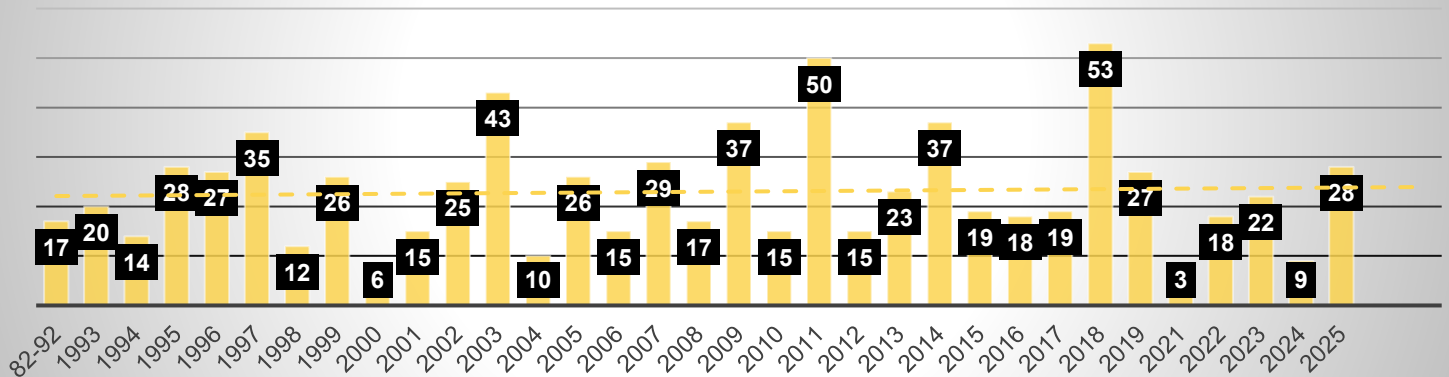


Fact Sheet

Educational Mandates

The State Mandates Act (30 ILCS 805/3(b)) defines a mandate as any action at the state level that would cause a local education agency to **incur additional costs** in carrying out that action.

Number of Educational Mandates by School Year (Total = 758)



*Data source: [Illinois State Board of Education Educational Mandates Reports](#); 2020 omitted due to being a duplicate report of 2019. Realignment of reporting timeline initiated the duplicate report. This report covers all education-related mandates enacted from 1982- 2025 legislative session, including the 2026-27 school year.

How many educational mandates are there?

Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.104, the State Board of Education must submit to the General Assembly each year a report listing all state mandates applicable to the common schools during the school year covered by the report, excluding only those mandates that relate to school elections. From 1982-2025, **758 educational mandates** have been legislated. The chart above shows the trend of enacting new educational mandates is continually on the rise.

“Negative forces have been mounting over the past couple of decades that keep prospective leaders from considering school leadership as a career path, push individuals out of positions, or cause some to leave the profession altogether. These forces include mounting mandates.”

Illinois Principals Association