



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. When will the president deliver his address?

President Obama will speak to the students of America at 12:00 p.m., ET on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009. *(Note that this is a change from the time originally scheduled.)*

2. How can I watch the president's address to students?

Viewers may watch the address via the Internet by visiting the White House Web site, at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live/>, where the address will be streamed live. C-SPAN, the cable public affairs network, will cover the president's speech live on its C-SPAN television channel and provide live streaming video online at C-SPAN.org. The speech also will be aired live on C-SPAN Radio (90.1 FM in Washington, D.C., and channel 132 on XM Satellite Radio).

White House television will make the address available via satellite for local broadcast outlets, including school district TV stations. The feed will be available beginning at 11:00 AM (EDT) using the following coordinates:

- Galaxy 28/Transponder 17, Slot C (9 MHz)
- Uplink Frequency 14344.5 Horizontal
- Downlink Frequency 12044.5 Vertical

For more information on viewing options and for other media resources, go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/mediareources/>.

3. What is the duration of the president's address?

The president is scheduled to speak for 15 – 20 minutes. The U.S. Department of Education provides resources for educators who may choose to use the president's address as a teachable moment. Two menus of classroom activities, one for students in grades Pre-K – 6, and another for students in grades 7 – 12, may be found here:

[Classroom Activities \(Pre-K – 6\)](#)

[Classroom Activities \(7 – 12\)](#)

4. Does the White House Web site have the capacity to host all of the potential live viewers for this event?

The White House Web site is equipped with the appropriate amount of bandwidth to accommodate a large viewership.

5. Will the address be available in some form after the original broadcast date and time?

Downloadable video of the speech will be made available on the White House Web site as well as on www.ed.gov. The URL address to access the archived webcast will be posted on both sites upon availability. C-SPAN.org will provide archived and “on-demand” viewing options.

6. Will the address include captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers?

The live address broadcast on C-SPAN will include captioning.

7. Is the “Get Schooled” television event in the evening on Sept. 8 hosted by the Viacom network and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation connected to the president’s speech?

While the U.S. Department of Education is a partner in this effort, the president’s noontime address is a separate event. Get Schooled is a five-year national platform developed by Viacom and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that connects, inspires, and mobilizes people to find effective solutions to education challenges. The initiative provides resources, information, and creative programming aimed at engaging a range of audiences in an effort to address America’s education crisis. A television event, *Get Schooled: You Have the Right*, formally kicks off the “Get Schooled” initiative at 8:00 p.m., ET on Sept. 8.