



OKLAHOMA PARENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE GOALS 2021

HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EVERY COMMUNITY

- Attract, retain and empower professionally trained, certified, high-quality teachers.
- Provide safe learning environments that address the physical, social and emotional well-being of ALL children through dedicated counselors, collaboration with health providers and agencies and policies that support families.
- Provide additional funding to lower class sizes, as determined by each local school board, working toward levels mandated by HB1017.
- Support choice and innovation within each child's local public school district including virtual and blended learning opportunities, extracurricular activities, the arts and athletics, career development opportunities, AP or advanced coursework and concurrent enrollment.

EQUITY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Ensure adequate investment in the funding formula which provides for the equitable distribution of financial resources to all public school districts. This may include adjustments to the weights provided for students enrolled in 100% virtual learning that more closely match actual costs.
- Build infrastructure and provide access to broadband internet in all parts of the state.
- Require consistent oversight processes and policies for virtual, blended and brick and mortar charter schools that protect taxpayer money from fraud and abuse and require full transparency and accountability for academic achievement.
- Dissolve the Oklahoma Virtual Charter School Board, transferring the authorization and oversight of statewide virtual charter schools to the Oklahoma State Board of Education to ensure consistency in application of regulations, standards and accountability.
- Ensure all schools that receive taxpayer funds, directly from general revenues through vouchers or indirectly through tax credit scholarship programs, provide full transparency and accountability and enforce all federally mandated anti-discrimination policies.

ENHANCE STATE REVENUES TO ENSURE FISCAL HEALTH

- OKPLAC opposes the expansion of the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship program and all new voucher proposals that divert public tax dollars away from public schools.
- OKPLAC supports the collection of state revenue to provide vital services to our neighbors and communities. Tax credit programs and incentives must be demonstrably related to economic development, provide goals, provide for assessment of effectiveness and contain an end date.