



Revised Draft 2027 Legislative Priorities

October 29, 2026



RICHARDSON ISD NORTH STAR GOAL: EVERY STUDENT, TEACHER, AND LEADER WILL MEET OR EXCEED THEIR ACADEMIC GROWTH GOALS.

2027 Legislative Priorities - Strategic Plan Goals 4 & 5

- Impact of 89th Session on RISD
- Legislative Roundtables
- Revised Draft Priorities
- Next Steps



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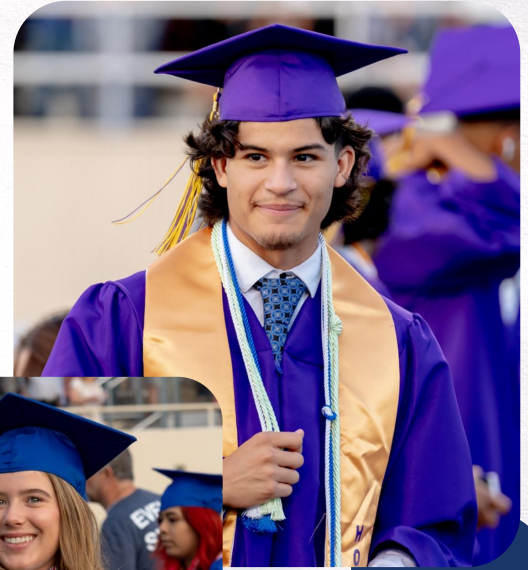


- DISCIPLINE (TEC Chapter 37) – HB 6
- FUNDING – HB 2
 - Basic Allotment: an increase of \$55 per student from \$6,160 to \$6,215
 - School Safety Allotment: an increase of \$10 per student to \$20; and an increase per campus from \$15,000 to \$33,540
 - Allotment for Basic Costs (ABC) \$106 per enrolled student
 - Support staff allotment \$45 per ADA
 - Teacher pay raise \$2,500 when a teacher hits 3 years of experience and an additional \$2,500 when a teacher hits 5 years experience (\$5,000 total in 2025-2026)
- HB 1481– Limits on student phone use during class time



Legislative Roundtables

- Hosted two sessions so far:
 - April
 - September
- Community Engagement opportunity with our institutional partners (Council of PTAs, local chambers, colleges and universities)
- **Goal:** Shared voice for RISD priorities throughout the greater community



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Use of
Technology
in Schools**

**Reduce
Critical
Funding
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**Reduce
Unnecessary
Regulatory
Burdens**



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Promote Responsible Use of Technology in Schools

- Establish an age-appropriate framework for screen time that distinguishes between passive and productive use of technology in schools.
- Ensure schools have the resources, guidance and flexibility necessary to responsibly integrate artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies to prepare students for the future workforce.



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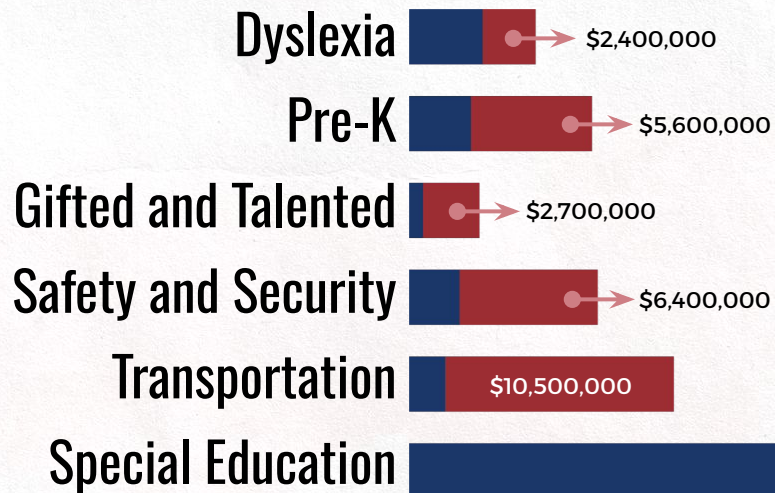
Reduce Critical Funding Gaps

- Provide additional funding for armed security officers
- Provide additional funding to support students receiving special education services
- Provide additional funding for the Allotment for Basic Costs
- Provide funding to account for unanticipated declines in enrollment
- Provide an increase in the Basic Allotment



State Appropriations Deficit

Richardson ISD state-mandated costs anticipated for the 2026-27 school year (paid through RISD's general fund):



Total Cost (State Allotment+RISD):
\$99,200,000

Total State-Mandated Cost to RISD:
\$39,800,000



State Allotment



Remaining Cost to District

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Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens

- Apply the pre-service affidavit requirement for service providers only to those who have direct contact with students.
- Allow school district staff to participate in activities for which they receive financial benefit, absent a conflict of interest.
- Clarify parental consent requirements for basic health services.



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Legislative Priorities for the 90th Session

89TH SESSION RECAP

What the 89th Session Delivered

Funding

\$6,215 Basic Allotment per student, up \$55 from \$6,160

\$45 Support staff allotment per ADA

\$20 School Safety Allotment per student (+\$10), plus \$33,540 per campus, up from \$15,000

\$5,000 Teacher raises in 2025–26: \$2,500 at 3 years of experience and another \$2,500 at 5 years

\$106 Allotment for Basic Costs (ABC) per enrolled student

Discipline

Updates to student discipline under Texas Education Code Chapter 37.

Cellphones in the Classroom

Limits on student phone use during class time.

OUR ASKS

RISD 2027 Priorities

01

Promote Responsible Use of Technology in Schools

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- Give schools the resources, guidance and flexibility to responsibly integrate AI and emerging technologies for the future workforce.

02

Reduce Critical Funding Gaps

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03

Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens

- Apply SB 571's pre-service affidavit only to providers with direct student contact.
- Let staff take part in activities they benefit from financially, absent a conflict of interest.
- Clarify parental consent for basic health services.
- Simplify or reduce reporting requirements.

BY THE NUMBERS

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TOTAL COST (STATE ALLOTMENT + RISD)

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TOTAL STATE-MANDATED COST TO RISD

\$39,800,000

State allotment - \$59.4M

Paid by RISD - \$39.8M

The state covers about 60% of these mandated programs; RISD covers the other 40%.

Cost by program: state allotment vs. RISD

■ State allotment ■ Remaining cost to RISD

Special Education	\$12.2M
Transportation	\$10.5M
Safety and Security	\$6.4M
Pre-K	\$5.6M
Dyslexia	\$2.4M
Gifted and Talented	\$2.7M

THE IMPACT

Why These Priorities Matter for RISD

01

Responsible Technology

Not all screen time is equal. Clear, age-appropriate guidance helps schools foster AI literacy and ethical use of technology, equipping students to become critical creators in a digital world. This ensures students learn with technology, not from it.

02

Funding Gaps

When state funding falls short of what required programs cost, the district covers the difference from its general fund. Every dollar spent filling that gap is a dollar that can't go to teacher pay, classroom resources or other student needs.

03

Regulatory Burdens

Paperwork and rules that don't make students safer or help them learn pull staff time away from students. Targeted adjustments keep strong safeguards in place while allowing educators to spend more time on teaching and student services.



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Next Steps

- Action Item on Nov. 19 to adopt
- Legislative Action Plan
- Comprehensive communications and community engagement plan:
 - Legislators
 - Staff
 - Parents
 - Community Partners

