

The Federal Budget Race

What is Appropriations? An appropriation is a legal authorization, typically passed by a legislative body like Congress, setting aside a specific sum of money from the treasury for a designated purpose or agency. In Congress, this is when federal funding is decided for the fiscal year. Education priorities are mostly found in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) bill. Learn more about the race to fund Education below.

FAQ:

- **The budget must be approved by September 30.** If it is not, the federal government goes into a shutdown, unless a Continuing Resolution (CR) is passed.
- Continuing Resolutions provide a new budget deadline for that fiscal year and fund the federal government until then.
- **There are 12 Appropriations bills.**
- To find this year's Labor HHS bill, [check here](#).
- The [President's Budget Request](#) *informs* the budget resolutions that are passed in each chamber, which is then combined in a conference committee.
- **To Advocate to Congress, check out [this page](#).**

