

Federal Funding and Budget

Education funding is only two percent of the federal budget, yet it has a big impact on the states. Understand the federal budget process, the influence of presidential politics and lobbying groups on the federal budget, and the budgetary implications for education policy.

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