

Snyder ISD's Legislative Priorities

1. **Sustainable Rural School Funding:** Increase and modernize public school funding for rural districts by addressing the growing gap between inflation and state funding. Snyder ISD supports sustainable funding tied to enrollment needs, transportation costs, utilities, insurance, payroll taxes, TRS contributions, employee benefits, and rising operational expenses—not just minimal per-student increases that fail to reflect actual district costs.
2. **Attendance-Based Funding Reform:** Snyder ISD supports transitioning from an ADA-based funding model to a more enrollment-based funding structure that better reflects the realities of staffing and operating schools.
3. **Fully Funded School Safety Requirements:** Reduce unfunded mandates related to school safety and operations. Snyder ISD supports increased state investment for required safety measures such as SROs, fencing, transportation, and emergency preparedness so districts are not forced to absorb additional costs without funding support.
4. **Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Pipelines:** Protect and strengthen teacher and leadership pipelines through expanded Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA), grow-your-own programs, residencies, and certification flexibility. Snyder ISD supports policies that remove barriers to teacher certification, allow retired educators to return without penalty, and provide long-term support for rural educator recruitment and retention.
5. **Meaningful Accountability and Student Readiness:** Support accountability systems that prioritize student growth, readiness, and local context. Snyder ISD encourages continued conversations around House Bill 8, STAAR reform, and norm-referenced assessments to ensure accountability systems accurately reflect student learning, workforce readiness, and the needs of rural Texas schools.