



EDUCATION PROVISIONS

The CARES Act will help students who have had their education disrupted by:

- Allowing students to defer student loan payments for 6 months and to keep their Pell grants
- Preventing students who have to leave school as a result of COVID-19 from losing eligibility for future Pell grants, and allowing students to keep unspent money from Pell grants or student loans
- Allowing colleges and universities to continue to pay students for work-study programs even if they are unable to work due to closures
- Allowing federal academic testing and accountability rules to be waived in K-12

Higher Education

- Gives colleges and universities the flexibility needed to direct campus-based aid to students struggling the most in this environment.
- Provides schools the flexibility to ensure this interrupted semester does not stop a students' ability to continue class in the future. Students will not be on the hook for financial aid distributed to them when the pandemic forced them to drop out mid-term.
- Frees institutional grants from restrictions that prevent minority serving institutions from better serving students in need.

Student Loan Borrowers

- Provides direct financial relief to many student loan borrowers by pausing their monthly repayment requirements for six months and requiring the Secretary of Education to suspend all interest accumulation and monthly payments on federally held student loans.
- Stops collecting student loans for borrowers in default.

K-12

- Provides the Secretary of Education additional waiver authority to ensure school districts can focus on addressing students' needs during this pandemic.
- Allows states to waive annual student testing for schools affected by COVID-19.
- Allows schools to use any remaining funds from Title I – the largest program in the Every Student Succeeds Act that aims to provide all children with the opportunity to receive a high-quality education – for next year.

- Gives school districts increased flexibility in how they use block grant funds, allowing more funds to be used for technology and other activities related to coronavirus recovery.