



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



FUNDING

- Advocate for an adequate and equitable school finance system that increases per pupil funding to the national average.
- Fully fund the Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment (IMA) which was recently reduced by approximately 60 percent.
- Fully fund all unfunded mandates.
- Fully fund universal full-day pre-k programs.
- Adjust basic allotment annually for inflation.
- Oppose any and all efforts to divert public funds for private and home schools.
- Oppose the expansion of publicly funded charter schools, require transparency and standardization in all charter schools.
- Local control of spending to meet the needs of the district.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH

- Increase funding of the school safety allotment.
- Allow for local discretion of funds to adequately meet the safety needs of the district.
- Provide reimbursement for safety expenditures required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- Increase funding for counseling, campus based mental and behavioral health, and wraparound services.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Reform state accountability standards to better measure success. The state accountability system is too narrowly focused on a single measure-STAAR test. Texas needs an accountability system that evaluates school success more comprehensively rather than using standards that closely correlate with students' family income.
- Oppose A-F campus and district rating which does not reflect a comprehensive accountability system.
- Eliminate a state assessment program that extends beyond the required ESSA (federal) requirements.
- Support a Hold Harmless provision for accountability A-F rating system for the 2022-2023 school year due to STAAR redesign.



PASADENA ISD AT-A-GLANCE

- 48,852 Students Enrolled
- 68 Schools
- 90.9% Graduation rate
- Budget & Finance Rating = A
- Academic Growth Rating = A Overall Rating = B
- Career & Technical Education Certificates = 4,525
- Early College Enrollment = 2,136



TEACHER RECRUITMENT/RETENTION

- Provide additional funding to increase education and staff compensation.
- Improve employee retirement benefits.
- Increase state funding for employee health insurance for all districts.
- Decrease an educator's workload caused by burdensome mandates.
- Improve the teacher pipeline by providing increased and sustainable funding for Grow Your Own programs and teacher residencies.
- Remove barriers for retirees re-entering public education.
- Ensure the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) remains solvent by increasing state support.