

DEMOCRAT CONTROL:

A Decade of Deprioritizing Education

K-12 Education Spending by Year

When Republicans last controlled the budget process in 2003, 44.7% of the discretionary budget (GF/LF) went to K-12 education.

Unfortunately, Democrats have consistently deprioritized education since then by reducing the percentage: 42.6% in 2005; 41.3% in 2007; 39% in 2009; and 38.7% in 2011.

K-12 funding finally ticked up slightly to 39.7% in 2013, but the Co-Chairs have now proposed lowering the amount to 39.1% in 2015.

An \$8 billion K-12 budget proposed by Senate Republicans would bring spending back up to 43.3%.

