



KEY FACTS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF LEGISLATION ON K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Colorado's public schools educate more than 900,000 students in grades K-12.
- 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.
- 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.



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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.

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 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 the PERA financial stability in a shared manner.

GOVERNING SCHOOLS



- Supports the local control of school boards, as outlined in the State constitution.
- Opposes legislation that usurps the authority of local school boards with respect to district boundaries, voter-approved initiatives, governmental protection, and charter schools.
- 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.

UNFUNDED MANDATES



- Opposes state and federal mandates that do not include adequate resources for implementation.
- Supports the de-regulation of redundant requirements and reporting in order to free up time and resources to better focus on student achievement.

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, D-11 administrator/supervisor, or D-11 nondiscrimination compliance/grievance coordinator.