



Oklahoma Central PLAC

parent legislative action committee

Mission: PLAC is a nonpartisan committee with the goal of increasing parent and patron's awareness of legislation which impacts public education in Oklahoma. PLAC hosts regular meetings and provides a practical way for parents to become more informed and involved with policy issues that directly impact their child's experience in the classroom.

Oklahoma PLAC Public Education Reform Plan for the 2017 Legislative Session

Our goal is to promote public education for the COMMON GOOD, for ALL students in the state of Oklahoma. We want to bring together both sides to find a common ground to impact positive reform in public education.

We support improving the classroom experience by

- Reducing Classroom sizes – through adequate funding and addressing the teacher shortage.
- Placing Quality Teachers in every classroom – through teacher pay raises, addressing the teacher shortage, other incentives to keep quality teachers in Oklahoma.
- Developing a long range plan for adequate and equitable funding in public education.
- Reducing the high stakes nature of testing.
- The appropriate use of resources to address helping students in reading – RSA: extending the team approach, reading specialists at EVERY SCHOOL and intense intervention for young readers, both financially supported by our legislature.

“Local control” is also very important and is most effectively carried out as parents, teachers, school boards, administrators and their communities work together to determine and implement effective solutions in their schools and their school districts.

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YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

**Oklahoma Needs a Long Term Funding Solution for Our Public Schools –
Ask your lawmakers to commit to solving the funding and testing crisis by
supporting a real long term plan for our schools.**

Our kids deserve better!!

- Oklahoma schools have over 40,000 more students and over \$200 less per pupil to spend educating our kids than they did in 2008.
- Oklahoma has cut per pupil funding by a higher percentage than any other state in the nation since 2008.
- Oklahoma is facing a critical teacher shortage and our teacher pay ranks 49th in the nation making it very difficult to attract quality teachers into the field.
- Oklahoma students lose almost a month in instruction time in test preparation and administration.
- High stakes tests are putting unnecessary stress on our children. The 3rd Grade RSA team approach sunsets this year and needs to be kept or the law changed.
- The 2014-15 average salary for classroom teachers in Oklahoma was \$44,128. Starting teachers in Texas, for example and other surrounding states make more than this.
- The A-F grading system, 3rd Grade Reading Retention and EOI tests have all created increased stress, administrative costs, and confusion for our schools and students.

Help us to help our students! Become an active part of PLAC!

For more information about education issues affecting your schools and children and to find out how to become more involved, join us for Capitol Days.

OKPLAC Capitol Days in 2017

Tuesday, February 21 - 9 am – 12 pm

Tuesday, March 14 - 9 am – 12 pm

Tuesday, April 11 - 9 am – 12 pm

Tuesday, May 10 - 9 am – 12 pm

Meeting room: 511A