



Philanthropy Advocates empowers philanthropy to invest and engage in public and higher education policy and advocacy.

We work to protect, promote, and improve public and higher education so that all Texas students can achieve their educational goals from cradle to career. Teachers are an integral part of the foundation for our public education system. Ensuring our state fosters training, recruitment, and professional development grounded in **effective teaching** is critical.

Through research on teacher preparation and with an additional focus on the impacts of COVID-19 on the teaching profession, our effective teaching legislative agenda focuses on professional needs, with an emphasis on the short-term and long-term impact of COVID-19 on effective teaching.

THE CHALLENGE

TEXAS NEEDS DIVERSE, QUALITY TEACHERS

Texas must recruit and train diverse and high-achieving teacher candidates into quality educator preparation programs to meet the growing needs of our student population. Teachers are uniquely qualified to understand and re-envision how schools can best serve children.

TEXAS NEEDS TRANSPARENT DATA

With more than 129 teacher preparation programs in Texas, the state and local districts need transparent, accessible data that identifies quality within the myriad of training and preparation programs across our state.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“In the midst of this global pandemic, many students are struggling to connect consistently. As students are facing learning losses and trauma, the inequities that already existed are being disproportionately exacerbated for our highest-needs students. An effective teacher is proven to make a positive difference for students’ futures and their learning outcomes. In a profession where turnover is already high, now more than ever, we need to ensure that we recruit, train, and retain a diverse and highly effective teacher workforce to guide our students and schools in the years and decades to come.”

Christina Puga, High School Math Teacher in Dallas ISD
Teach Plus Texas Fellow



LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS



Support access to trauma-informed instruction, student mental health, and support for the well-being of teachers.



Support policy and programs that focus on equity and diversity in faculty, materials, and curriculum to develop a robust, sustainable, and scalable pipeline for Texas teachers that encourages mentorship.



Maintain high standards and data transparency for educator preparation programs and reject any efforts to lower standards or prevent high-quality licensure assessments.



Increase transparency and accountability in the state's educator preparation program data system.

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