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How Project 2025 and MAGA Republicans would harm students, educators, school staff and public education

Project 2025 calls for:ⁱ

- In its preamble, having teachers and librarians “imprisoned” or “classed as registered sex offenders” over teaching banned books or teaching “pornography,” which could mean anything related to gender, sexual orientation or anything else deemed inappropriate (page 5).
- Eliminating the Department of Education (page 319).
- Creating a universal private school voucher program (pages 319, 347).
- Eliminating Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (pages 325-326).
 - Transitioning Title I and IDEA to “no-strings-attached” block grants—which could allow the funds to flow directly to parents in the form of private school vouchers—before phasing it out over the next decade.
- Eliminating Head Start, which serves over 1 million children annually, forcing the closure of thousands of preschools and severely restricting access to child care in rural America (page 482).
- Removing accountability and transparency requirements for charter schools (page 331).
- Censoring curriculum and removing content related to DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion), gender identity, race and anything deemed “anti-American” or “woke” (page 344).
- Removing protections for LGBTQIA+ students in schools, including the Biden administration’s recent [Title IX guidance](#), and legalizing discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people (pages 332-334).
 - Scaling back the federal government’s ability to enforce civil rights laws like Title IX, which prohibits sex-based discrimination, and Title VI, which prohibits race-based discrimination.
- Allowing states to opt out of federal education programs and devoting their share of federal education funds “toward any lawful education purpose under state law” (page 351).
- Passing a federal parents’ bill of rights similar to those passed in a number of Republican-led states (page 344).
- Reducing eligibility for free school meals (page 303).

ⁱ For more on Project 2025, see <https://democracyforward.org/the-peoples-guide-to-project-2025> and <https://whatisproject2025.net/project-2025-mandate-for-leadership-pdf>

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