

What is Project 2025's position on Public Education?

Delegitimize and defund public education by **rolling back regulatory protections** for marginalized groups, **reducing funding** for low-income students, **expanding school privatization** and **eventually eliminating the Department of Education (Ed)**.

Threats We're Anticipating:

Project 2025's strategy document, the *Mandate for Leadership*, lays out the following Education threats:

Weaponizing Agencies & Regulations

- [Lessen](#) restrictions on charter schools such as no longer requiring community-centered approaches or collaborating with former educators and traditional public schools
- [Define](#) sex as "only biological sex recognized at birth" through agency rule-making
- [Stop](#) considering race & ethnicity in identification, placement and discipline of students with disabilities
- [Sideline](#) Ed responsibilities like Civil Rights enforcement and data collection to other extant agencies
- [Restore](#) former version of Title IX

Using Federal Funds to Undermine Public Ed

- [Access](#) Title I funding for private learning options and phase out Title I funding over 10 year period to state control
- [Allow](#) states to opt out of federal K-12 programs and still access federal funds

Enshrining Far-Right Agendas

- Establish [federal](#) "Parents Bill of Rights" copying models like in Florida
- Prohibit "compelled speech" especially as it relates to race
- [Allow](#) public school staff to misgender students and out trans students

Expanding School Privatization

- Create [federal](#) voucher program for Native students
- Create [federal](#) voucher program through Educational Choice for Children Act

Watering Down Higher Education

- [Overhaul](#) accreditation to remove DEI policy requirements, allow faith-based institutions to opt out of requirements due to religious beliefs and authorize state-based accreditation agencies

Threats We're Tracking:

Here's where we are already seeing these threats emerge:

Title IX Litigation: Several states have filed suit against the Administration's expansion of the application of sex protections to include sexual orientation and gender identity in Title IX. Just recently, a Texas judge [ruled](#) that previous Biden administration Title IX guidance was invalid and "could not be enforced" in the State, and the Biden administration's most recent Title IX regulations have now been at least temporarily [blocked](#) by federal judges in ten states.

Expanding So-Called "Parental Rights": During this year's legislative session, multiple states attempted to pass new or expanded so-called "parental rights" bills. Louisiana's [expansion](#) passed with language similar to that in the Project 2025: the "school shall not discriminate against their child by teaching the child that the child is currently or destined to be oppressed or to be an oppressor based on the child's race or national origin."

Interested in learning more about our response to Project 2025? To connect on our work tracking threats, contact democracy2025@democracyforward.org, kspeers@democracyforward.org, or muzzell@democracyforward.org.