

1 **Education**

2 (Parents' Rights)

3 School Choice: Texas families should be empowered to choose from public, private, charter, or  
4 homeschool options for their children's education, and the funding should follow the student. We also  
5 support tax credits and exemptions for education and choice within the public school system.

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8 No Regulation of Homeschooling or Private School Curriculum: We oppose any attempt to regulate  
9 homeschooling or the curriculum of private or religious schools.

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12 Parents Rights in Education: Parents are the primary educators and disciplinarians of their children, to  
13 which all other entities are inferior. The fundamental rights of parents to make decisions regarding the  
14 upbringing and control of their children in all aspects, but especially in all aspects of the Texas education  
15 system shall be recognized, affirmed, and protected by changes to the Texas Constitution, and Texas Law  
16 including codifying the protections currently existing in the Texas Family and Education Codes. No public  
17 service entity nor its agents, district personnel, community partners, or District Board of Trustees shall  
18 infringe upon these rights.

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21 Enforcement of Parental Rights: Parents need more effective mechanisms to enforce their rights in  
22 education. We support creation of impartial parent ombudsmen. We call on the legislature to establish to  
23 allow for appeals beyond the school district when parents file grievances to protect their rights as well as a  
24 process to administer penalties to districts and their personnel who violate those rights. We call for  
25 development of a Parent's Right to Know and Consent booklet that contains pertinent state and federal  
26 law. The federal Pupil Protection Rights Amendment and the Children's Internet Protection Act should be  
27 codified in Texas law. We call for reforms to the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)  
28 placement to protect parents' rights and ensure that placement is reserved only for serious offenses.

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31 Sexual Education: We demand the State Legislature pass a law prohibiting the teaching of sex education,  
32 sexual health, or sexual choice or identity in any public school in any grade whatsoever, or disseminating  
33 or permitting the dissemination by any party of any material regarding the same. All school districts,  
34 individual schools, or charter schools are prohibited from contracting with or making any payment to any  
35 third party for material concerning any of the above topics. Until this prohibition goes into effect, sexual  
36 education shall only utilize sexual risk avoidance programs and promote abstinence outside of marriage.  
37 Before a student may be provided with human sexuality or family planning instruction, the district must

38 obtain the written consent of the student’s parent or guardian [Opt-In status].

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41 Inappropriate and/or Harmful Content: We request that the Texas Legislature pass legislation that requires  
42 Texas schools and libraries to filter inappropriate and/or harmful content, such as pornography, for minors.  
43 Operators of adult sex entertainment businesses and venues, adult entertainment of any kind, including  
44 Drag Queen Story Hour, shall not be part of educational programming in public schools, libraries, or any  
45 other taxpayer-funded program for children. We support passage of a law more comprehensive than the  
46 Florida law that prohibits instruction in sexual orientation and gender identity in public schools. We  
47 advocate for those who violate any of the above to have their educator’s certification revoked and be  
48 prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law where appropriate.

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51 Healthcare in Public Schools: Legislators shall prohibit reproductive healthcare services, including  
52 counseling, referrals, and distribution of condoms and contraception through public schools. We support  
53 parents’ right to choose, without penalty, which medications are administered to their minor children. We  
54 support informed consent of parents before any school-based mental health assessments or interventions  
55 are performed.

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58 Religious Freedom and Public Schools: We urge school administrators and officials not to infringe on  
59 Texas school students’ and staffs’ rights to pray and engage in religious speech, individually or in groups,  
60 on school property without government interference. We urge the Legislature to end censorship of  
61 discussion of religion in our founding documents and encourage discussing those documents, including  
62 the Bible as their basis. Students have the right to exhibit religious items on school property.

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65 (Curriculum)

66 Foundational Standards: The educational system should focus on foundational standards, which include,  
67 but are not limited to, a curriculum of reading (with an emphasis on phonics), spelling, writing, civics (must  
68 pass the US Citizenship and Immigration Services test), the arts, music, literature, mathematics (including  
69 personal finance), science, geography, economics, and United States and world history including the  
70 failures of communism and socialism. We encourage teaching critical thinking skills, including logic,  
71 rhetoric, and analytical sciences within these subjects. We advocate the value of vocational training  
72 programs.

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75 Founding Documents in High School: We support a high school level curriculum (rather than 8<sup>th</sup> grade

76 level) for the study of American history (pre-1877) that is heavily weighted toward the study of original  
77 founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the  
78 Constitutional Convention, the *Federalist Papers*, and Founders' writings.

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81 American Identity: We favor strengthening our common American identity, which includes the contribution  
82 and assimilation of diverse racial and ethnic groups. We reject Critical Race Theory as a post-Marxist  
83 ideology that seeks to undermine the system of law and order itself and to reduce individuals to their group  
84 identity alone. We support legislation to remove this ideology from government programs, including  
85 education involving race, discrimination, and racial awareness. To facilitate the appreciation of our  
86 American identity, the contrast between freedom and the tyrannical history of socialism/communism  
87 throughout history must be taught. Students shall pledge allegiance to the United States and Texas flags  
88 daily to instill patriotism. Students have the right to display patriotic items on school property. Schools  
89 should have the options to display the National Motto "In God We Trust."

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92 Scientific Theories: We support objective teaching of scientific theories, such as life origins and climate  
93 change. These shall be taught as challengeable scientific theories subject to change as new data is  
94 produced. Teachers and students shall discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these theories openly,  
95 without fear of retribution or discrimination of any kind.

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98 National Core Curriculum: We oppose the use of national or international standards in the State of Texas  
99 (i.e., International Baccalaureate, Common Core, TEKS Resource System (formerly CSCOPE), United  
100 Nations Inclusion, National Sexuality Education Standards, and SIECUS, etc.) We also oppose the  
101 modification of college entrance exams to reflect any national core philosophies. Any school district that  
102 violates state law banning the use of a national core curriculum or standards shall lose all state funding  
103 until said curricula or standards are removed and no longer utilized in classrooms.

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106 Bilingual Education: We encourage non-English-speaking students to transition, via best practices, to  
107 English within two years, allowing them to quickly assimilate and succeed in American society.

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110 Oversight of Instructional Materials: All instructional materials paid for with state funds should be vetted by  
111 the elected State Board of Education, and we oppose appropriation of state funds for instructional content  
112 that has not been approved by the SBOE. This approval process must continue to include public review,  
113 hearings, and the right to have factual errors corrected. We call on local districts to hold public hearings  
114 before deciding which instructional materials they will use including supplemental materials and programs.  
115 We call for the repeal of the big tech corporate welfare bill (Senate Bill 6, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called

116 Session), which created a loophole around SBOE approval allowing progressive propaganda and  
117 Common Core-based materials into the classroom.

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120 Education on Humanity of the Preborn Child: Texas students should learn about the Humanity of the  
121 Preborn Child, including life-affirming definitions of life and the study of life, life begins at fertilization,  
122 milestones of fetal development at two-week gestational intervals, use of fetal baby models, witnessing of  
123 a live ultrasound, viewing the *Miracle of Life* type video, and (for high school students) the contents of the  
124 Woman's Right to Know booklet.

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127 (Governance)

128 Abolish Department of Education: Since education is not an enumerated power of the federal government,  
129 we believe the Department of Education should be abolished, and the transfer of any of its functions to  
130 any other federal agency should be prohibited.

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133 Elected SBOE: We believe that the SBOE should continue to be an elected body consisting of fifteen  
134 members. Their responsibilities must include:

- 135 a. Appointing the Commissioner of Education.
- 136 b. Maintaining constitutional authority over the Permanent School Fund.
- 137 c. Maintaining sole authority over all curricula content.
- 138 d. The state adoption of all educational materials. This process must include public hearings.
- 139 e. Granting, revoking, or amending open enrollment school charters.
- 140 f. Teacher and administrator certification. We call for the abolition of the State Board for  
141 Educator Certification.

142 The SBOE should be staffed out of general revenue.

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145 School Security: We support passage of a statute, which permits local law enforcement to provide  
146 handgun safety and proficiency training for all educators, and allows LTC (License to Carry) holders to  
147 carry a concealed firearm on the premises of Pre-K-12 schools for security and protection purposes.

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150 School Safety: We call for the repeal or revision of Senate Bill 393 (2013). We call for mandatory  
151 reporting to law enforcement of school children who have committed violent acts on school property.

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154 School Boards: We believe locally-elected school boards have a duty to ensure that the education  
155 provided reflects traditional Texas values and have purview over policy, curriculum, and budget. We  
156 oppose micromanagement guidelines, trainings, and governance policies that empower appointed  
157 superintendents at the expense of elected school boards. We believe university regents should also play  
158 an active role in the governance of their institutions and should not rubberstamp what university  
159 chancellors and presidents propose.

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162 Withdraw from Taxpayer-Funded Lobby Groups Like TASB: Local independent school districts should  
163 sever all ties with taxpayer funded lobby groups including the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB),  
164 the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), and the Texas Association of Community Schools  
165 (TACS). Required training now provided by groups like the above-named organizations would instead be  
166 under the auspices of the State Board of Education, with funds appropriated for that purpose.

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169 Enforcement of Open Meetings: We support allowing taxpayers to seek limited civil penalties for school  
170 trustees who violate the Texas Open Meetings Act. We believe an open meetings violation should be an  
171 affirmative defense to a charge of disrupting a public meeting.

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174 Gender Identity: The official position of the Texas schools shall be that there are only two genders:  
175 biological male and biological female. We oppose transgender normalizing curriculum and pronoun use.  
176 We hold that biological men shall compete against other biological men and biological women shall  
177 compete against other biological women in athletics in the public school system of Texas and at the  
178 collegiate level.

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181 School Health Advisory Councils: Until the legislature removes sex education from the curriculum of public  
182 schools, the State of Texas should adopt changes to Texas Education Code 28.004 to:

- 183 a. Require every member of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to be appointed by  
184 the Board of Trustees.
- 185 b. Require at least 50% of the SHAC to be parents of students within the district, who are not  
186 related to district employees.
- 187 c. Require at least 50% of the parent attendees to be present for business to be conducted  
188 and be open to the public.
- 189 d. Require every school district to post:
- 190 e. SHAC meeting minutes.
- 191 f. full and fair disclosure of the contents of the human sexuality instruction.
- 192 g. proposed changes to health education.

- 193 h. Close loopholes in order to prohibit contraception distribution and demonstration.  
194 i. Expand the grievance process to cover the entire section of Texas Education Code 28.004.

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197 Foreign Charter Schools: Charter schools should have accountability and transparency to local parents,  
198 taxpayers, and the State of Texas, as do current public schools. We oppose public funding of charter  
199 schools that receive money from foreign entities. We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation that  
200 requires charter school operators and board members to be eligible Texas voters.

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### 203 (Higher Education)

204 College Tuition and Student Loan Reform: College costs are out-of-control, and reform is urgently  
205 required, including the following:

- 206 a. We call for reasonable limits on public university tuition and student loan borrowing  
207 commensurate with fiscal responsibility and current earnings in the student's field of  
208 education  
209 b. We oppose mass cancellation of student loan obligations but support tax credits and  
210 interest rate reductions to ease the burden on students deeply in debt.  
211 c. We support requiring universities to share the risk of guaranteeing student loans, and  
212 universities with multi-billion dollar endowments should guarantee their own student loans.  
213 d. We oppose in-state tuition and financial aid for illegal aliens.  
214 e. We oppose Robin Hood schemes that raise tuition for some students to give to others.

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217 Fund and Support Western Civilization Instruction, Defund Political Correctness:

- 218 a. Like Hillsdale College, we agree that state universities "should value the merit of each  
219 unique individual, rather than succumbing to the discriminatory trend of so-called social  
220 justice and multicultural diversity, which judges individuals not as individuals, but as  
221 members of a group which pits one group against other competing groups in divisive power  
222 struggles."  
223 b. We oppose any state formula funding or graduation requirements for divisive curricula  
224 inconsistent with the above, including Marxist, anti-American, critical race theory,  
225 multiculturalism, or diversity-equity-inclusion courses  
226 c. We oppose using public funds for homosexuality, transgender, or diversity-equity-inclusion  
227 centers  
228 d. Public universities should be required to create a comprehensive program of instruction in  
229 Western Civilization, American Institutions, and free-market Liberty principles, with centers  
230 and funding dedicated to that task  
231 e. Public universities should be required to comply with the above before tuition or state  
232 appropriations are increased

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235 Campus Speech: We urge the Texas Legislature to recognize the rights of those on college campuses to  
236 practice their faith and their right to free speech. We support withdrawal of public funding from any college  
237 or university within this state that actively or passively discriminates or permits discrimination against the  
238 free speech of either students or guest speakers. Student groups shall have the unfettered right to elect  
239 their leaders, choose their members, and set their organization's mission, purpose, and standard of  
240 conduct.

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243 Tenure: We support abolishing the system of tenure in academia and advocate replacing it with a merit-  
244 based system for teacher retention.

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247 Equal Access: All Texas students shall have equal access to all state-supported university admissions,  
248 grants, scholarships, and loans, based upon measurable academic criteria. We support the suspension of  
249 federal funding from universities that prohibit military recruitment on campus.

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