

89th TEXAS *Legislative Session*

Rockwall ISD Legislative Priorities

1 Fully Fund Public Schools

Rockwall ISD supports the State increasing the basic student allotment to **\$7,655**/student (\$1,495 increase to current student allotment) to provide the same buying power afforded to public schools in 2019, adjusted for inflation. This will allow districts to address teacher and staff recruitment and retention through long-term competitive compensation outside of any one-time increase. Additionally, Rockwall ISD supports continuing the current defined benefit pension program for Teacher Retirement System members to address the ongoing need for the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers and staff. Increasing the Basic Allotment will prevent further negative impact to Rockwall ISD programs and services.

2 Fully Fund School Safety

Rockwall ISD supports the State increasing the School Safety Allotment to fund fully the requirement to ensure that at least one, armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus. Fully funding the School Safety Allotment will prevent further negative impact to Rockwall ISD programs and services.

3 Fully Fund Special Education

Rockwall ISD supports the State adjusting Special Education funding based upon severity of services rather than instructional arrangements or services to fund fully a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for students in special education programs. Fully funding Special Education services will prevent further negative impact to Rockwall ISD programs and services.

4 Inflation Index Funding

Rockwall ISD supports the State creating a Basic Allotment inflation index adjustment factor to adjust the basic allotment to reflect changes in the consumer price index as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Adjusting the Basic Allotment for Inflation will prevent further negative impact to Rockwall ISD programs and services.

5 Assessment and Accountability Priorities

Rockwall ISD supports the State repealing of the A-F grading system, which heavily relies on high-stakes tests (STAAR). In addition, Rockwall ISD encourages the Texas Legislature to continue to reduce state assessments by eliminating those not required by federal law, reducing testing time, and prohibiting standardized tests from serving as the primary indicator of student and school performance. Rockwall ISD advocates for non-high-stakes tests such as diagnostic reading, writing, and math assessment alternatives that measure growth in student performance.





Rockwall

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

19,346 **STUDENTS** twenty-five **CAMPUSES** five **CITIES** one **COMMUNITY**

OUR TEACHERS

Beginners: 3.8%

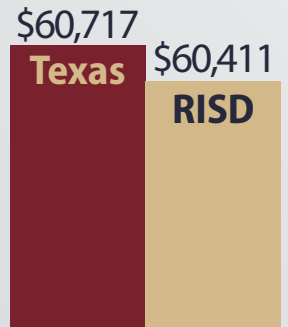
1-5 Years Experience: 23.8%

6-10 Years Experience: 21.6%

11-20 Years Experience: 33.7%

Over 20 Years Experience: 17.1%

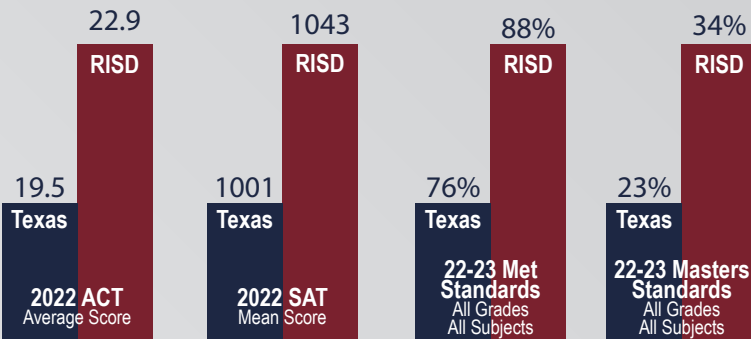
Average Teaching Experience: 11.9 Years
Average Teaching Experience in RISD: 6 Years



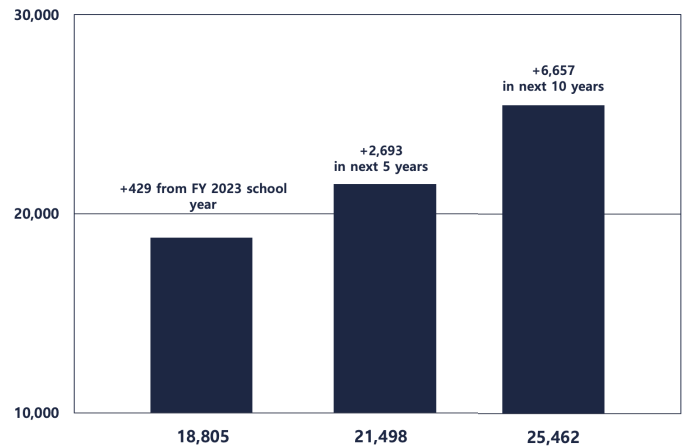
2022-2023 Average Teacher Salaries

OUR STUDENTS

ACT SAT STAAR



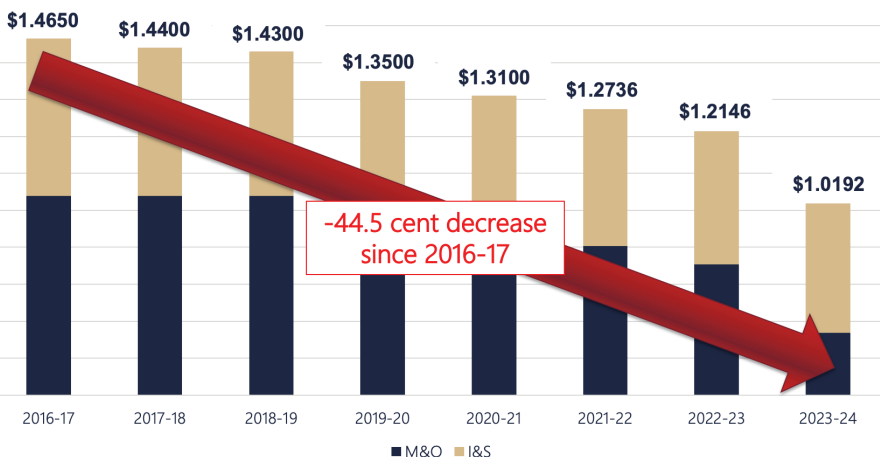
STUDENT GROWTH



OUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

TAX RATE PROJECTIONS

Tax Rate for FY 2024-2025



99%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE