



Resolution on School Choice

Whereas, many studies have shown that the most important determinate of student performance is parental involvement in their child's education, and

Whereas, when parents are able to choose between competing schooling options for their children, studies have shown they become more actively involved in that education, and

Whereas, it is a well established fact that competition improves economic outcomes by lowering costs and improving products and services, and

Whereas, government monopoly in education has proven to lower standards and outcomes as well as preventing the teaching of American values in the public schools while resulting in escalating costs, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Texas State Republican Executive Committee hereby urges the 83rd Texas Legislature to pass legislation that will improve the opportunities for school choice in Texas by considering Comprehensive Education Reform including, but not limited to, the following initiatives:

1. Business tax credits that will fund donations to qualifying non-profit agencies to fund scholarships for children that will assist parents in choosing schooling that is in the best interest of the child and assist the scholarship agencies in making decisions that best meet community needs.
2. Create incentives that encourage local school districts to fully utilize provisions in state law that allow the creation of campus and district charter schools **within the public school system**, thereby facilitating school choice within and across school district boundaries so that many more parents will have more choices.
3. Encourage the elimination of non-performing charters while expanding opportunities for new charter providers.
4. Work toward the long-term goal of providing every parent the ability to send their child to the school they choose by the expansion of private schools.
5. Pass iron-clad protections from **any** government regulation of private schools and those parents who choose to home-school their children.

This resolution was passed by the State Republican Executive Committee on March 2, 2013