



HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

2027 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 2027 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

- **Transportation:** Reduce the minimum distance required for elementary students to qualify for student transportation, under the current formula, by funding the youngest students living one-half mile from their school to be transported.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Amend Florida Statute 1006.15 regarding homeschool students participation in extracurricular activities, at a school of their choice, to ensure competitive balance across schools.
- **Full day VPK:** Fully fund Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) programs to ensure equitable access to high-quality early learning for all students.
- **Funding:** Provide additional funding to allow school districts to increase salaries for veteran educators as well as help to address critical need subject areas such as ESE.
- **Funding:** Create a dedicated categorical fund for the Family Empowerment Scholarships to ensure transparency and accountability within the FEFP.
- **Funding:** Fully fund the safe schools allocation to cover the actual cost of school safety resources.

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