

Legislative Update: Empowering Our Community

An overview of our district's legislative efforts,
progress, and ways for our community to get involved.



Latest Legislative Events



Legislative Watch Team

A group of teachers, administrators, community members, and city leaders are learning about the advocacy process and how to watch bills move towards the Governors office.



TASA | TASB Legislative Conference

An opportunity to communicate local district needs and priorities to legislators, as well as get involved in the legislative process.



PTA Rally Day

Advocacy is at the heart of the PTA's mission and Rally Day gives families, students, teachers, and schools an opportunity to engage in legislative advocacy.



Upcoming Initiatives

1

Denton County Days

2

1925 Committee

3

Bill tracking and grassroots efforts



Public Education Committees

Senate

Chair: Brandon Creighton
Vice-Chair: Donna Campbell
Paul Bettencourt
Brent Hagenbuch
Adam Hinojosa
Phil King
Jose Menendez
Mayes Middleton
Tan Parker
Angela Paxton
Royce West

House

Chair: Brad Buckley
Vice-Chair: Diego Bernal
Alma Allen
Trent Ashby
John Bryant
Charles Cunningham
Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
Fames Frank
Gina Hinojosa
Todd Hunter
Helen Kerwin
Jeff Leach
Terri Leo Wilson
Alan Schoolcraft
James Talarico

Advocacy Toolkit:

How to Support Public Education

1

Learn the Facts

Learn the basics of school funding, accountability, etc.

2

Contact Legislators

Share personal stories and perspectives.

3

Spread Awareness

Share information and resources with your sphere of influence.

2025 DENTON ISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED A \$1,340 INCREASE IN THE BASIC ALLOTMENT TO MAKE UP FOR INFLATION SINCE 2020

The basic allotment is the primary mechanism used to fund Texas public schools. Every increase in the basic allotment, triggers additional funding for key programs and state priorities.

A \$1,340 INCREASE WOULD PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH AN ADDITIONAL:

- \$5,000^{AVERAGE} TEACHER COMPENSATION**
- \$8.7M FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**
- \$816K FOR SCHOOL SAFETY** (BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATES)

IN 2024-2025, OUR DISTRICT COSTS EXCEED STATE FUNDING FOR SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS:

- \$2.5M** Pre-K Programs
- \$9.9M** Special Education
- \$7.4M** Transportation
- \$4.4M** Safety & Security

Denton ISD calls for local control and locally determined frameworks for SENSIBLE ACCOUNTABILITY

along with a reduction in both mandatory state assessments and high stakes in the A-F rating system that impact students, teachers, and schools.

THE EXPANSION OF CHAPTER 37 HAS REDUCED LOCAL CONTROL OVER STUDENT DISCIPLINE.

SCHOOLS NEED THE AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS WHO AFFECT OTHERS' LEARNING OR COMPROMISE SAFETY.

DENTON
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.dentonisd.org/1925

HB 3

Year	Local Revenue	Recapture	State Aid	Federal Aid	Constant Dollars
2016	\$51,200	\$51,900	\$54,540	\$56,910	\$62,130
2017	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2018	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2019	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2020	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2021	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2022	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2023	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2024	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770
2025	\$51,200	\$50,800	\$51,530	\$54,740	\$61,770

HOW WE GOT HERE

Since the beginning of the 23-24 School Year:

- **\$6,592,071** School Health and Related Services (SHARS) loss of funding
- **\$7,438,226** Transportation funding gap
- **\$4,440,228** Safety and Security requirements annual funding gap from House Bill 3, 88(R)
- **\$256,338** Denton County Appraisal District cost increase
- **\$2,529,103** (and climbing) Utilities cost increase
- **\$1,545,452** Property Casualty Insurance cost increase
- **\$10,000,000** in raises in 2023 based on assurances that the \$4 billion in the state budget would be flowed to public schools

\$32,801,418
TOTAL
BUDGET
IMPACT

DEFICIT AREAS IN DENTON ISD



Pre-K Programing

\$2,490,955



Special Education

\$9,859,333*



Transportation

\$7,438,226

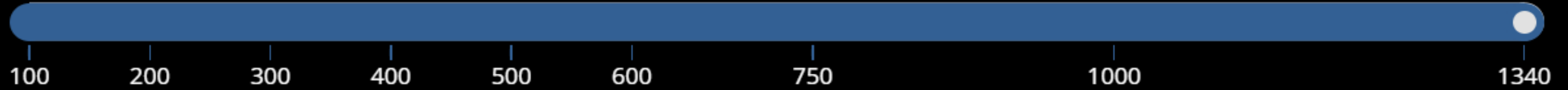


Safety and Security

\$4,440,228

Increase in the Basic Allotment

\$ 1340



Average Raise for Teachers, Counselors, Librarians, & Nurses

\$5,505

Special Education Allotment Increase

\$1.38 Billion

School Safety Allotment Increase

\$133.9 Million

Decrease in Recapture

-\$788 Million

As of February 20, 2025:

- **4,583 Bills filed**
- **827 Public Education Bills**

Bills on the Horizon

SB 1

HB 2

SB 2

HB 3

SB 4

HB 4

SB 10

HB 6

SB 11

HB 221

SB 26

HB 1770

SB 42

HB 1157

SB 569

HB 2196

SB 598

HB 2657