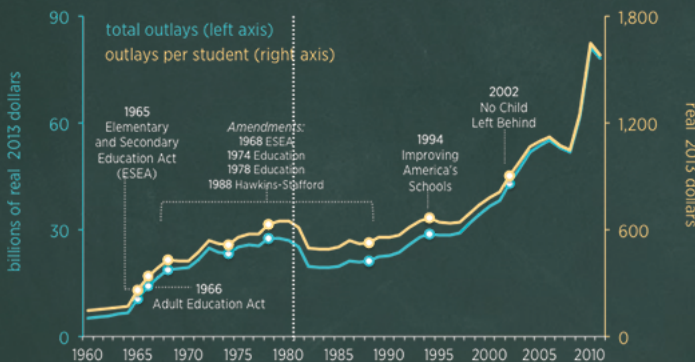




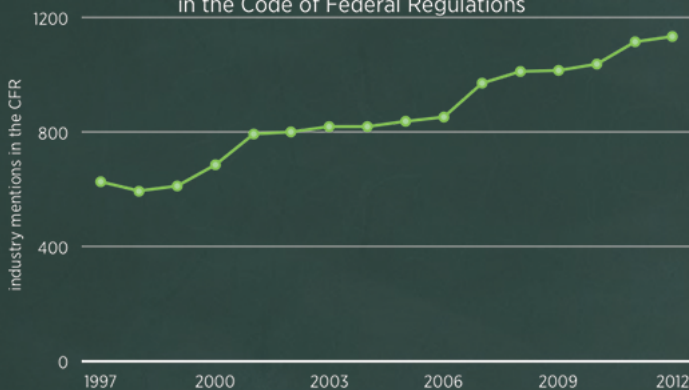
# HAS CENTRALIZING K-12 EDUCATION PAID OFF?

### Spending for Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1960-2011



Source: Digest of Education Statistics 2013, National Center for Education Statistics, US Department of Education.  
Data note: Outlays per student is calculated by dividing total outlays by total public school enrollment.  
Title 34 (Education) from the Code of Federal Regulations was first published in 1980 with the inception of the cabinet-level Department of Education.

### Industry Mentions of Elementary and Secondary Education in the Code of Federal Regulations



Source: RegData 2.0. regdata.mercatus.org. Accessed August 26, 2014.  
Data note: Industry mentions measure the frequency with which the relevant industry is targeted by federal regulations.



While there has been rapid growth in federal spending and regulation in recent decades, nationwide academic performance remains stagnant.

### Average Math Scores (out of 500)



### Average Reading Scores (out of 500)



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, "NAEP Long-Term Trend Assessments."