



# HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM & PRIORITIES

**Each year, members of the Hernando School Board work with staff to identify key issues and specific needs that require legislative support from local and state leaders to positively impact outcomes for students.**

**The 2025 Legislative Platform is the framework of the Board's priorities for the year. The school board will champion each of the needs outlined in their annual list of priorities which serves as the official platform for their annual advocacy.**

### **PRIORITY NEEDS**

- 1.Assessment: Protect classroom instructional time by further reducing the requirements to conduct progress monitoring assessments as a measure of student mastery of FAST standards.
- 2.Transportation: Reduce the minimum distance required for elementary students to qualify for school transportation, under the current formula, by funding the youngest students living one-half mile from their school to be transported.
- 3.School Safety: Make further adjustments to HB 1473 to provide reasonable and limited exceptions for afterschool activities and provide appropriate funding to implement requirements under the law.
4. Return the determination of school start times or "bell schedules" to the discretion of the individual school district in order to ensure efficient use of available transportation resources.
5. Provide additional funding to allow school districts to increase salaries for veteran educators.

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