

I. Education

A.18. Dyslexia. PTA supports allowing modifications and/or accommodations on state mandated tests for students with dyslexia and/or related disorders as set forth by the individual student's ARD or "504" committee.

B.18. Programs for At-Risk Students. PTA supports extended programs for children at risk.

C.18. Special Education Services. PTA supports legislation that properly identifies all students in need of special education services and provides the required support in the least restrictive environment.

D.16. Mandatory Recess in Our Elementary Schools. PTA supports mandatory recess in elementary schools.

E.16. Dropouts. PTA supports identification and tracking of dropouts at all grade levels.

F.16. Reduced Class Sizes. PTA supports legislation which addresses class size in core subjects for grades 5 through 12 and supports state funding for the costs associated with legislative limitation on class size.

G.15. Non-Public School Guidelines. PTA supports requiring non-public schools to meet guidelines that would ensure a quality education for all children.

H.16. School Siting. Texas PTA supports legislation that will protect schools from being sited in areas impacted by hazardous and toxic chemicals.

I.14. School Nurses. PTA supports requiring a full-time registered nurse for every school or cooperative of schools with 1,000 or more students.

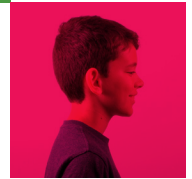
J.14. School Counselors. PTA supports requiring a full-time counselor for every school or cooperative of schools with 500 or more students.

K.14. Site Based Decision Making Reps. Texas PTA supports requiring parent representatives on the campus and district-wide site based decision making committees be selected by parents.

L.14. High School Degree Plan Options. Texas PTA supports high school diploma degree plan choices that recognize individual students' natural talents, interests and abilities and prepares all students for a variety of careers and continuing education.

M.14. GPA calculations for advanced level academic courses. Texas PTA supports extra weight in Grade Point Average (GPA) calculations for advanced level academic courses.





II. Health, Welfare and Safety

A.18. Gun Safety. PTA supports legislation on gun safety and gun safety education.

B.18. TB Testing. PTA supports TB testing of children and school personnel.

C.18. Suicide Prevention. PTA supports professional development training for school personnel regarding suicide prevention.

D.18. Leave for School Involvement. PTA supports legislation prohibiting discrimination by an employer for allowing an employee to use prearranged vacation time or personal leave to participate in a school activity of the employee's child.

E.16. Parental Rights Concerning Committing Youth to Mental/ Behavioral Health Care Facilities. Texas PTA supports the retention of parental rights regarding mental/behavior health care decisions pertaining to their children, including commitment to mental/behavioral health care facilities, until the child reaches the age of eighteen.

F.16. Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities. PTA supports increasing the availability of substance abuse treatment facilities.

G.16. CHIP/CPS Funding. PTA supports full funding of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Child Protective Services (CPS) in order to protect children and their health.

H.16. Expanded Newborn Screening. PTA supports expanding the screening of all newborns for physical and/or mental disorders that may not be readily apparent to facilitate early detection and treatment.

I.16. Safe Campuses. PTA supports safe campuses and other school district facilities.

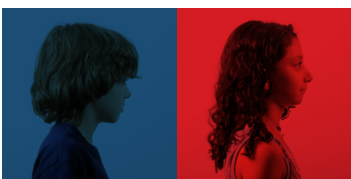
J.16. School Staff Trained in CPR. PTA supports requiring the presence of at least one adult staff person trained in CPR and first aid at each school building during school hours.

K.16. Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco. PTA supports strengthening the laws dealing with the use or abuse of alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

L.16. Smoking. PTA supports restriction of smoking in public places.

M.16. Child Abuse Laws. PTA supports strengthening child abuse laws and case worker funding.

N.16. Laws Governing Day Care Centers. PTA supports strengthening laws governing day-care centers and increasing their availability.





O.14. Door-to-Door Sales. PTA supports banning door-to-door sales by children 17 and under without parental accompaniment.

P.14. Sexually Oriented Businesses. Texas PTA supports regulations and/or legislation to ensure that sexually oriented businesses cannot locate within 1,000 feet of a residential area, school, religious facility, library, recreational facility, public park, or school activity center.

Q.14. State Matching Funds. Texas PTA supports appropriation or designation of state funds at any time to secure the maximum federal dollars available for children's programs in Texas.

R.14. Tobacco Settlement Money. Texas PTA supports directing tobacco settlement money to programs that benefit children.

S.17. Missing Children. Texas PTA supports stronger penalties for neglecting to report a missing child or for providing a false report or information on a missing child.

III. School Finance

A.18. Tax Abatements. PTA supports legislation that prohibits school tax abatements and alternatives to attract businesses without public participation as well as concurrence and approval by the board of trustees.

B.18. Dyslexia. PTA supports state funding for student needs related to dyslexia and associated disorders.

C.18. Equity. PTA supports increased state spending to achieve financial equity without leveling down.

D.18. Professional Development. PTA supports increased funding for professional development in public schools.

E.16. Mandated Programs. PTA supports state funding for state-mandated educational programs.

F.16. School Facilities. PTA supports state funding assistance for school facilities.

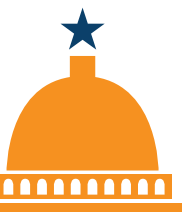
G.16. Early Grades. PTA supports priority funding for the early grades.

H.16. School Personnel. PTA supports increased funding for school personnel.

I.16. Performance Based Funding. PTA opposes performance-based funding.

J.16. State's Share of Funding. PTA supports increasing the state's share of funding to the local school districts.

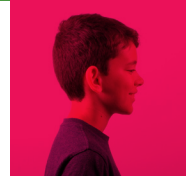
K.16. Revenue Enhancement. PTA supports any type of revenue enhancement that would continue or increase funding for public education.



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L.16. Funding for Specific Areas. PTA supports continued state funding of pre-K, kindergarten, bilingual education, vocational education, compensatory education, gifted and talented, special handicapped needs, textbooks, education service centers, libraries and community education.



M.16. TRS. PTA supports cost-of-living increases for retirees and increases in the state's contributions to the Teacher Retirement System.

N.14. Priority Funding. PTA supports making primary and secondary public education the number one priority in the state budget appropriation process.

O.14. Proration. PTA supports eliminating the state's ability to prorate available monies to school districts.

P.17. Local Control. PTA supports local control for school districts.

