

EDUCATION

We support:

190. involving community/ parents/educators/students in educational problem solving/decision-making
191. minimum 6% SSA for PreK-12 education
192. restoring independent allowable growth formula to determine public school funding
193. providing educational tools/ resources for students needing additional assistance, including online classes and other technology
194. PreK-12 public education for students until age 21
195. post-secondary programs tuition-/debt-free for at least 4 years, including:
 - a. vocational programs
 - b. regent state universities
 - c. community colleges
196. dyslexia screening for children in PreK-12 schools/IJJS
197. state mandates requiring all public schools include instruction in physical/mental health and sex positive/comprehensive/research-based sexual/health programs (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
198. training for all literacy skills
199. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool
200. full funding for:
 - a. fine/applied arts
 - b. ELL/ESL programs
 - c. career/vocational education
 - d. literacy education
 - e. STEM
 - f. civic education
 - g. personal financial literacy
201. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative, salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
202. funding IDEA at 40% level
203. ADA compliance of all school facilities
204. restoring funds to AEAs
205. TLC program
206. driver's education and foreign language programs provided by local public school districts
207. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
208. ECE (public preschool/Head Start services)
209. meeting Head Start or NAEYC performance standards
210. placement of special education student to be directly tied to determining class size and staffing need

211. restoring, increasing funding to regent universities and community colleges
212. living wages, benefit parity, unemployment benefit eligibility, and ongoing training for ESPs
213. increasing statewide minimum dropout age to 18
214. student-loan forgiveness
215. bankruptcy protections for borrowers
216. 100% tax-deductible interest on post-secondary loans
217. mental health professionals in all schools
218. reduction of class size
219. requiring credentialed supervision for home-schooled students
220. expanding access to public school alternative programs
221. radon testing for school buildings
222. modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
223. an option for a guaranteed rate of return for funds in 529 savings plans
224. District Voluntary Diversity Plans
225. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
226. increased tax credits for teaching materials educators purchase
227. strongly regulating accreditation, credit transferability and disclosure of costs for all for-profit schools
228. funding all TRIO programs
229. party balance of the Iowa Board of Regents
230. NEA, NEH, NSF, CPB

We oppose:

231. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
 - a. vouchers
 - b. Education Savings Accounts
 - c. charter school pre-tax plans
232. merit pay
233. religious bias in publicly-funded education
234. arming school employees

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

AEA – Area Education Agency
CPB – Corporation for Public Broadcasting
ECE – Early Childhood Education
ELL – English Language Learners
ESL – English as a Second Language
ESP – Education Support Professional
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IJJS - Iowa Juvenile Justice System

LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community

NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children

NEA – National Endowment for the Arts

NEH – National Endowment for the Humanities

NSF – National Science Foundation

SSA – Supplemental State Aid to education

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

TLC – Teacher Leadership and Compensation System

TRIO – Educational Talent Search (ETS), Classic Upward Bound (CUB), Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS), Student Support Services (SSS), Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Training Grant (for Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel (TR)