



2019 Legislative Priorities

Florida Coalition of School Board Members Core Values

Parental Rights | Fiscal Responsibility | Local Control

Common Sense Assessments | Solution-Oriented Partnerships | Safety & Security

- **Champion for Parents' Rights**

- Require school districts to notify a student's parents/legal guardians regarding significant events/changes including their health, well-being, or education.
- Support expansion of education savings accounts to increase educational freedom in order for more students to benefit from programs like the Gardiner Scholarship.
- Support student choice through access to transportation. Appropriate funds for a study to implement an innovative pilot program which expands transportation to include educational choice programs, vocational, charter, and other schools.

- **Balance of Accountability & Reasonableness in Assessments**

- Allow for SAT/ACT concordant scores to satisfy graduation requirement, eliminating the need to take FSA when applicable.
- Open a full review of the Florida State Standards to evaluate its effectiveness & appropriateness.
- Allow for a permanent waiver for state testing in cases of extreme special needs students (as defined by statute).
- Remove negative impact of GED on school graduation calculation when taken for early completion.

- **Student and Community Focused**

- Allow applicable professional credit to replace the certification requirement for technical education courses.
- Expand "Career Ready" designation to include JROTC upon 2 year completion and a score of 31 on ASVAB.



- **School Safety & Security**

- Continue district choice and flexibility while meeting the MSD law requirements of armed security in each school.
- Continue funding allocation for mental health, hardening of schools, Coach Aaron Feis Guardian program and security officers consistent with original MSD School Safety Act allocations.

- **Fiscal Responsibility**

- Establish a requirement for financial literacy course. (*in honor of Sen. Dorothy Hukill*)
- Expand medium options for public notices requirements.
- Request a budget allocation for a professional development course on budget transparency and financial management for school board members aligned to OPPAGA best practices.