
Texas Association of Secondary School Principals



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The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals promotes a statewide legislative platform that places students in the forefront of the educational process by empowering school leaders to:

Ensure a Safe and Secure Environment for all Students and Staff

- Schools are provided with equitable resources and funding needed to maintain a safe and secure environment.
- Schools are provided measures that promote student and staff mental health as a critical component of improving school climate, safety, and learning and provide school personnel with best practices for dealing with social and emotional needs.

Ensure a Quality and Equitable Education for all Students

- All students are provided with an education that prepares them to be college, career, or military ready.
- All students engage in authentic and relevant learning experiences in a healthy, safe, and responsive environment.
- All students are prepared to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

Address Educator Preparation, Shortages, and Retention

- Teacher preparation programs are research-based, relevant, and promote best practices to meet the needs of the whole child.
- Educators are provided with sustained on-the-job training and/or coaching/mentoring to promote growth.
- Incentives, compensation, and health benefits are provided to address educator shortages and promote educator retention.

Support Sustainable and Equitable Funding for Public Education

- The current academic, behavioral, social, and emotional needs of individual students are considered in determining equitable school funding.
- Local school districts are supported with state funding that ensures the implementation and sustainability of legislation.

Support Authentic Accountability for Students and Schools

- School accountability systems that look beyond high-stakes standardized testing.

TASSP Vision

To offer Texas principals and assistant principals a forum to explore the best practices in school administration with the ultimate goal of helping facilitate student learning. It is the intent of the organization that we honor our motto, “Above All, Students First,” in all that we do.

Beliefs

- We believe that all people are created inherently good with noble purpose that transcends self.
- We believe that all human beings have the right and ability to learn and own their learning.
- We believe that each individual is a voice expressed through being, action and/or words.
- We believe that individuals make choices for which they are accountable.
- We believe that serving others is a moral obligation to add value to every individual and to improve the greater good.
- We believe that inspirational leaders are courageous and seek the truth to empower others.
- We believe that unity creates progress towards a common vision.

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The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals



TASSP is a non-profit association that sponsors both the Texas Association of Student Councils and the Texas Association of Future Educators, effectively broadening its base to affect the lives of thousands of students and teachers.

The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals has a long history of providing educational opportunities for students, conducting professional development training for principals and assistant principals, and creating a network that allows professional educators the opportunity to work collaboratively on key educational issues—all aimed toward the improvement of the educational system in Texas.

Because of the complexity and accountability of the job of the school administrator, TASSP historically has supported a state-wide legislative platform that promotes the principal as the instructional leader and campus-level decision-maker.

Because principals are always seeking high-quality teachers, TASSP will be working collaboratively with Texas educational associations and teacher preparation programs on strategies that positively impact recruiting and retaining of high-quality teachers.

In preparation for the 88th State of Texas Legislative Session, in November 2022, Archie E. McAfee, Executive Director, and Billy Pringle, Ed.D., Associate Executive Director and Director of Government Relations, conducted an in-person training for members of the TASSP Legislative Committee, which included a presentation by Bob Popinski, Senior Director of Policy for Raise Your Hand Texas. Due to the neither the House, or Senate scheduling an education related committee meeting during the month of November at the Capitol, the committee met to develop the TASSP State-Wide Legislative Platform. On November 28 & 29, 2022, Alison Smith, Chair of the TASSP Legislative Committee, facilitated the review and revision process for formulating the TASSP State-wide Legislative Platform. At the TASSP Summer Workshop and at the spring 2023 regional meetings throughout the state, TASSP will be giving updates from the legislative session. Members are encouraged to use the Resources and the log of education-related bills posted on the TASSP website to stay current on legislative action

Resources:

To access and set up a personal account, go to Texas Legislature on-line: www.capitol.state.tx.us

To access TASSP Legislative Update: go to www.tassp.org, click on Resources, and Legislative Updates.

The 2022-2023 TASSP Legislative Committee

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TASSP Board Policy

All TASSP policies are created by the TASSP Board of Directors. The board is made up of elected practitioners, principals and assistant principals from each of the twenty TASSP regions. TASSP policy is driven by the mission statement and goals adopted by the Board.

TASSP Mission

The mission of TASSP is to ensure that campus administrators serve as courageous transformative leaders and a unifying voice for all learners, through a dynamic network distinguished by:

- Sharp focus on professional development;
- Proactive mindset of agility, innovation, and decisiveness; and
- Unrelenting commitment to student success.

Objectives

Principals will...

1. model, encourage, and support purposeful innovation in the interest of student success.
2. make informed decisions with a sharp focus on comprehensive data.
3. cultivate and empower leaders.
4. foster a culture of inclusiveness and unity.

Strategies

1. We will influence, guide and support the emerging role of the principal.
2. We will promote the value of the individual while creating a unifying culture to harness the power of diversity and the energy of education.
3. We will position ourselves as visionary leaders focused on relevant service, support and professional development.

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