

Legislative Priorities

Texas Public Charter Schools



End Municipal Discrimination (SB 472 & HB 1707)

Public charter schools are targeted with discriminatory fees, zoning, and permitting schemes that divert state funding from the classroom.

Proposal: Enforce the SAME municipal rules for ALL public schools.



Equalize Charter Facilities Funding

Qualifying public charter schools share a fixed \$60M charter facility appropriation rather than receiving a per-student facilities allotment.

Proposal: Provide a per-student facilities allotment, as is available to all other public schools.



Raise the Bar for SBOE to Veto TEA's School Recommendations

TEA maintains the most rigorous vetting process nationally, yet the SBOE still vetoes the vast majority (80% in 2022) of new schools recommended by the Commissioner of Education.

Proposal: Raise the SBOE veto threshold to overrule TEA recommendations from a simple majority to a super-majority, as is already required to override SBEC rules (TEC §21.042).



Allow Earlier Notification for Public Charter School Expansion

Public charter schools must apply for approval and notify districts within 18 months of a new school opening. Districts deserve more advance notice and public charter schools deserve more time to plan.

Proposal: Allow expansion requests and notification up to 36 months before opening a new campus, instead of the current 18 months.

