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## **Investing in Innovation in Education Act**

The Investing in Innovation in Education Act codifies, updates, and improves the current Investing in Innovation (i3) program, which supports innovative solutions to common education challenges. The program awards competitive grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement and attainment in order to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices to improve student outcomes.

### **The Investing in Innovation in Education Act:**

- Allows school districts to partner with nonprofit organizations and the philanthropic community to invest in innovative practices with a record of increasing student achievement and attainment.
- Builds a portfolio of innovative solutions to address key education challenges that can be accessed by schools and school districts across the country.
- Promotes strategies to improve early learning outcomes, support college access and success, address the unique learning needs of students with disabilities, improve the teaching and learning of STEM subjects, and support family and community engagement.
- Prioritizes innovative ways to improve teacher and principal preparation, develop alternative career pathways, and support teachers and principals to expand their impact on student learning.
- Provides funding for each project to complete an independent evaluation in order to expand understanding of “what works” in education and build a base of best practices.
- Targets support to programs that are demonstrating results with high needs students.
- Dedicates 25 percent of funds to grantees from rural areas to address educational challenges specific to these populations.
- Focuses on increasing teacher and principal effectiveness, turning around low-performing schools, and making standards and assessments more practical.

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