



OSSBA 2021-2022 Target Legislative Goals

1. 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.
2. Oppose the use of vouchers masquerading as tax credits and/or incentives as a method of funding non-public education.
3. Build on the progress of investing in our public schools through a long-term funding plan to bring state per-student expenditures to the regional average, equipping schools with the tools and resources to improve student achievement and produce college and career-ready students.
4. Create a long-term funding plan for career and technology centers to ensure expanded educational opportunities for every student.
5. Work with the state Department of Education to ensure the accountability system includes multiple researched-based indicators of student growth and school effectiveness.
6. Create and fund the Oklahoma Aerospace Technology Center to create employment opportunities for Oklahoma students and meet the workforce needs of the aerospace and defense industries.
7. Amend the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act to allow public bodies to enter into executive session for the purpose of self-evaluation of the public body.
8. Standardize the date school board members would begin a new term following annual elections so that all new terms for school board members would begin following the April general election date.



9. Study and make recommendations for funding virtual education for all schools.
10. Examine ways to reduce the teacher shortage crisis, including but not limited to the pathways to teacher certification.

OSSBA 2021-22 Federal Goals

11. Ensure the United States Department of Education rules and regulations retain flexibility and local control provided for under the Every Student Succeeds Act.
12. Protect federal funding for education.
13. Advocate for funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at 40% of special education costs.