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1960

TrueNorth was established in 1960, and over the course of its history, has helped to shape the delivery of educational services to diverse learners in the region, and on the state and national levels.

In Illinois there are 852 public school districts¹, 87% of which belong to one of the 66 special education cooperatives in the state.²

TrueNorth has



376
employees

for the 2022-2023 school year.

Our Facilities

TrueNorth owns the North Shore Academy, District Services Center, Arthur and Mary Rubloff, and Rhonda Alter House buildings.

TrueNorth leases space for North Shore Academy Elementary in Northbrook and also at Winnetka Covenant Church.

TrueNorth has classrooms in district schools and community preschools.

Our member districts

TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804 provides special education and related services, coaching and consultation to 18 member districts. Until July 1, 2021, the cooperative was called Northern Suburban Special Education District (NSSED).

TrueNorth has **18 member districts**, 14 are elementary districts and four high school districts.



18
member districts

Northbrook School District 27
Northbrook School District 28
Sunset Ridge School District 29
Northbrook/Glenview School District 30
West Northfield School District 31
Glenview School District 34
Glencoe School District 35
Winnetka School District 36
Kenilworth School District 38

Lake Bluff School District 65
Lake Forest School District 67
Bannockburn School District 106
Deerfield Public School District 109
North Shore School District 112
Township High School District 113
Lake Forest High School District 115
New Trier High School District 203
Glenbrook High School District 225

There are 36,205 students in the TrueNorth member districts³. Of those students, **4,804 (13.3%) have Individualized Education Plans** and receive services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Although data is not available at a regional or state level, additional students receive services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

TrueNorth's Fiscal Year 2023 total operating revenue is budgeted at **\$38.6 million**:



\$35.7
million

(92.4%) from
local school districts



\$2.8
million

(7.3%) from
the State of Illinois



\$0.1
million

(0.3%) from
the federal government

*1 School District Reorganizations. Illinois State Board of Education, 2021, https://www.isbe.net/Documents/reorg_history.pdf

*2 Directory Listing of Special Education Service Administrators 2021-2022. Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Special Education Services, updated as of June 6, 2022.

*3 "2020-2021 Report Card Data." Illinois State Board of Education, <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com>