The Department of Education

The **United States Department of Education**, is a Cabinet-level department of the United States government. The primary functions of the Department of Education are to "establish policy for, administer and coordinate most federal assistance to education, collect data on US schools, and to enforce federal educational laws regarding privacy and civil rights."

Unlike the systems of most other countries, education in the U.S. is highly decentralized, and the Department of Education are not heavily involved in determining curricula or educational standards (with the recent exceptions of the No Child Left Behind Act and the Common Core State Standards Initiative). This has been left to state and local school districts. The quality of educational institutions is maintained through an informal private process known as accreditation, over which the Department of Education has no direct public jurisdictional control. It is by far the smallest Cabinet-level department, with about 5,000 employees and an annual budget of about US$73 Billion.

What We Want:

1. The formation of *New Education Zones*.

2. The enactment of the *Operation Top* Student program.

3. The enactment of the *College Road to Success* program.

4. A refiguring of the financing of public schools since the advent of the national lottery system**.**

5. An immediate end to the disparate suspension and expulsion of Black students in public schools.

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