

Office of the Inspector General for Education

MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Inspector General for Education (OIGE) is to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement within the twenty-four local school systems (LSS), the County Boards of Education (BOE), the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC), and nonpublic schools that receive State funds.

VISION

To strive for continual improvement in educational programs, operations, and management by proactively seeking new ways to prevent and deter education fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To thoroughly and knowledgeably evaluate, investigate, and where appropriate, refer for prosecution matters identified by the Office of the Inspector General for Education, including but not limited to allegations of fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement, as well as serious administrative misconduct, in order to facilitate successful actions that maximize recovery of State resources and deter future wrongdoing.

Obj. 1.1 Identify, evaluate and, where appropriate refer allegations of fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement related to the mission of the Office of the Inspector General for Education.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of complaints received	N/A	40	136	122	200	240	265
Number of investigations opened	N/A	8	17	22	15	18	20
Number of complaints closed	N/A	32	113	110	188	225	240
Complaint closure rate	N/A	80%	83%	90%	94%	94%	91%
Number of investigations closed	N/A	3	5	10	9	10	12
Investigation closure rate	N/A	38%	29%	45%	60%	56%	60%

Obj. 1.2 Conduct investigative audits focusing on areas most vulnerable to fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement within the County Boards of Education, the MSDE, the IAC, and the twenty-four local school systems throughout the State of Maryland.

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Number of investigative audits opened	N/A	N/A	2	10	6	6	7
Number of investigative audits closed	N/A	N/A	2	8	4	4	4
Investigative audits closure rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	80%	86%