

Legislative Priorities

Texas Public Charter Schools



End Municipal Discrimination

HB 1707 (Klick), HB 4977 (Klick), & SB 472 (Hughes)

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

HB 1572 (Dutton) & SB 1722 (Paxton)

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

HB 2103 (Goldman) & SB 1782 (Middleton)

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

HB 2102 (Goldman) & SB 1099 (Paxton)

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.

