



Established by Congress with support from unions and President Carter in 1979, the Department of Education plays a critical role in addressing structural racism and systemic inequities in our education system, particularly for Black, brown, and API students.

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HELPS FUND OVER **18,000** SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.



Federal funding makes up about **14%** of K-12 funding, helping to close gaps in underfunded districts.

\$33 BILLION

in Pell grants for lower-income college students

\$18 BILLION

in Title I funding to improve educational opportunities for disadvantaged students by supporting public schools in lower-income districts

\$14 BILLION

in IDEA funding for special education, early intervention, and other services for children with disabilities.

\$1.1 BILLION

in funding for work-study jobs for lower-income students.

FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDING MATTERS. IT ALSO FUNDS...



Approx. 300,000 SEIU members – school aides, food service workers, bus drivers, custodians and other K-12 education support workers, faculty, staff, and student workers at colleges and universities.



Disburses & services \$86B in federal student loans.



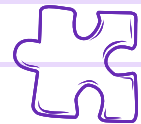
Supports campus safety for women.



Enforces laws against racial and gender discrimination in education.



Supports equal access to higher education and athletics.



Helps fund school budgets in states where many SEIU public service members work

DID YOU KNOW?



Because of its mission to treat education as a fundamental right for all, the Department of Education has been used as a political football in concerted efforts to dismantle public services and infrastructure that we all depend on.