



Raising the Bar In LOUISIANA



Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the U.S. Department of Education has invested **over \$7 billion** to strengthen education across Louisiana.



Accelerating academic achievement and excellence in Louisiana

- ✓ **\$2.6 billion** to address the impacts of COVID-19 on students and schools.
- ✓ **\$1.3 billion** to support 540,000 high-need students – an increase of \$50 million under the Biden-Harris Administration.
- ✓ **\$831 million** to support 96,000 students with disabilities – an increase of \$22 million under the Biden-Harris Administration.



Boldly improving learning conditions in Louisiana

- ✓ **\$21.3 million** to over 35 high-need districts to reduce gun violence and create safe school environments. This builds on **\$109 million** invested statewide to support safe and healthy students and provide a well-rounded education.
- ✓ **\$1.5 million** to prepare additional mental health professionals to serve Louisiana's schools.
- ✓ **\$1 million** to create 2 new full-service community schools in Louisiana.
- ✓ **\$178 million** to support recruitment, retention, and professional learning for Louisiana's 41,000 teachers.
- ✓ **\$11 million** in competitive grants to recruit and develop highly-qualified educators, support affordable pathways into teaching, and address the needs of all learners.
- ✓ Average teacher pay has increased by **more than \$2,000** since 2021.
- ✓ Louisiana has an approved registered apprenticeship program for teachers.
- ✓ Under the Biden-Harris Administration, federal investments have helped create **more than 1,300 education jobs** in Louisiana since 2020.



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Creating pathways for global engagement for Louisiana

- ✓ **\$127 million** to connect students to career learning and workforce development opportunities through career, technical, and adult education.
- ✓ **\$19.3 million** to expand high-quality language instruction for about 33,000 English learners – an increase of \$1.2 million under the Biden-Harris Administration.



Increasing college affordability, quality, and completion for Louisiana

- ✓ **\$7,395** secured for the maximum Pell Grant – the largest increase in the last decade – reaching **more than 115,000 Louisiana students** with **more than \$605 million** in aid.
- ✓ **\$690 million** in pandemic aid to safely reopen 39 Louisiana colleges and universities and to give students additional financial aid.
- ✓ **\$166 million** to expand services and employment services for individuals with disabilities.
- ✓ **\$109 million** to increase college access and success for low-income and first-generation students, and students with disabilities.
- ✓ **\$143 million** to support 6 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and 4 Minority Serving Institutions.
- ✓ **\$1.9 million** to meet students’ basic needs and reduce non-academic barriers to college success.



Delivering student debt relief for Louisiana

- ✓ **More than 11,600 public servants** in Louisiana have received loan forgiveness since 2021, totaling **more than \$923 million** in relief.
- ✓ **More than 61,500 student loan discharges** approved for Louisiana, totaling **more than \$2.5 billion** in relief for borrowers.

All figures as of July 2024.



“Raise the Bar: Lead the World” is the U.S. Department of Education’s call to action to transform education and unite around what truly works—based on decades of experience and research—to advance educational equity and excellence. Learn more at ed.gov/raisethebar.

