

The Facts About School Vouchers

Richardson ISD strongly opposes any legislation that would create a voucher or savings account system that uses public dollars to pay for private education. Here's why:

VOUCHERS WILL COST BILLIONS

Implementing a voucher program would create another education system in Texas. The expense of carrying out and managing this new bureaucracy, in addition to the expense of the actual vouchers, will cost billions.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE ALREADY UNDERFUNDED

Public school students and teachers have not received an increase in the basic allotment since 2019, despite record inflation causing significant cost increases.

• Learn more at s.risd.org/funding.

VOUCHERS ARE UNFAIR TO TAXPAYERS

A voucher program redirects public tax dollars to private schools with no financial or academic accountability.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE

Less than 3% of RISD's operating budget is spent on general administration, which includes management of school safety and security, special education, operations, transportation, food services, custodial services, HR, financial services, and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVE ALL STUDENTS

Public schools were founded to provide and promote an educated public. Private schools only provide education for students they select.

Public Schools	vs	Private Schools
✓	Accountable to taxpayers.	✗
✓	Accepts and educates all students.	✗
✓	Required to provide transportation.	✗
✓	Curriculum is regulated by the state.	✗
✓	Rated for financial performance.	✗
✓	Rated for student performance.	✗
✓	School board is elected by the community.	✗
✓	School board meets in open meetings that allow public comments.	✗
✓	Core subjects must be taught by certified teachers.	✗

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Instead of spending billions on a new bureaucracy that will have no accountability to the taxpayers funding it, RISD is calling on the state to fully fund and invest in our existing public education system.

• To dig deeper into this important issue, visit s.risd.org/legislature.

