



ONLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE THE CHOICE, TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY THAT TEXAS FAMILIES DESERVE

✓ TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFER EXTENSIVE CHOICE

- In 2022-23, more than 260,000 students availed themselves of opportunities to transfer to another public school campus or district. (Source: TEA Student Transfer Report)
- State law allows any student in a low-performing school to request transfers to other campuses or districts.
- Public schools continue adding campuses and programs to meet diverse student needs: STEM academies, early-college high school, virtual learning, magnet campuses, career-and-technical schools, etc.

✓ TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE TRANSPARENT

- Unlike private schools, Texas public school districts are governed by locally elected trustees who make decisions in meetings open to the public.
- Texas public schools follow the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act.
- Public schools' financial records and decisions are available to the public.

✓ TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE

- Public schools comply with a litany of regulations authorized by the elected Texas Legislature, from safety standards to staffing ratios to academic requirements.
- Only public schools — through the state's testing and accountability system — are held accountable to the public for their performance.
- Only public schools are subject to the state's Financial Integrity Ratings System of Texas, which helps ensure that taxpayer dollars are used appropriately.

TEXANS EXPECT RESULTS, BUT PRIVATE AND HOME SCHOOLS LEAVE US IN THE DARK.

- ✗ No compliance with the state safety standards that public schools meet
- ✗ No requirements for meeting federal special education standards
- ✗ No required accommodations for students who need them
- ✗ No grievance process for parents and families to challenge the district
- ✗ No STAAR test mandates for students
- ✗ No public disclosure of academic performance
- ✗ No A-F rating from the state
- ✗ No requirement to utilize appropriate curriculum and instructional materials in schools
- ✗ No public access to financial records
- ✗ No leaders elected by local taxpayers

IT'S FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO GIVE BILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS TO SCHOOLS THAT LACK ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE!