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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 (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)

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

2010 - 2019

2011: A 23 and Ref C Sunset

Updated thru 2008
Legislative Session