The most recent data shows that school districts must currently comply with more than 500 state-level reporting requirements each year as a result of state law and regulation. There are even more requirements at the federal level.

Annually, during each legislative session, up to 100 bills are introduced that stand to affect K-12 education, while state funding to K-12 education continues to be limited.

Colorado’s public schools educate more than 900,000 students in grades K-12.
Colorado Springs School District 11
Legislative Agenda

Improving Schools and Student Achievement

• Supports legislation that encourages effective family/school partnerships in order to increase student achievement.
• Supports legislation that provides for increased teacher quality and effectiveness.
• Supports the power of local school boards to align the delivery of instruction in a manner that best serves students.
• Supports policy targeted towards the consolidation and reduction of high stakes standardized testing in a movement towards focusing, monitoring, and improving the lifelong learning process.
• Supports policy that provides equitable opportunities for all students.
• Supports legislation ensuring students disadvantaged by the pandemic are given opportunities to improve academic achievement.

School District Resources

• Supports a thorough and uniform system of free public education that adequately funds the social, emotional, and academic challenges of today’s changing educational landscape, including the elimination of the Budget Stabilization or Negative Factor.
• Supports legislation that increases the resources to adequately and equitably meet the needs for high-risk, special needs, and academically challenged students.
• Supports legislation that addresses PERA financial stability in a shared manner.

Governing Schools

• Supports the local control of school boards and opposes legislation that usurps the authority of local school boards with respect to district boundaries, voter-approved initiatives, governmental protection, and charter schools.

Unfunded Mandates

• Believes that the State of Colorado General Assembly, the Department of Education, and the State Board of Education should collaborate with local school boards in all PK-12 education matters and refrain from unnecessary rules and legislation.
• Opposes state and federal mandates that do not include adequate resources for implementation.

School District 11 is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to race, creed, color, sex (gender), ancestry, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, and/or disability. Any harassment/discrimination of students and/or staff based on the aforementioned protected areas, will not be tolerated and must be brought to the immediate attention of the school principal, D11 administrator/ supervisor, or D11 nondiscrimination compliance/grievance coordinator.