

Academic Excellence



- Because every day matters, support legislation that addresses student attendance to help ensure more students are in school increasing opportunities for learning, proficiency and academic gains.
- Authorize the use of a portfolio as an alternative measure for demonstrating mastery of the Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) standards, fulfilling graduation requirements under Florida Statutes.
- Support legislation similar to SB 166 (2025) to have a consistent Individualized Education Program (IEP) timeline for all students within 60 days of the request.
- Increase early learning funding by 10% to help prepare students for kindergarten.

Supportive Organizational Culture



- Increase adult education funding that will specifically support students who have successfully demonstrated mastery of all high school credit and GPA requirements but not met the assessment requirement needed for a standard high school diploma.
- Increase the Mental Health, Safe Schools, Teacher Salary Increase, and Student Transportation allocations by at least 10%.
- Support Hillsborough County's "Ought to be a Law" Student Bill Competition, a civic education initiative that engages high school students in the legislative process by encouraging them to research, draft and propose policy topics.

Exceptional Talent



- Establish a 10-year renewable professional certificate for instructional personnel.
- Exempt school counselors from classroom teacher certification requirements specified in s. 1012.56.

Fiscal and Operational Responsibility



- Build on SB 7030 and HB 5101 (2025) to improve student tracking with a statewide student ID, ensure the funding follows the student, enhance budget predictability and create consistency across choice options.
- Increase the Base Student Allocation by at least 8%. Provide school districts with additional flexibility with overall funds appropriated.
- Review and update the hazardous walking conditions criteria and seek pedestrian accommodations to improve safer walks to and from school (1006.23).
- Require the State Board of Education to provide a timeline for approving school turnaround plans and for the release of Title I funding so that school districts can better plan and provide for the use of funds.