TEXAS SCHOOL COALITION

2026–2027

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Invest in the future of Texas public schools.

Join the Texas School Coalition to support sustainable, meaningful investments in every Texas student — and stand alongside the districts shaping state education policy.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR

September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

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WHO WE ARE

Representing districts that pay recapture.

The Texas School Coalition is a membership organization that was founded in 1997 to represent independent school districts that pay or have paid recapture. They have a shared interest in improving the school funding system in Texas. This objective is achieved by providing research, information and consultation regarding school finance legislation, framing debate on public policy issues relating to school finance, educating the citizens of Texas on these issues and their solutions, and engaging in activities to promote legislation which furthers these purposes and to oppose legislation which is contrary to these purposes.

The mission of the Texas School Coalition is to advocate for the resources to provide all Texas public school students an excellent education and for a school finance system that balances sustainable state and local investments in the best interests of students and taxpayers.

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Missy Bender's career began in corporate America as a management consultant before she transitioned to a life of civic engagement, serving on the Plano ISD Board of Trustees for 13 years, including three years as Board President. She went on to serve as Raise Your Hand Texas' Trustee in Residence and the Regional Advocacy Director for Collin and Denton counties before becoming Executive Director of the Texas School Coalition in 2024, where she represents the interests of students, schools, and communities that seek to balance sustainable state and local investments in schools.

WHY JOIN

Know the scale — and the stakes.

1,207

Total # of ISDs and Charter schools

358

Total # of school districts notified of Chapter 49 status — 2025–26 school year

3 Fun Facts

An increase in recapture does not increase school funding, but it does reduce the state's funding obligation.

An increase in local property taxes does not increase school funding, but it does reduce the state's funding obligation.

The state legislature decides how much funding schools can receive.

Our priorities for the 89th legislative session

- Increase the Basic Allotment
- Index the Basic Allotment to inflation
- Demand public accountability for public dollars
- Reinstate the early-payment discount to reduce recapture burden

WHAT WE DO

Services we provide.

Membership in the Texas School Coalition gives districts direct access to a full suite of legislative, legal, and communications support.

1. Legislative Representation and Advocacy at Texas Capitol
2. Legal and Policy analysis of school finance legislation and statutes
3. Timely legislative updates
4. Community and taxpayer education
5. Comprehensive resources and toolkits
6. Content creation for local customization
7. Bill tracking website
8. Statewide bond and VATRE election summary
9. Customized school district revenue estimation of proposed legislation prepared by TASBO
10. Networking

2026–2027 CALENDAR

Opportunities to engage.

Members and their attendees are welcome at Texas School Coalition membership events throughout the year — a mix of in-person gatherings at major education conferences and virtual briefings on current issues.

DATE	EVENT	MODE
Sept 3, 2026 1:30–2:30pm	Current Events and Impact on Recapture	VIRTUAL
Sept 23–24, 2026 Doubletree Love Field, Dallas	Pre-Session Legislative Workshop	IN PERSON
Oct 10, 2026 2:15–3:15pm · txEDCON26, Houston	Membership Meeting	IN PERSON
Nov 5, 2026 1:30–2:30pm	Current Events and Impact on Recapture	VIRTUAL
Jan 25, 2027 1:30–2:30pm · TASA Midwinter, San Antonio	Membership Meeting	IN PERSON
Feb 19, 2027 1:30–2:30pm	Legislative Update Meeting	VIRTUAL
Mar 19, 2027 1:30–2:30pm	Legislative Update Meeting	VIRTUAL
Apr 16, 2027 1:30–2:30pm	Legislative Update Meeting	VIRTUAL
May 14, 2027 1:30–2:30pm	Legislative Update Meeting	VIRTUAL
June 17, 2027 1:30–3:30pm	Post-Legislative Update Meeting	VIRTUAL

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

School district fee schedule.

Membership dues are based on district enrollment. Rates below reflect October 2025 enrollment data.

ENROLLMENT	ANNUAL DUES
1–500	$500
501–1,000	$1,000
1,001–1,500	$2,000
1,501–3,000	$3,000
3,001–5,000	$4,000
5,001–8,000	$6,500
8,001–15,000	$8,500
15,001+	$12,500

Dues are for monetary contributions only. The Texas School Coalition is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization. Your investment in this organization is not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes, but may be partly deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

Become an annual member.

Yes, we would like to become an annual Member of the Texas School Coalition for the 2026–2027 school year, from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME

CONTACT NAME

CONTACT EMAIL

CONTACT PHONE

OCTOBER 2025 ENROLLMENT

ANNUAL DUES (PER FEE SCHEDULE)

DISTRICT SIGNATURE & DATE

TEXAS SCHOOL COALITION SIGNATURE & DATE

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Questions?
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Thank You!

On behalf of the Texas School Coalition, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our members for their generous support and unwavering commitment. Your contributions are instrumental in helping us advance our mission to improve educational outcomes and foster innovation in Texas schools.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for playing a crucial role in our shared success.

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