



Coppel ISD 86th Legislative Priorities



- SCHOOL FUNDING
- LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONTROL
- REDEFINED ASSESSMENT



School Funding

We support adequate and equitable funding for all public schools and legislation that revamps the state's recapture (Robin Hood) program.

Coppell ISD believes:

- School funding should be more simple and transparent to taxpayers;
- State school funding should be restored to pre-recession (2011) levels, as has happened with other state agencies;
- Suitable funding for mandated state requirements should be required (no unfunded mandates); such as college-ready assessments like the PSAT, SAT and ACT;
- Chapter 41 districts should be allowed to claim transportation allotments as a credit against recapture; and
- Financial support is needed for additional counseling services, mental health programs and other school safety initiatives.



Local Accountability & Control

Our locally elected school boards should be given the flexibility to govern their school districts.

Coppell ISD believes:

- School districts should be allowed to modify taxes within a voter approved tax range without calling for a local election, as cities and counties do;
- School districts should have the flexibility to determine how to best use budget dollars for its needs; and
- School districts should have the flexibility to develop comprehensive, community-based accountability systems.



Redefined Assessment

Redefined assessment process, with multiple tools, that provides useful diagnostic data to gauge teaching and student learning.

Coppell ISD believes:

- Meaningful local assessments are what our community values in assessing our students, parents, and teachers;
- High-stakes, multiple choice tests should not be the primary measure of student achievement, educator effectiveness, or school and district performance; and
- Our community should have a role in defining the measures that they deem important in assessing college and career readiness, and lifelong personal and professional success for our students.