

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Fully Fund State Mandates and Special Populations

The State of Texas should fully fund all mandated programs and requirements imposed on public schools, including school safety and security requirements, special education services, academic intervention and student support services, mental and behavioral health services, emergent bilingual (EB) programs, at-risk student services, and early learning programs, including full-day Pre-K funding.

2. Fund Schools Based on Enrollment, Not Attendance

Transition from an Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding model to an enrollment-based funding system.

SCHOOL FINANCE & RESOURCE ALLOCATION

3. Increase and Index the Basic Allotment

Increase per-student funding and index the Basic Allotment to inflation.

4. Ensure Long-Term School Finance Stability and Equity

Develop a school finance system that prioritizes equitable distribution of state resources, increases the state share of funding to reduce reliance on local property taxes, and provides predictable, sustainable funding streams for districts.

ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

5. Reform the A–F Accountability System

Establish a more holistic and balanced accountability system that reduces over-reliance on STAAR assessments, incorporates multiple measures of student success such as CCMR and workforce readiness, and limits standardized testing impact to no more than 50% of accountability ratings.

6. Ensure Fair and Comparable Accountability Standards

Require that all schools receiving public funds, including private schools participating in voucher or ESA programs, meet equivalent academic accountability standards, demonstrate comparable student outcomes, and adhere to transparency and reporting requirements.