

88th TEXAS *Legislative Session*

Rockwall ISD Legislative Priorities

1 School Safety Priorities

Safety for students, teachers, staff and employees is the top priority at Rockwall ISD. As such, Rockwall ISD advocates for increased funding of the School Safety Allotment and maintaining local flexibility so school districts can adequately meet safety needs.

2 Teacher Recruitment and Retention Priorities

Rockwall ISD advocates for increased state funding to elevate the importance of teaching by providing additional and substantial teacher and staff compensation and continue the current defined benefit pension program for Teacher Retirement System members to address the ongoing need for the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers.

As promised, the state should provide financial stability for future, current, and retired educators by adequately funding the TRS pension and insurance programs to promote the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers.

3 Finance and Public School Funding Priorities

Rockwall ISD supports an increase in state funding contribution for House Bill 3 (86th Session) that equitably shares the cost of education with local taxpayers without diverting local school property tax revenues for non-public education purposes.

Rockwall ISD supports an update to the school finance system and basic allotment using student enrollment rather than school district attendance rate.

Rockwall ISD advocates for legislation that improves and protects funding for facilities, such as through the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA), Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA), and New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA) for school district continued student enrollment growth.

4 Assessment and Accountability Priorities

Rockwall ISD supports the repealing of the A-F grading system, which heavily relies on high-stakes tests (STAAR). In addition, Rockwall ISD encourages the Texas Legislature to continue to reduce state assessments by eliminating those not required by federal law, reducing testing time, and prohibiting standardized tests from serving as the primary indicator of student and school performance. Rockwall ISD advocates for non-high-stakes tests such as diagnostic reading, writing, and math assessment alternatives that measure growth in student performance.

5 Academic and Financial Accountability Priorities for All

Rockwall ISD supports consistency in academic accountability, financial accountability, and transparency to the state, taxpayers, or local communities for any entity receiving taxpayer funds for educational purposes.



Rockwall

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Earns 'A' Accountability Rating for 3rd Year

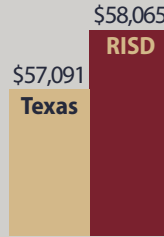
18,300 STUDENTS twenty-three CAMPUSES five CITIES one COMMUNITY

OUR TEACHERS

Beginners: 1.8%
 1-5 Years Experience: 19.8%
 6-10 Years Experience: 22.6%
 11-20 Years Experience: 39.2%
 Over 20 Years Experience: 16.6%

Average Teaching Experience: 12.6 Years
 Average Teaching Experience in RISD: 6.9 Years

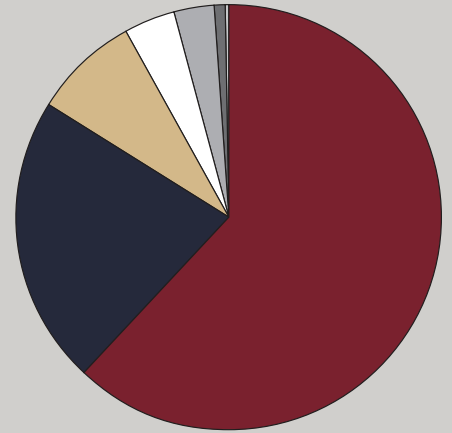
2020-2021 Average Teacher Salaries



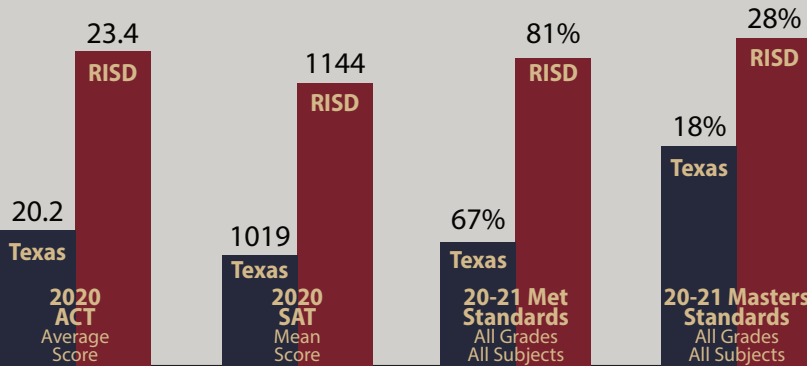
OUR STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE **98.2%**

White 58.2%
 Hispanic/Latino 23.7%
 African American 10.1%
 Two or More Races 4.2%
 Asian 2.9%
 American Indian .7%
 Pacific Islander .2%



ACT SAT STAAR



Our Call to Action

Rockwall ISD empowers learners to embody independence, value relationships and achieve excellence as thriving members of a dynamic global community.

Our Tax Rate

M&O Tax \$0.85 Debt Services \$0.36

2022 Combined Tax Rate \$1.21 (lowest allowed by law and lowest in area)

Rockwall ISD Tax Rate History

