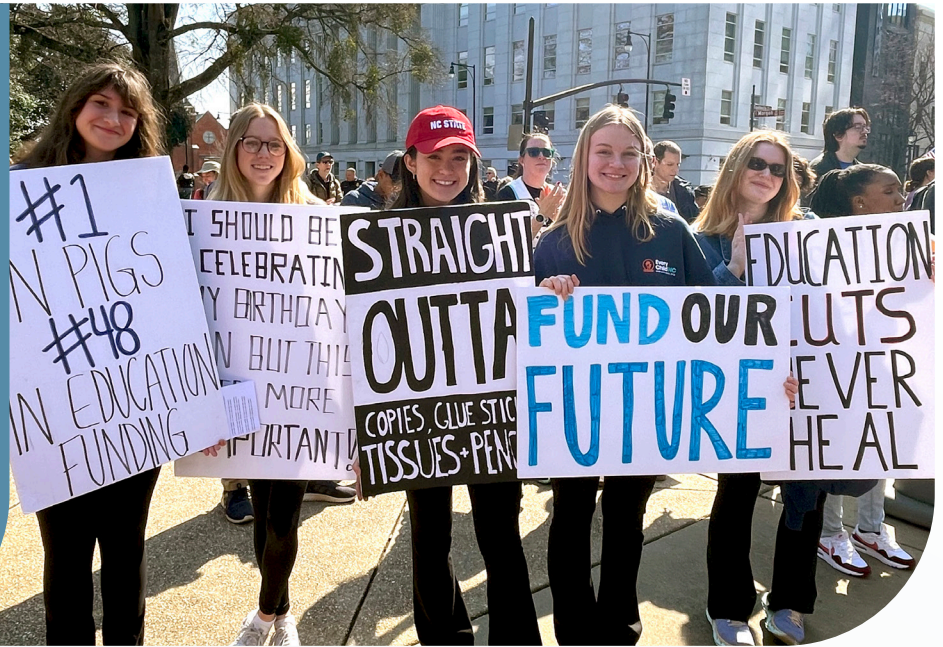


## Education

The EDUCATION team works to improve and reform public education from pre-K to 12th so that all students—especially those who face additional barriers—can access high-quality, equitable education in a supportive environment.



## OUR 2025 PRIORITIES

### Provide a Plan for High-Quality Early Education

- Expand North Carolina Pre-K to ensure all eligible students can attend a high-quality, full-year prekindergarten program by the 2027–2028 school year.

### Ensure Adequate and Equitable K-12 Funding

- Ensure additional funding to benefit all students, particularly for classroom teachers, instructional support personnel, teacher assistants, textbooks, and supplies.
- Expand supplemental funding for disadvantaged students, disabled students, English learners, and low-wealth districts.

### Mitigate Interruptions Created by COVID-19 and Hurricane Helene

- Bring school support staff ratios (e.g., nurses, school counselors, and social workers) in line with nationally recognized industry recommendations.
- Close the digital divide for students by funding school technology infrastructure and expanding broadband access, particularly in rural and low-income communities.



### Protect Students from Harmful Legislation

- Block legislation that harms mental health supports, prohibits truthful teaching of racial discrimination, and attempts to ban access to books or instructional materials.
- Remove law enforcement from North Carolina's public schools to ensure schools become safe for North Carolina's families, specifically Black, brown, and immigrant families.

## OUR RECENT WINS

This year, we continued to advocate for the most pressing issue facing North Carolina's schools: the urgent need for adequate and equitable funding.

- Published reports and policy briefs that critically analyzed the state's record teacher shortage, learning losses, and widening academic achievement gaps exacerbated by racial and socioeconomic segregation, uncovering significant accountability gaps.
- Ensured research-based, community-supported policies stayed at the forefront of budget conversations and public awareness, remaining focused on the Leandro Comprehensive Remedial Plan.
- Continued to organize, grow, and engage advocates through Communities for the Education of Every Child NC, a coalition of organizations, parents, teachers, and students working to uphold children's constitutional rights to a fully funded education.
- Hosted advocacy days to pressure lawmakers to fully fund the Leandro Plan, end discriminatory school discipline practices, delay the childcare funding cliff, and suspend the use of public funds for private school vouchers.
- Successfully pressured lawmakers to pass emergency funding for childcare centers, addressing the end of millions of dollars in COVID-era aid.
- Supported legislation to create accountability for the private school voucher program.



### Core Strategies and Approaches

- Ensure public schools have the resources they need to provide every child—particularly children of color, those with low incomes, students with disabilities, and English learners—with a high-quality education.
- Advocate for improved policies that create adequate and equitable funding, accountability, wraparound supports, student assignment, teacher quality, and access to resources.
- Connect local advocates to state-level policies impacting their schools.
- Grow the membership of the Every Child NC coalition and build power to prioritize investments in our local public schools



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