

# Education Act 2011

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# Part 1: early years provision

- Enables a new entitlement for disadvantaged two-year-olds to 15 hours' free early years education

## Part 2: discipline

- Extends the power of staff to search pupils without their consent for any dangerous or banned items
- Ends the need for schools to give 24 hours' written notice to parents for detentions
- Ends the requirement for schools to enter into a behaviour and attendance partnership with other schools

## Part 3: school workforce

- Abolishes the General Teaching Council for England (GTC) and the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA)
- Abolishes the School Support Staff Negotiating Body (SSSNB)
- Restricts public reporting of allegations made against teachers to protect them from false accusations

## Part 4: qualifications and the curriculum

- Requires schools to take part in international educational surveys
- Abolishes the Qualifications and Curriculum Development (QCDA)
- Requires schools to secure independent and impartial careers guidance for pupils from the age of 14
- Ends the need for Las, schools and governing bodies to secure access to the Diploma entitlement for 16 to 18 year olds and pupils in Key Stage 4 (KS4)

## Part 5: educational institutions

- Repeal of duties of governing bodies and LAs
- New schools and constitution of governing bodies
- Changes to Ofsted inspections
- Finance of institutions

## Part 6: academies

- Introduces the establishment of 16 to 19 academies
- Introduces the establishment of alternative provision academies
- Removes the need for academies to have a specialism
- Requires governing bodies of schools to consult those they think appropriate before or after an application for academy status
- Makes changes to the way a school in a federation becomes an academy
- Clarifies the law surrounding LA powers to provide financial or other assistance to academies
- Allows schools adjudicators to deal with objections to academies' admissions arrangements

## Part 7: post-16 education and training

- Abolishes the Young People's Learning Agency for England (YPLA)
- Repeals the duty on the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) to find an apprentice place for all suitably qualified young people
- Maintains Labour's policy of raising the participation age to 18 in 2015



## Part 8: direct payments

- Allows local authorities to make a direct payment for children and young people with special educational needs or learning difficulties.

## Part 9: student finance

- Increases the cap on the interest rates that can be charged on new student loans

## Part 10: general

- Supplementary provisions about orders and regulations, the interpretation of the Act, financial provision and commencement