

Investigation of Executive Compensation at For-Profit Colleges



In the 112th Congress, Ranking Member Elijah Cummings announced an [investigation](#) into the compensation packages of top executives at for-profit colleges.

Ranking Member Cummings sent [document request letters](#) to the CEOs of 13 for-profit schools seeking copies of compensation agreements for senior executives as part of an effort to determine whether salaries, bonuses, and other compensation are appropriately tied to the performance of students they educate, the vast majority of whom pay for their education with federal tax dollars.

On July 27, 2012, Ranking Member Cummings [circulated](#) a memo with preliminary findings from his investigation. Follow the links below to learn more about the investigation.

Five Things You Should Know:

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U.S. taxpayers paid for-profit colleges and universities \$
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When compared to public and nonprofit schools, for-profit com
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Ranking Member Cummins [finds](#) investigation on
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Ranking Member Cummins [joined](#) with Senator Tom Harkin as he unveiled a repor
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Quick Links:

Press Clips

- [Read](#) "Profits, Not Student Success, Drive Executive Pay at For-Profit Colleges" from the Chronicle of Higher Education
- [Read](#) "Predatory For-Profit Colleges Pay Execs on Profitability" from Think Progress
- [Read](#) "Cummings Launches Probe of For-Profit Colleges" from the Baltimore Sun
- [Read](#) "House Democrat Probes Executive Pay at For-Profit Colleges" from the Wall Street Journal

Press Releases/Documents

- [View](#) the chart, "How For-Profit Colleges Determine CEO Pay"
- [Read](#) the Preliminary Memo on the Investigation
- [Read](#) the Document Request Letters Cummings sent to 13 For-Profit Colleges
- [Read](#) Senator Harkin's report on For-Profit Colleges
- [Read](#) a study from Bloomberg on the Compensation Packages at For-Profit Colleges
- [Read](#) "For-Profit Colleges Pay Executives Based on Profit, Not Student Success, Report Finds" from the Wall Street Journal
- [Read](#) Cummings Launches Investigation of CEO Pay At For-Profit Colleges