



Position Statements

LOCAL CONTROL AND SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

PS-01 Board Member Terms of Office

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association will support adequate terms of office for school board members, including protection against recall.

PS-02 Local Control

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports the local board's authority in retaining autonomy over local matters including consolidation and exercising the authority of their roles and responsibilities as defined in the School Laws of Oklahoma.

PS-03 Teacher Quality

- A. It is our expectation that there will be a quality teacher in every classroom, which could include alternative means of certification.

PS-04 Legal Liability

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports programs that would minimize liability of individual school board members in the appropriate discharge of their responsibilities.

PS-05 Staff/Board Development

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association encourages professional development for school employees as well as continuing education for school board members.

PS-06 Unfunded Mandates

- A. We oppose all unfunded mandates.
- B. We support full funding for all mandated programs.

CURRICULUM AND STUDENTS

PS-07 Career Tech

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports continued effort to maintain the high quality of the career and technology education system of the state of Oklahoma.

PS-08 Career Preparation

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association acknowledges the strong link between a quality education and career preparation.

PS-09 Quality Education and Commitment to Students

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association is first and foremost devoted to students and is committed to ensuring a quality education for Oklahoma students.
- B. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports early childhood education.

PS-10 Cooperation

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports cooperative programs amongst school districts.

PS-11 Substance Abuse Education

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association continues to work in coordination with the Legislature, the State Department of Education, and other governmental agencies for building awareness concerning the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in order to achieve drug-free schools.

PS-12 Strong Core Curriculum

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports a strong core curriculum program in all schools and supports retaining the authority of the local school board to make final decisions in curriculum development and implementation.

PS-13 Support Parental Involvement

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports parental involvement in education at local, state, and national levels and encourages local boards of education to take the lead to promote such parental involvement within their individual school districts.
- B. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association encourages local boards of education to take the lead in strengthening parental attendance and participation in parent-teacher conferences.
- C. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association is committed to student safety and supports efforts to involve parents and the community in ensuring a safe learning environment for students.

LEGISLATURE

PS-14 Governmental or Legislative Appointments

- A. We support the appointment of knowledgeable and experienced school board members to all State boards, commissions, task forces, and other appointed bodies.

- B. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association encourages local school board members to be actively engaged in advocacy efforts at the state and local levels.

REVENUE

PS-15 Economic Development Support

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association encourages and supports the development of an industrial and economic environment within the State of Oklahoma which would not only enhance revenue for education, but also provide increased employment opportunities for Oklahoma students.

PS-16 Funding

- A. We oppose any reduction in the funding base of public schools.
- B. We support all measures to protect the tax base of local school districts.

COMMENDATIONS AND SUPPORT

PS-17 Support of National School Boards Association

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association will work cooperatively with the National School Boards Association and other state associations to accomplish our goals.

PS-18 Support of Oklahoma Education Coalition

- A. The membership of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports the work of the Oklahoma Education Coalition.

PS-19 Support State Department of Education, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association will work cooperatively with the State Department of Education, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to achieve excellence in Oklahoma education.

RESTRUCTURING EDUCATION

PS-20 Deregulation of Schools

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association supports deregulation of public schools.

PS-21 Rural School Preservation

- A. The Oklahoma State School Boards Association is committed to preserving the rural school environment throughout the State of Oklahoma.

PS-22 Instruction Time

- A. We support efficient and wise use of instruction time. Any changes in the school day or year should maximize local control and must be fully funded.

