Legislative Positions and Resolutions

POSITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
Education	
A.09 High School Degree Plan Options	**Texas PTA supports high school diploma degree plan choices that recognize individual students' natural talents, interests and abilities and prepares all students for a variety of careers and continuing education.** **Pros:** Students, in partnership with parents and school counselors, need to be able to choose a graduation degree plan that recognizes both the individuality of the student and the numerous options available for future careers. Placing the necessary emphasis solely on the core curriculum and state-recognized education programs does not support Texas PTA's philosophy to educate the whole child. The current degree requirements have reduced the ability for students to take subjects of interest that support their future plans and needs. **Cons:** The inclusion of fine arts, humanities, career education and technology in proposed degree plan choices promotes a less relevant and rigorous curriculum.
B.09 Inclusion of courses to meet GPA calculations	**Texas PTA supports the inclusion of courses needed to meet minimum graduation requirements in Grade Point Average (GPA) calculations.** **Pros:** The purpose of a uniform grade point average (GPA) is to provide Texas public colleges and universities with a standard for admission. By including all courses required to meet the recommended high school program in the GPA calculation, students will be encouraged to perform to the best of their ability in the required courses with the possibility of selecting elective courses that relate to the their future plans. C**ons:** Students will not meet the college-readiness expectations of colleges and universities and will not be able to compete for the careers that require higher levels of math and science.
C.09 GPA calculations for advanced level academic courses	**Texas PTA supports extra weight in Grade Point Average (GPA) calculations for advanced level academic courses.** **Pros:** Providing additional weight for more challenging courses (such as Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement , and Pre-International Baccalaureate), in the calculation of the grade point average will encourage students to take more rigorous courses, leading to enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and other distinguished high school plans (dual credit college courses). **Cons:** The structure of standards and monitoring in the AP/IB courses does not currently extend to the Pre-AP/IB, Honors, and other distinguished high school courses. In order to assign weighted credit to successful completion of these courses it will be necessary to develop standards.

POSITIONS TO BE REAFFIRMED	
Education	
D.04 School Nurses	Texas PTA supports requiring a full-time registered nurse for every school or cooperative of schools with 1,000 or more students.
E.04 School Counselors	Texas PTA supports requiring a full-time counselor for every school or cooperative of schools with 500 or more students.
F.04 Enrichment TEKS	Texas PTA supports requiring that the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) be taught in the enrichment curriculum to ensure that all children have access to a well-balanced curriculum.
G.04	Texas PTA supports requiring parent representatives on the campus and district-wide site based

Site Based Decision Making Reps	decision making committees be selected by parents.
Health, Welfare & Safety	
H.04 Door-to-Door Sales	Texas PTA supports banning door-to-door sales by children 17 and under without parental accompaniment.
I.04 Sexually Oriented Businesses.	Texas PTA supports regulations and/or legislation to ensure that sexually oriented businesses cannot locate within 1,000 feet of a residential area, school, religious facility, library, recreational facility, public park, or school activity center.
J.04 State Matching Funds	Texas PTA supports appropriation or designation of state funds at any time to secure the maximum federal dollars available for children's programs in Texas.
K.04 Tobacco Settlement Money	Texas PTA supports directing tobacco settlement money to programs that benefit children.
School Finance	
L .04 Priority Funding	Texas PTA supports making primary and secondary public education the number one priority in the state budget appropriation process.
M.04 Proration	Texas PTA supports eliminating the state's ability to prorate available monies to school districts.

POSITIONS TO BE RETIRED		
Number	**Position**	**Reason**
Health, Welfare & Safety		
N.07 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)	Texas PTA supports requiring Automated External Defibrillators on School Campuses.	Achieved through legislation.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REAFFIRMED		
Door-To-Door Fundraising Prohibition	Resolved	that all local units refrain from organizing and participating in any fund-raising activities that may entice a student to go door-to-door.
	Resolved	that Texas PTA educate the local unit PTA boards, principals, administrators and parents to the existing standards and guidelines concerning the role of children in fund-raising.
	Resolved	that Texas PTA inform potential exhibitors of PTA fund-raising guidelines and admit only those exhibitors who adhere to those guidelines.
Parents Evaluating Administrators	Resolved	that Texas PTA will work with the Commissioner of Education to include Parental Involvement as one of the Performance Domains in administrator evaluation.
	Resolved	that parental input be included in the evaluation process
Expressing Support For Institute of Medicine Recommendations On Alcohol Advertising Placement	Resolved	that the Texas PTA supports that public health agencies monitor the placement and limitation of alcohol advertising.

RESOLUTION TO BE RETIRED		
None		