

# Timeline of Colorado's School Finance & Education Reform 1980 - 2011

## 1980 - 1989

- 1982: Gallagher Amendment
- 1983: Mid-Yr Revenue Cut
- 1984: Mid-Yr Revenue Cut
- 1986: Mid-Yr Revenue Cut
- 1987: Mid-Yr Revenue Cut
- 1988: School Finance Act

## 1990 - 1999

- School Reform during the 1990's:
  - New Content Standards, CSAP, Safe Schools Act, District Accreditation, Expanded Choice Legislation, Online Education, Basic Literacy Act, School Accountability Reports (SARs), Student Identification/Data Warehouse
- 1991: Arveschoug-Bird, Mid-Yr Revenue Cut
- 1992: TABOR and Partial Fiscal Year
- 1993: Mid-Yr Revenue Cut
- 1994: School Finance Act

## 2000 - 2009

- 2000: Amendment 23 (1% increase sunsets in 2011), Giardino Settlement
  - A 23: Designed to stop K-12 cuts & restore to 1988 funding levels. Not designed for "adequate" funding.
- 2002: No Child Left Behind
- 2003: Initial Colorado Adequacy Study Completed
- 2004: CCHE Requirements (initial)
- 2005: Interim Study: Financing of Public Schools
- 2006: Ref C (sunsets in 2011), Change Spec Ed Funding, Updated Adequacy Study
  - Ref C: Allows state to fund the minimum required by A 23. Modest increase in Pre-School, Spec Ed, construction. Not designed for "adequate" funding.
- 2007: Mill Levy Stabilization, P-20, revised CCHE Requirements, CDE Online Advisory Board
- 2008: CAP4K, BEST, partial full-day K & pre-school funding, Counselor Corp, declining enrollment, P-20 continues
- 2009: Mid-Yr Revenue Cut, ARRA Stimulus Revenue, Arveschoug Bird formulaic restriction removed, Concurrent enrollment, Standards Review, School Finance Interim Committee, Fiscal Stability Interim Committee.

## 2010 - 2019

- 2011: 1% increase from A23 Sunsets, Ref C Sunsets, ARRA Stimulus Revenue ends?

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