budget proposal calls for a simplified aid system that removes incentives to over-borrow.
<i>Factor in market risk in accounting for student loans</i>	The proposal recommends the use of “fair-value accounting” that incorporates market risk when assessing the cost of student loans.
<i>Make the Pell Grant program sustainable</i>	The budget proposal suggests that discretionary spending for Pell Grants is too high, and that the program’s maximum award level is not sustainable. The proposal also states that Pell Grants should go to students with the most need and changes should be made to ensure the program’s financial sustainability, suggesting cuts are possible.

Sources: Building a Better America: a plan for fiscal responsibility, 2017.