



86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# TEXAS PTA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

## INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION COMMITTEE

Advocate for the continuation of Individual Graduation Committees with authority to allow students to graduate when they have failed no more than two end-of-course exams, but successfully completed all required curriculum.

### BACKGROUND

- Authorized in 2015, Individual Graduation Committees provide a structure through which a student who has successfully completed all course requirements for graduation from high school, but has failed no more than two end-of-course exams, may be considered for graduation by a committee.
- The Individual Graduation Committee is composed of the principal or principal's designee; the teacher(s) of the course(s) for the end-of-course exam(s) on which the student failed to perform satisfactorily; the student's school counselor; and the student's parent.
- The student's Individual Graduation Committee may require additional work of the student including additional remediation and, for the end-of-course exam or exams (up to two) on which the student failed to perform satisfactorily, the completion of a project related to the subject area of the course that demonstrates proficiency in the subject area or the preparation of a portfolio of work in the subject area of the course. The student may also be required to submit coursework previously completed.
- To qualify to graduate from high school by an Individual Graduation Committee, the student must complete and submit work assigned by the Committee, and the Committee's vote must be unanimous.
- Texas PTA seeks to extend the Individual Graduation Committee system.