

HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM

Governor DeSantis is proposing legislation that will refocus Florida's public colleges and universities on preparing students to be contributing members of society, and **BRING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM.**



EDUCATION NOT INDOCTRINATION

Governor DeSantis' proposal will specify standards and content for general education core course requirements to ensure higher education is rooted in the values of liberty and the western tradition.

REQUIRES

any general education course be based on providing a strong educational foundation, and not promote ideological indoctrination.

REQUIRES

institutions to prioritize graduating students with degrees that lead to high-wage jobs, not degrees designed to further a political agenda.

PROHIBITS

institutions from using political filters like DEI statements in hiring practices.

PROHIBITS

public institutions from supporting campus activities or programs that promote divisive concepts like DEI and CRT.

EMPOWERING BOARDS AND PRESIDENTS

GIVES university Boards of Trustees and presidents the power to call a post-tenure review at any time.

EMPOWERS university presidents to make the best hiring decisions by reestablishing their authority over the hiring process.

CURRENTLY faculty committees can tie the hands of university presidents and bind them to only consider a small pool of recommended candidates.

AMENDS standards for preeminent state research universities to require annual research expenditures of at least \$50 million for STEM related programs, businesses or industry partners that will employ Floridians.

GOVERNOR DESANTIS' 2023-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE

\$15 MILLION for faculty and student recruitment at the New College of Florida. Includes \$10 million recurring annually.

\$100 MILLION for the recruitment and retention of highly qualified faculty at state universities.

DEVELOPING WORLD-CLASS CIVICS INSTITUTES AT UNIVERSITIES

Governor DeSantis' proposal includes refocusing three Florida institutes on developing courses and curriculum that can be used to educate the next generation on the values of liberty and constitutionalism.

The Hamilton Center at the University of Florida will become the Hamilton College by 2024, and will develop nation-leading programs and curriculum on civil discourse.

The Adam Smith Center at FIU will be empowered to hire its own staff and faculty, and develop courses and curriculum to be used in Florida schools.

The Florida Institute of Politics at FSU will be overhauled to focus on developing tools for educators to use in K-12 settings that teach about individual rights and democracy.

BUILDING ON 2022 LEGISLATION

Last year, Governor DeSantis signed Senate Bill 7044 to reform the higher education system by:

- ✓ Dismantling the monopoly accreditation agencies had on the entire higher education system.
- ✓ Bringing accountability to tenured faculty with regular performance reviews occurring every 5 years.
- ✓ Ensuring a seamless transition for students going from a state college to a university.