



Partnership for a Healthy Texas

Conquering Obesity

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School Health

Improve school health and increase accountability by:

Physical Education and Physical Activity

Increasing the usefulness of FitnessGram data by requiring reporting of de-identified, individual fitness data to TEA allowing the Agency to accurately correlate fitness data with academic data, and make that data available to parents.

SB 226 by Nelson - HB 1093 by Farias - HB 2211 Farias

- Implementing national standards for physical education including minutes per week, class size and certified teachers for grades K-12.
SB 185 by Nelson - HB 281 Alvarado
- Prohibiting schools from withholding physical activity, PE or recess time as a consequence for classroom behavior or academic remediation.

Health Education

- Making health education a requirement for high school graduation.
SB 186 by Nelson - HB 280 Alvarado - HB 281 Alvarado

Accountability

- Improving accountability by:
 - Requiring that yearly SHAC reports to school boards include information on how campuses have incorporated coordinated school health into their campus improvement plans.
SB 225 by Nelson - HB 829 by Farias
 - Recognizing schools that are meeting and exceeding minimum standards for implementing coordinated school health.
SB 224 by Nelson - HB 860 by Diane Patrick

School Nutrition

- Maximizing opportunities to improve the Texas school nutrition environment through the federal Child Nutrition Act reauthorization.
HB 127 Alvarado – HB 3467 by Diane Patrick - HB 3679 Martinez Fischer -- SB 1533 Hinojosa

Built Environment

Support physical activity in the community environment by supporting “complete streets” policies to encourage walking and bicycling for health, transportation and recreation.

SB 513 by Ellis - HB 1105 by Harper-Brown - SB 1155 Lucio

Early Childhood

Improve nutrition and physical activity in early childhood programs, including support for following current Dietary Guidelines for Americans in childcare settings.

Food Access

Improve access to healthy foods.

- Improve access to farmer's markets and other retailers offering fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Strengthen farm to school linkages.
SB 184 by Nelson - SB 1454 Lucio - HB 642 by Rodriguez - HB 643 Rodriguez - HB 3288 Giddings – SB 88 Lucio – SB 89 Lucio

Curb Obesity's Cost

Support essential funding to reduce the spread of obesity including its related chronic diseases, and raise awareness about nutrition, healthy living, and physical activity.

- Fund existing obesity prevention initiatives, including coordinated school health and the Texas School Health Network.
- Identify and maximize funding that promotes a healthier Texas, curbs consumption of unhealthy products, reduces the obesity-related health costs that get passed on to taxpayers and businesses, and reaps future savings for Texas.



Our Mission:

- To develop and promote policies that prevent and reduce obesity in Texas

Our Guiding Principles:

- Encourage collaboration among all interested parties in reducing obesity
- Inform policy makers about the consequences of the disease
- Promote evidence-based strategies at multiple levels: individual, family, community and policy levels
- Serve as a resource for people interested in addressing obesity prevention and treatment

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