

2025 Legislative Successes

FOR TEXAS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Texas public charter school community achieved huge wins for students during the 2025 legislative session! Mobilizing supporters from across the state, we passed a historic funding increase, expanded flexibility for educators, and blocked every hostile bill and amendment.

POLICY WINS



INCREASED FACILITIES FUNDING: We achieved our top priority in HB 2, which replaces the cap on charter facilities with a student-based formula. The result? About \$100 million more per year, which will grow with enrollment.

Additional changes make more charters eligible for facilities funding and add flexibility in spending. This resounding success caps a robust 2024-25 campaign!



Secured Additional Funding Increases: We ensured the new Allotment for Basic Costs would include charter schools (about \$46 million per year) and that small charters in large ISDs would still receive the larger teacher pay raises in HB 2.



Stopped 100% of bad laws: We blocked all 11 bills and five amendments that would have harmed public charter schools.



Enhanced freedom and flexibility: We amended bills to protect charter autonomy in discipline and grievance policies; ensure charters can “reconnect” to ActiveCare health coverage; and allow charters to serve non-enrolled students using new ESA funds.



Made Progress on TRS Fairness: We cast a spotlight on the unfairness of charters paying more into the Teacher Retirement System than ISDs. It's now widely acknowledged at the Capitol — and we're strongly positioned to address it during a future legislative session.



A total of **8,400**
12,500
advocates took actions by contacting their lawmakers or signing a petition from January to June.



Compared to the last legislative session, **2x** as many supporters were super advocates — contacting their lawmakers five times or more.



95% of Texas House and Texas Senate offices received emails from the public charter community.



Our videos about facilities funding — shared on social media and served to devices at the Capitol — were viewed

60,000 times.



87% of TPCSA's member charter school districts engaged with a state, local, or federal lawmaker's office during 2024-25.

STRENGTH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE

TPCSA advanced a standalone facilities funding bill in the Texas Senate, SB 1750, and it passed overwhelmingly (26-5) after our advocacy shored up support across both parties.

The Texas Senate showed **strong bipartisan support** for SB 1750.

Republicans: 19 out of 20

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Democrats: 7 out of 11

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Half of the Democrats who voted **against** our top legislative priority in 2023 voted “yes” on SB 1750 in 2025:

Democrats in 2025: 3 out of 6

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