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[**Washington, D.C., Considers Banning Preschool Suspensions**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/early_years/2015/02/washington_dc_considers_banning_preschool_suspensions.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=earlyyears) **Education Week**

Advocates in Washington, D.C., welcomed a bill that would ban most suspensions and expulsions from public preschool programs, which was discussed during a public hearing in the nation's capital last week. Though the bill, introduced by City Council Member David Grosso, would govern policy in only one city, it touches on a more widespread issue. A U.S. Department of Education study released in March caused a small furor when it showed that black students nationally are far more likely to be suspended than white students, even in preschool.

[**Arne Duncan Makes Push to Continue i3 Program in NCLB Rewrite**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2015/02/arne_duncan_makes_push_to_cont.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

The U.S. Secretary of Education wants to preserve Investing in Innovation, an Obama administration competitive-grant program that would be scrapped under Republican legislation to overhaul the No Child Left Behind Act.

[**Title I Formula Changes Included in House Republican NCLB Rewrite**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2015/02/title_i_formula_changes_includ.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

Lawmakers who have been trying for years to change the way Title I dollars for low-income students are disbursed to school districts scored a big win with House Republicans Wednesday morning. When GOP members on the education committee unveiled the No Child Left Behind Act overhaul that they plan to clear later in the afternoon, it included several technical changes to the measure they originally introduced. Notably, it increased the weight given to the percentage of low-income students in a school district, which is part of how Title I aid is distributed.

[**House Education Committee Approves NCLB Rewrite on Party-Line Vote**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2015/02/house_education_committee_clea_1.html?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=campaignk-12) **Education Week**

The Republican-controlled House education committee approved an overhaul of the No Child Left Behind Act Wednesday afternoon on a party-line vote. The measure, which would significantly curtail the footprint of the federal government in K-12 schools, will be considered by the full House the week of Feb. 24. Among many other things, the bill would allow Title I money for low-income students to follow them to the public school of their choice, including charter schools; block-grant and make transferable funding for teacher preparation/development (Title II) and after-school programs (Title IV).

**Ohio Legislation Update (recent bill action in red)**

**131st General Assembly**

***House***

[**HB1**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-1)WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Nathan Manning) To establish the Workforce Grant Program, to authorize an income tax credit equal to 25% of the student loan payments a grant recipient makes per year, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Economic & Workforce Development Committee**

[**HB2**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-2)CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Kristina Roegner) With regard to sponsorship and management of community schools

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB5**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-5)PUBLIC OFFICE-STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY STUDIES (Rep. Stephanie Kunze, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To allow the Auditor of State to conduct business case studies regarding the efficiency of local public offices and state agencies

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Local Government Committee**

[**HB7**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-7)ASSESSMENT SCORE DETERMINATIONS (Rep. Jim Buchy) To prohibit individual student scores from certain elementary and secondary achievement assessments administered for the 2014-2015 school year from being used to determine promotion or retention or to grant course credit

**STATUS: House Education Committee – Reported out; Passed by House, Vote 94-0, Emergency Clause 95-1**

[**HB12**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-12)TIF-INCENTIVE DISTRICTS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Tony Burkley) To establish a procedure by which political subdivisions proposing a tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district are required to provide notice to the record owner of each parcel within the proposed incentive district before creating the district

**STATUS: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB15**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-15)STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To change the voting membership of the State Board of Education to consist of a member from each of several electoral districts with boundaries coinciding with the state's Congressional districts and a president to be appointed by the Governor if there is an even number of such electoral districts

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB20**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-20)CONCEALED CARRY-SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Kyle Koehler) To expand and clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House State Government Committee**

[**HB25**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-25)FOOD-DRINK SCHOOL SALES (Rep. Stephanie Kunze) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding the sale of beverages and food during the regular school day in connection with a school-sponsored fundraiser

**STATUS: Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB27**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-27)FINANCIAL AID-FINISH FUND (Rep. Dan Ramos) To create the Finish Fund and the Finish Reserve Fund to provide grants to students who are nearing completion of their associate or bachelor's degrees and display financial need or hardship

**STATUS: Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB28**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-28)SUICIDE PREVENTION-HIGHER EDUCATION (Rep. Marlene Anielski) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education

**STATUS: Referred to House Community & Family Advancement Committee**

[**HB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-39)SCHOOL-CAMP INHALER PERMIT (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Anthony DeVitis) To permit schools and camps to procure and use a metered dose inhaler or dry powdered inhaler used to alleviate asthmatic symptoms in accordance with prescribed policies and to exempt them from licensing requirements related to the possession of these inhalers

**STATUS: Referred to House Health & Aging Committee**

[**HB42**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-42)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (Rep. Ron Gerberry, Rep. Jack Cera) To require that, for fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Local Government Fund must receive the same proportion of state tax revenue that the Fund received in fiscal year 2005

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance Committee**

[**HB43**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-43)CLASSROOM FACILITIES-PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACKS (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To revise the law governing classroom facilities assistance programs and to restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to school district tax levies approved on or after the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB44**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-44)LOTTERY PROFITS-SCHOOLS (Rep. Ron Gerberry) To require that a portion of lottery profits be distributed annually on a per pupil basis to public and chartered nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Ways & Means Committee**

[**HB46**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-46)GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Mike Dovilla, Rep. Jonathan Dever) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House State Government Committee**

[**HB52**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-52)WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW (Rep. Robert Hackett) To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Insurance Committee**

[**HB54**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-54)VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS-OFFICE TERMS (Rep. Marlene Anielski) To revise the law regarding terms of office of members of certain joint vocational school district boards of education

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB55**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-55)THIRD-GRADE READING GUARANTEE (Rep. Robert Sprague) To specify deadlines for the administration of reading skills assessments for purposes of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Education Committee**

[**HB56**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-56)PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT-CRIMINAL RECORDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Stephen Slesnick) To limit the use of criminal records in the hiring and employment practices of public employers

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee**

[**HB64**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-64)OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to House Finance Committee**

***Senate***

[**SB3**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-3)HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICT EXEMPTION (Sen. Cliff Hite, Sen. Keith Faber) To exempt high-performing school districts from certain laws

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB4**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-4)IN-STATE TUITION REDUCTION (Sen. Keith Faber) To require each state institution of higher education to develop a plan to reduce in-state student cost of attendance by five per cent for the 2016-2017 academic year

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB6**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-6)JOINT COMMITTEE ON OHIO COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY (Sen. Shannon Jones, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for college savings contributions to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB12**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-12)INCOME TAX CREDIT-SCIENCE RELATED DEGREE (Sen. Jay Hottinger) To grant an income tax credit to individuals who earn degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math-based fields of study

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

[**SB19**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-19)OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT (Sen. Tom Sawyer) To make changes to the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, to limit state university over load fees, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB20**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-20)CHARTER SCHOOLS-RECORD KEEPING (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding audit and record-keeping requirements for community school sponsors and operators

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB22**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-22)LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND-ALLOCATION INCREASE (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the GRF each month

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB24**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-24)OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT QUALIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges’ career certification programs

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Finance Committee**

[**SB34**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-34)SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY-DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR (Sen. Charleta Tavares) With respect to school district policies for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Education Committee**

[**SB39**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-39)PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY-SCHOOL ZONE (Sen. Bill Beagle) To increase the penalties for failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is crossing a roadway within a crosswalk when the crosswalk is located within a school zone

**STATUS: Introduced; Referred to Senate Criminal Justice Committee**

[**SB43**](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-43)COLUMBUS STATE LOGISTICS PROGRAM (Sen. Jim Hughes) To establish the Columbus State Logistics Program and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**Ohio Budget/Politics**

[**Keen, Ross, Carey Detail Education Proposals for House Budget Panel**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198782) **Hannah**

State Superintendent Richard Ross and Budget Director Tim Keen spent all morning Tuesday testifying and fielding questions on education proposals in Gov. John Kasich's new budget, with House members continuing to express puzzlement at the effects of the revised school funding formula. The House Finance Committee also heard from Chancellor John Carey on higher education elements of the budget, including a title change for him and rebranding of the Board of Regents as the Department of Higher Education. Keen urged members not to dwell too much on spreadsheets released last week estimating funding changes for Ohio's 600-plus school districts, as they are projections. Instead, he suggested lawmakers spend more time considering the numerous variables that could drive funding swings, such as student counts, the number of children with disabilities served by a district, and local property valuation.

[**Senate Education Committee Hears More on Testing, Accommodations for Special Ed Students**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198796) **Hannah**

Thirteen representatives of school districts around the state brought their concerns and recommendations regarding testing to the Senate Education Committee Tuesday in a second week of testimony on the issue. Testifying Tuesday were the following: John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City School District; Tom Goodney, superintendent of the ESC of Central Ohio; Melissa Kircher, superintendent of the Bethel-Tate Local School District; Kelly Spivey, superintendent of the Talawanda School District; Sue Lang, superintendent of the Wyoming City School District;, Jeff Langdon, superintendent of the Deer Park Community City School District; Keith Horner, superintendent of the Wapakoneta City School District; Scott Inskeep, superintendent of the Kettering City School District; Dennis Recker, superintendent of the Upper Scioto Valley School District; Ed Kurt, superintendent, and Richard Steiner, testing coordinator, Findlay City School District; Bob Scott, superintendent of the Avon Lake City School District; and Mario Basosra, superintendent of the Yellow Springs Schools.

[**"High-performing" school districts would duck bureaucracy others face, under proposals from Gov. Kasich and Senate Pres. Faber**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/02/high-performing_school_distric.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

School "deregulation" proposals from Governor John Kasich and [Sen. President Keith Faber](http://www.ohiosenate.gov/faber) offer rule exemptions that would save time and paperwork for all schools in the state. They also create separate exemptions only for "high performing" schools or teachers. "Why put them through the hoops if they're already making a difference for boys and girls?" state Superintendent Richard Ross asked Monday, as he explained the governor's proposals to the state school board.

[**Bill to give students a mostly-symbolic "safe harbor" from new Common Core tests goes to the Ohio House**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/02/bill_to_give_students_a_mostly.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

The Ohio House could vote Wednesday to take a mostly-symbolic stand against the [new Common Core tests that start next week](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/01/new_common_core_tests_-_coming.html). [House Bill 7](http://media.cleveland.com/plain_dealer_metro/other/hb7_00_IN.pdf), which would ban scores from this first year of new state tests from being used against students in any way, was approved 18-0 Tuesday afternoon by the [House Education Committee](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/education).

[**Gov. John Kasich touts tax plan as best approach for Ohio, defends school funding proposal**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/02/gov_john_kasich_touts_tax_plan.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Gov. John Kasich went on the offensive Tuesday, pushing the tax plans in his budget proposal as a way to bolster Ohio's economy and his plan to revamp school funding across the state as the responsible thing to do. Kasich, speaking at [a gathering of presidents from Ohio's public colleges and universities](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/02/john_kasich_creates_task_force.html#incart_river), said the [tax changes he has proposed](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/02/john_kasichs_budget_seeks_acro.html) will help to strengthen Ohio.

[**John Kasich creates task force that will focus on containing higher education costs**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/02/john_kasich_creates_task_force.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Gov. John Kasich signed an executive order Tuesday creating a task force to take on the costs of higher education across the state. The Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education will be composed of nine people whose mission is to identify ways that two-year and four-year institutions can reduce costs without cutting education levels.

[**Gov. Kasich wants streamlined social services**](http://www.mydaytondailynews.com/news/news/gov-kasich-wants-streamlined-social-services/nj8JR/) **Dayton Daily News**

Gov. John Kasich on Tuesday threatened to withhold funding from county agencies that do not meet performance goals for comprehensive case management and employment programs as outlined in his two-year budget, unveiled last week. “I’m not fooling around with this,” Kasich told a group of more than two dozen state and local leaders gathered at the offices of Hamilton County Job & Family Services in downtown Cincinnati.

[**Gov. John Kasich defends school funding plan**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/02/10/gov-john-kasich-defends-school-funding.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

As Ohio Gov. John Kasich called out some public-school leaders yesterday for “irresponsible” reactions to his K-12 funding plan, legislators in both parties questioned why certain districts would take funding cuts while others would not.

[**Bill frees students from Common Core results**](http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2015/02/11/bill-frees-students-common-core-results/23258033/) **Cincinnati Enquirer**

The Ohio House on Wednesday approved a bill that would prohibit schools from retaining students based on the new Common Core-based standardized tests this year. House Bill 7, sponsored by Rep. Jim Buchy, R-Greenville, also prohibits schools from sharing individual test scores with outside sources. Critics of the Common Core standards have expressed concerns over privacy of test scores.

[**Tougher rules for Ohio charter schools getting widespread support**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/02/12/tougher-charter-school-rules-get-support.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

A legislative hearing on charter-school law broke out yesterday, but a fight did not. That’s a big change from the typical Statehouse charter-school debates over the past 15 years.

[**How much money should schools get from the state? Democrats and Governor's office spar over funding plans**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/02/how_much_money_should_schools_get_from_the_state_democrats_and_governors_office_spar_over_funding_plans.html#incart_river) **Columbus Dispatch**

Gov. John Kasich is giving [more money to Ohio schools in his budget proposal](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/02/gov_kasich_announces_700_million_increase_in_state_aid_to_school_change_in_aid_formula_based_on_local_tax_capacity.html) than ever before. But schools are receiving the smallest share of the state budget since 1997. These two different ways of looking at Kasich's proposed school funding dollars framed some of the budget debate in Columbus this week -- both at a Tuesday hearing and as Kasich's budget staff continued sparring behind the scenes with House Democrats afterward.

**Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education**

[**Ohio's new charter school "reform" effort: What's all this talk about sponsors?**](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/02/ohios_new_charter_school_reform_effort_whats_all_this_roundabout_talk_about_sponsors.html#incart_river) **The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Ohio doesn't have a simple plan to weed out its bad charter schools. The state instead [has an indirect strategy.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/07/ohios_roundabout_plan_to_kill.html) It puts agencies known as "sponsors," called authorizers in most states, in charge of overseeing charter schools, of fixing struggling charters and of closing the ones that can't be fixed. We'll be hearing a lot about Ohio's 69 sponsors this year, since both Gov. John Kasich and House leadership have made them the focus of [charter reform plans.](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/02/gov_kasich_wants_to_add_more_teeth_to_charter_school_oversight_rules_and_let_charters_seek_local_tax_levies.html)

[**School Board Talks Budget, Meal Reimbursements, Science Exams**](http://www.hannah.com/DesktopDefaultPublic.aspx?type=hns&id=198771) **Hannah**

The State Board of Education got an update on the new biennial budget proposal Monday, while moving to reinstate meal per diems for its members. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) legislative liaison Jessica Voltolini and school funding director Aaron Rausch led a discussion on Gov. John Kasich's new budget, focusing on the policy prescriptions. Rausch said the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) had led development of funding formula revisions but promised a more extensive update at the March meeting. During the presentation, board member Michael Collins asked if ODE has the manpower to implement new charter school oversight proposals, including tighter scrutiny of school sponsors and mandates that accountants or attorneys hired by school boards be independent of school operating companies.

**College and Career Readiness**

[**Tri-C offers second chances for dropouts and late career changers**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20150208/tri-c-offers-second-chances-for-dropouts-and-late-career-changers) **Willoughby News-Herald**

Higher education swings open the doors to high school dropouts in a $450,000 pilot program launching in a week at Cuyahoga Community College.

[**New paths to college**](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/editorials/2015/02/10/1-new-paths-to-college.html) **Columbus Dispatch**

Any plan that makes earning college credit easier for students while controlling costs is a good idea. The College Credit Plus program, which will make college classes widely available to Ohio high-school students, is a step toward preparing young people for the ever-more-competitive working world, and a way to help produce the kind of educated, prepared workforce that can attract employers to the state.

[**States Pass Array of Policies to Advance Career Technical Education**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2015/02/states_pass_array_of_policies_to_advance_career_technical_ed.html) **Education Week**

State legislatures and regulatory bodies were very active passing measures to support, expand, and fund career technical education programs last year. A new report  released Feb. 5 highlights about 150 new policies recently approved in 46 states and the District of Columbia for programs at both the high school and college level.

[**More Incoming College Freshmen Aspire to Graduate School, Survey Finds**](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/college_bound/2015/02/more_incoming_college_freshmen_aspire_to_graduate_school.html) **Education Week**

As students begin their college careers, many anticipate it will take longer than four years complete their degree and an increasing proportion plan to go on to graduate school. The findings were part of a survey administered to nearly 153,000 first-time, full-time students last fall as part of the Cooperative Institutional Research Program Freshman Survey.  It is conducted annually by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California Los Angeles's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and includes students at 227 four-year universities with varying levels of selectivity.

**Northeast Ohio Schools**

***Cuyahoga County***

[**Beachwood schools could lose $1.3M in state funds; Cleveland Heights-University Heights, Shaker could get $2M more**](http://www.cleveland.com/beachwood/index.ssf/2015/02/beachwood_schools_could_lose_1.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Brecksville-Broadview Heights school board holds work session**](http://www.cleveland.com/brecksville/index.ssf/2015/02/post_12.html) **Sun News**

[**Cleveland schools could lose millions under a GOP congressional plan, White House warns**](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/02/cleveland_schools_could_lose_m.html) **Northeast Ohio Media**

[**Cleveland Heights-University Heights school district has more plans for football stadium after last year's $2.7M renovation**](http://www.cleveland.com/cleveland-heights/index.ssf/2015/02/cleveland_heights-university_h_68.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls schools stand to gain from proposed state budget**](http://www.cleveland.com/fairview-park/index.ssf/2015/02/fairview_park_lakewood_olmsted.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Olmsted schools narrow list of architects for middle school-high school building: see renderings**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-olmsted/index.ssf/2015/02/north_olmsted_school_officials_5.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Royalton schools hire contractor for roof replacements: see all six bids**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2015/02/north_royalton_schools_hire_co.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**North Royalton schools mull closing Early Childhood Center**](http://www.cleveland.com/north-royalton/index.ssf/2015/02/_best_of_the_beat_6.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Decisions coming from Orange Board of Education on Brady Middle School, high school auditorium**](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-valley/index.ssf/2015/02/orange_board_of_education.html) **Sun News**

[**Rocky River Schools to hold forum on ways to keep student walkers, bikers safe**](http://www.cleveland.com/rocky-river/index.ssf/2015/02/rocky_river_schools_to_hold_fo.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Shaker Heights schools working to increase graduation rate: 7 things you should know from the State of the Schools**](http://www.cleveland.com/shaker-heights/index.ssf/2015/02/shaker_heights_state_of_the_sc.html) **Northeast Ohio Media Group**

[**Strongsville and Brecksville-Broadview Heights schools will fight Gov. John Kasich's proposed funding cuts; North Royalton schools would gain money**](http://www.cleveland.com/strongsville/index.ssf/2015/02/strongsville_and_brecksville-b.html)  **Sun News**

***Geauga County***

[**Kenston, Newbury students snag 1st place in statewide science/technology tournament**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20150212/kenston-newbury-students-snag-1st-place-in-statewide-sciencetechnology-tournament) **Willoughby News-Herald**

***Lake County***

[**South High receives accolade**](http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20150210/south-high-receives-accolade) **Willoughby News-Herald**

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