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FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees identified legislative priorities for the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature.

We ask lawmakers to consider these recommendations:



Special Education Funding

Ensure school districts receive adequate funding to serve students who have the need for high intensity and specialty services in Special Education.

FBISD spends \$30M

bidyou? more than it receives in SPED funding. The Texas Legislature should adjust funding to better account for the additional costs of serving our most vulnerable students.

PreK Funding

Fully fund PreK students at a full-day Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Currently PreK students do not qualify for full-day ADA.

Although PreK students attend a **know?** full-day program, in the State of Texas, they only generate half the average daily attendance funds. School districts have the option to use the Early Education Allotment to supplement program funding. The allotment is generated by the daily attendance of educational disadvantaged and emergent bilingual students in grades kindergarten through third grade.

Basic Allotment

Adjust the basic allotment with an automatic factor for inflation so legislative action is not required to keep up with the rate of inflation.

The basic allotment of \$6,160 know! has not changed since 2019. The rate of inflation since then has increased by more than 23%.

Fast Growth, New Instructional Facilities, and GT Allotments

Fund these allotments at a level that avoids the need to

prorate the allocation as more districts qualify.



School Safety Allotment

personnel on all campuses.

Adjust the school safety allotment to

provide adequate funding for armed

know? legislative session included a

requirement to have armed personnel at every

campus, but the State did not provide school

districts with enough funding to fulfill the

mandate. FBISD is using VATRE money to

contract with private security companies.

Mandatory Disciplinary Alternative

Repeal House Bill 114 (88th Regular

Session) regarding mandatory DAEP

placement for vaping/e-cigarettes.

HOUSE BIII 114 does not a local control of student

school boards. FBISD has the Resilience,

have benefitted from the RISE program.

Eliminate the requirement of school

districts to submit students' social security

numbers in Public Education Information

bidyou? student's social security number

for data collection. Opting for a unique student

Currently school districts use a

Protect Student Identity

Management System (PEIMS).

identification (ID) number

would increase the security

of student information.

disciplinary consequences for vaping by Texas

Intervention, Support and Empowerment (RISE)

student vaping offenses and 720 of them would

program. Last year FBISD had 763 first-time

Education Program (DAEP) For Vaping

House Bill 114 does not allow

SAFETY & PRIVACY IN SCHOOLS

House Bill 3 passed in the last



Ballot Language Clarity

Revise required ballot language for ISD bond and voter-approved tax ratification propositions to provide for honest and accurate descriptions of the measure.

State law requires all bond and tax rate election (TRE) ballots to include the language, "This is a property tax increase," even when the district is not changing the tax rate.

Public Information Act, Nonbusiness Days

Revise the Public Information Act to allow public school districts to increase the number of nonbusiness days from 10 to a number sufficient to match the nonbusiness days on the ISD's instructional calendar as adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Currently school districts are know? expected to respond to public information requests during school breaks such as summer vacation, winter holidays, and spring break, when there are fewer staff available to process requests. For the 2024-25 academic calendar, after accounting for designated holidays and 10 non-business days approved by the Board, there are still 16 nonbusiness days where district offices are closed.

25 Title I Schools

Largest employer in Fort Bend County with

83

Campuses

12,900+ EMPLOYEES

The **\$6,160 BASIC** ALLOTMENT

has stayed flat since 2019, while inflation rose over 23%.

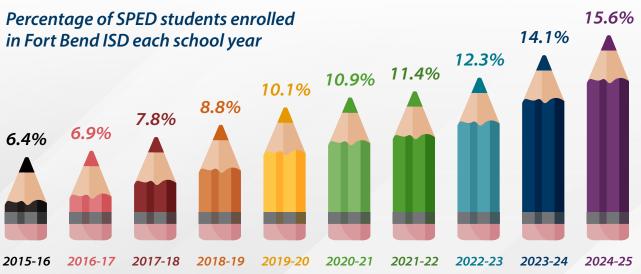
50%

of our students are economically-disadvantaged

5,494 **GT** Students

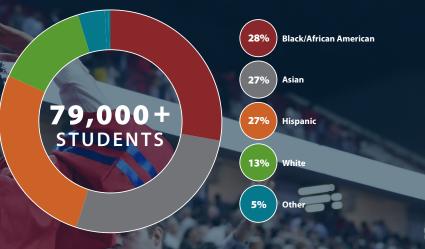
2,168 Pre-K Enrollment

in Fort Bend ISD each school year



FBÍSD AT A GLANCE

ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY



One of the most diverse school districts in the nation with families speaking more than **90 LANGUAGES**

SERVING OVER 15,000

ESL, Bilingual and Alternative Language Program Students