



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Georgetown Independent School District Board of Trustees | Superintendent Dr. Devin Padavil

As Texas continues to lead the nation in economic growth and opportunity, the success of our public schools remains fundamental to our state's future prosperity. While Texas educators are making remarkable progress despite funding challenges and increasing mandates, Georgetown ISD recognizes the need to prepare our students to compete in an increasingly complex global economy. Our legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislature reflect our commitment to advancing public education through adequate funding, targeted support for critical programs, investment in our educators, and a focus on student well-being. These priorities represent essential investments not just in our schools, but in Texas's economic future and our community's continued success. By addressing these fundamental needs, we can ensure every student in Georgetown ISD has the opportunity to reach their full potential while contributing to Texas's legacy of educational excellence and innovation.

FUND SCHOOLS FIRST

Public schools are underfunded to meet the needs of students and staff, and new mandates have worsened the funding crisis. Georgetown ISD cannot continue to meet growing needs without adequate funding that keeps pace with inflation and student growth.

OUR ASKS

- Increase the basic allotment for staff and student needs and index the allotment to inflation.
- Shift from attendance-based funding to enrollment-based funding. Based on current enrollment, this would net an additional \$5.5M in revenue for GISD.
- Fund full-day Pre-K. Currently, GISD offers full-day Pre-K but only receives funding for half-day programs. Based on current enrollment, this creates an additional \$1M in revenue for GISD.

OUR EDUCATORS DESERVE MORE

Our educators are the foundation of student success, yet funding limitations impact our ability to provide competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits that attract and retain quality staff.

OUR ASKS

- Increase the basic allotment to ensure educator pay increases.
- Increase the basic allotment to ensure basic health benefits are covered as they are for other state employees.
- Create affordable and attainable pathways to teacher certification.

FUND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Georgetown ISD faces significant funding shortfalls in critical service areas. The gaps between state allotments and actual expenditures create substantial deficits that impact our ability to provide mandated services.

OUR ASKS

- Increase the special education allotment to meet all mandated services. SPED services currently cost \$4.6M more than the state's allocation.
- Increase the school safety allotment to meet all mandated services. Actual expenses exceed allotment by nearly \$300,000.
- Increase funding for Career and Technical Education to continue innovation in course offerings that meet the workforce demands of tomorrow.

OUR CHILDREN NEED SUPPORT

Georgetown ISD is committed to supporting the whole child through comprehensive programs that address academic, social, and emotional needs.

OUR ASKS

- Provide dedicated funds to support the mental and emotional health of students and staff.
- Support expanded Pre-K programs and cover the cost of Pre-K for public school district employees.
- Increase CTE program funding to prepare our students as the next generation for the Texas, United States and world workforce.



HOME OF THE MOST INSPIRED STUDENTS, SERVED BY THE MOST EMPOWERED LEADERS.

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FAST FACTS

RECAPTURE PAYMENTS TO THE STATE

Districts with property wealth above a certain threshold per student must send a portion of their local property tax revenue to the state for redistribution.

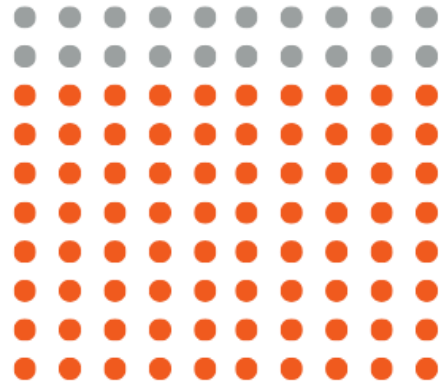
YEAR	PAYMENT TO STATE
24-25	*\$17,000,000
23-24	\$ 9,600,000
22-23	\$49,500,000
21-22	\$22,500,000
20-21	\$15,200,000
19-20	\$11,400,000

**\$125.2
MILLION**

*projected

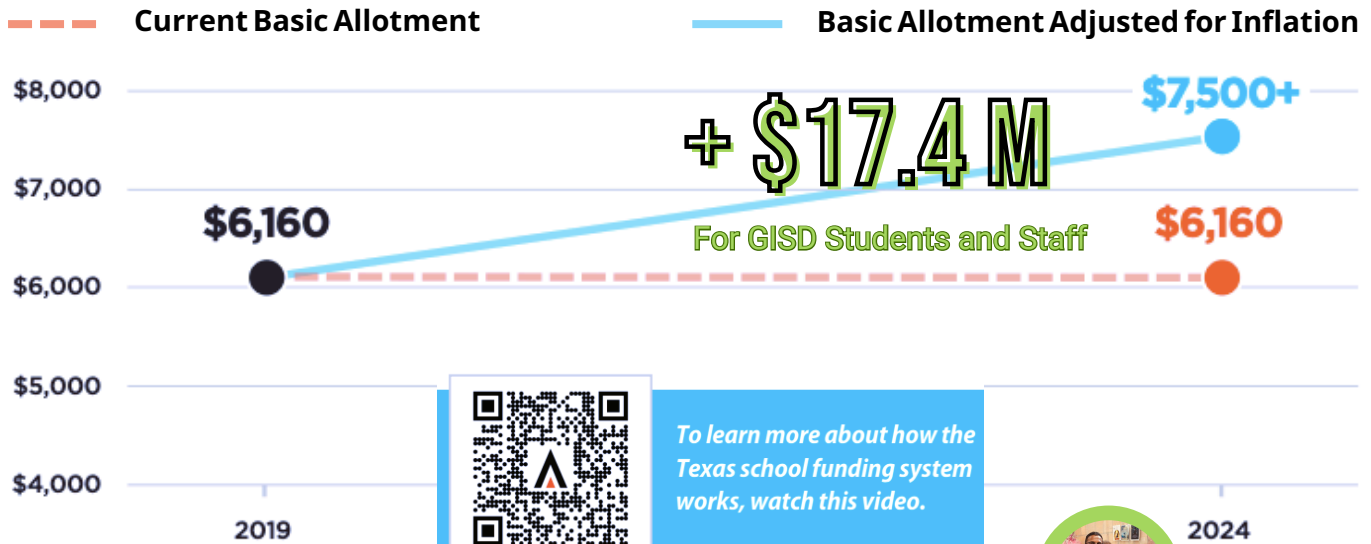
GISD BUDGET DEFICIT

GISD has adopted a deficit budget since 2023.



80%
of 313 school districts in Texas surveyed face challenges with deficit budgets and have insufficient resources

Keep Pace with Inflation: Unlock Texas School Funding



GISD ENROLLMENT

Level	Students	Level	Campuses
Elementary	6,398	Elementary	11
Middle	3,094	Middle	4
High School	4,391	High School	3
TOTAL	13,883	Alternative	2
		TOTAL	20

13,883 STUDENTS

