



Pflugerville ISD State Legislative Priorities 2018-19

Pflugerville ISD calls upon the Texas Legislature to advocate for the following priorities.

Funding

1. EDA, IFA and NIFA Funding

Amend and update funding for:

- Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) to provide local tax payer relief.
- Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) to allow for a phased-in increase of IFA funding.
- New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA) to allow for increased funding or charter school proportionality. For example, last year PfISD received only \$400,000 of what should have been a \$1.1M allocation. Additional funds for NIFA are needed to compensate for the charter participants causing a reduction in state allocation.

2. Transportation Allotment

Transportation funding has not increased since 1984.

- Allow Chapter 41 districts to receive transportation allotment funding regardless of wealth level.
- Increase allocation for fast growth school districts due to greater extent of hazardous routes.

3. Local Funding

Equalize local funding to charter schools and ISD. Charter schools should not be funded at a greater rate per student than the ISD in which they are located. For example, PfISD receives \$5,541 per local student while IDEA public schools receive \$6,543 per local student.

4. Pre-K Funding

Provide state funding for all full-day Pre-K students. Students who attend Pre-K are less likely to repeat a grade, three times as likely to be prepared for kindergarten, more likely to meet 3rd grade STAAR standards, and have greater post-secondary readiness.

Safety and Security

1. ISD Police Officers

Allow school districts to contribute to the police retirement system via access to the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) to incentivize current city officers to support the ISD police force. This can be implemented at little to no cost.

Provide an allocation for ISD police officer salaries and benefits.

2. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Increase state support for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) by providing funding for counselors, social workers and security personnel.

3. Campus Safety

Increase state support for campus safety by funding district allocations designated specifically for this cause.

Academic

1. Career & Technical Education

Allow computer science and technology applications courses to receive Career & Technical Education (CTE) weight.

Allow middle school CTE courses to receive weighted funding to increase academic opportunity and create better prepared students for high school and beyond.

Amend the high school graduation requirements to allow for 1 year of CTE courses as a substitute for certain courses outside of the core graduation requirements.

2. Academic Standards

Redesign the college preparatory mathematics course to allow underclassman reasonable and successful access to complete the course prior to their senior year.

Require charter schools to provide written parental notification of non-certified teachers in accordance with the public school requirements.

Additional Priorities

- Protect District of Innovation law.
- Protect Senate Bill 1882 law. For PfISD, 1882 provides an opportunity to increase state funding, increase partnerships with higher education and non-profits, and offer flexibility to compete with charter schools.
- Allow military spouses to receive reciprocal teaching certification with no requirement to sit for a new test.
- Extend the Individual Graduation Committees (IGCs) until 2023. Since 2014-15, districts across the state have utilized this provision to support more than 26,000 students who otherwise may not have graduated on time.
- Support TRS healthcare for retiring teachers.