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## **Key Facts About The Impact of Legislation on PreK-14 Public Education**

Colorado public schools educate around 900,000 students in grades K-12.

Annually, during each legislative session, up to 100 bills are introduced that stand to affect PreK-14 education, while state funding to PreK-14 education continues to be a challenge.

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.
- Supports legislation that recognizes parent voice and choice in the education, care, and upbringing of their child.
- Supports legislation that provides for increased teacher quality and effectiveness.
- Supports legislation that will help address teacher shortages.
- Supports policy targeted towards the consolidation and reduction of standardized testing.
- Supports policy that will allow for students to earn credits by demonstrating learning proficiency through work experience and/or extracurricular activities.
- Supports policy that provides equitable opportunities for all students.
- Supports legislation that will help address learning loss.



## School District Resources

- Supports adequately funding a thorough and uniform system of free public education, including the elimination of the Budget Stabilization or Negative Factor.
- Supports legislation that increases the resources to meet the unique needs of high-risk, academically challenged, and special needs students adequately and equitably.
- Supports legislation that addresses PERA financial stability in a shared manner.
- Opposes modification of the School Finance Act that will negatively impact funding to urban school districts, pitting urban and rural districts against each other.



## Governing Schools

- Supports the local control of school boards and opposes legislation that usurps the authority of local school boards.



## Unfunded Mandates

- Supports collaboration between state leadership and local school boards in all PreK-14 educational matters while refraining from burdensome rules and unnecessary legislation.
- Opposes state and federal mandates that do not include adequate resources for implementation.

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