

The Commit Partnership 2025 Legislative Agenda



Commit supports Texas' economic prosperity through data-driven education strategies from early childhood to workforce. Using data to inform decisions, invest in what works, align systems, and track progress ensures Texas focuses on levers that improve key academic outcomes and put students on a path toward self-sustaining wage attainment.

Given the substantial impact of inflation since 2019's major school finance reform bill, significant financial investment in public education is critical to improving post-COVID academic outcomes. Additional thoughtful investment should include the following strategies:

Build Strong Foundations in Reading and Math

- **Expand the Early Education Allotment (EEA)** so that PreK 3 & 4 students generate the funding weight. This can strengthen access to quality early education and provide school systems more resources to accelerate student learning prior to 3rd grade.*
- **Codify the Early Childhood Integrated Data System** to better understand insights currently siloed across 4+ state agencies. This will enable Texas to better serve children and families and support a thriving workforce by better understanding dynamics of early learning programming and determine strategies linked to positive outcomes.
- **Strengthen early literacy through evidence-based progress monitoring and targeted support** prior to 3rd grade. Additionally, provide parents with reliable information on student progress and resources to support learning.*

Leverage Data-Driven Solutions to Improve Academic Success

- **Ensure Texas' continued commitment to evidence-based programming** by expanding the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) and the Early Education Allotment (EEA), increasing the Compensatory Education Allotment to fund high-impact tutoring, as well as lessening barriers to entry for the Additional Day School Year Program (ADSY) and Resource Campuses.*
- **Increase access to High Quality Instructional Materials** that support educators, relieve the burden of curriculum development, and provide students with on-grade-level materials.*
- **Incentivize teacher candidates to pursue rigorous preparation programs** that research shows improve student outcomes such as residency pathways.*

Monitor and Assess Progress on Student Learning

- **Prioritize the continuation of Texas' system of summative annual assessments** and piloting innovative assessment design to improve student performance and ensure our students are successful in postsecondary and workforce opportunities.
- **Reinstate and evolve Texas' accountability system** that reinforces focus on academic outcomes, so students are college, career and military ready and have the necessary skills to complete a postsecondary education and earn a good wage.

Improve Postsecondary Success for All Texans

- **Ensure continued investment and support successful implementation of House Bill 8 (88R)**, which overhauled state funding for Texas community colleges. Identify any unintended consequences or barriers to maximizing the funding model to meet the state's diverse workforce needs and support postsecondary success for all Texas students.*

* Denotes a package of informed school finance investments that stand to infuse significant funding into Texas schools.



Commit is proud to work with innovative school systems across the state to increase academic proficiency and support Texas students. Our legislative agenda was informed by work including, but not limited to, the following regions:

