

Raise Your Voice

The Future of Testing and School Accountability in Texas

What makes a school great? What are parents really looking for in a high-quality school? What do teachers think is most important? What do students want and need?

Over the next 12 months, Raise Your Hand Texas will bring experts, researchers, policymakers, and communities together to ask these questions and more as we work to design a stronger and more innovative school testing and accountability system.

The goal? To bring 10,000 voices together with policy expertise to speak to what

Texans want most from their schools and impact policy in the 2023 legislative session.

So much has changed about what we know are the best ways to learn, test, and measure all that goes into a world-class education system. And Texas, as a long-standing leader in school accountability reform, is uniquely positioned to lead the way toward a more useful, fair, and holistic approach. We have the opportunity to raise our standards for success and raise student outcomes like never before.

Join us as we chart a course toward the future for our 5.4 million public school students.

10,000 Voices
on Testing and Accountability



Beginning in October of 2021 the Raise Your Hand Texas advocacy team will work to meet with ten thousand Texans in small and large group settings to **educate** stakeholders about our current accountability system, **gather feedback** on accountability topics, and **invite** people to join us in the push for legislative change.

Council on Testing and Accountability



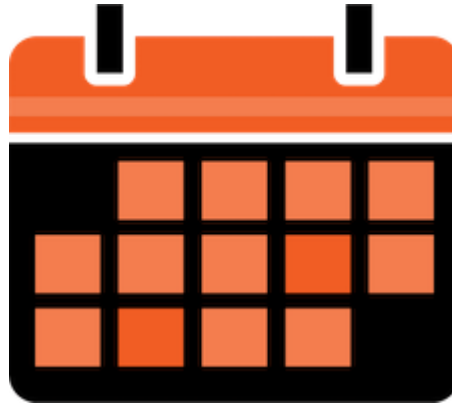
In January 2022, Raise Your Hand Texas will convene a Council on Testing and Accountability to sift through existing accountability and assessment research, hear from experts, examine community input, and make legislative recommendations. The event will be held in person and live-streamed.

Raise Your Hand will also convene a series of accountability panel discussions geared towards legislators, staff, and advocates on topics such as different models for assessments, innovative accountability practices from across the country, federal requirements, and more.

The work of the grassroots advocacy and policy experts tracks will culminate in a series of legislative recommendations presented prior to the 2023 legislative session.

Events

on Testing and Accountability



Leading up to the 2023 legislative session, Raise Your Hand will host a series of events on our report's findings, presenting and explaining them to advocates throughout the state.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Are you interested in building a better Testing and Accountability system in Texas? We want to hear from you! Connect with your local regional advocacy director to find out how you can get involved.

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