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The Texas School Alliance (TSA) is a school district member organization that comprises 37 of the more prominent school districts in Texas and educates 40 percent of the state's total pupil enrollment. Students in TSA districts, which are listed on the left side on this letter, represent 44 percent of the state's economically disadvantaged student population, 52 percent of its English Language Learners, and 45 percent of all at-risk students in the state.

The Texas School Alliance is a superintendent-led organization that utilizes a thorough process to research and consider significant policy issues. Topics range from school finance to teaching and learning to assessment and accountability. The TSA also studies specific topics and works on issues to improve educational quality for Texas students, particularly those in large and urban districts.

The TSA covers the breadth of Texas' geographic expanse, with members from the Rio Grande Valley to the Texas Panhandle, from near the eastern border to far west Texas. The membership includes urban, mid-urban, and city- town districts and includes school districts that are both property wealthy and property poor.

Texas School Alliance leaders have served on numerous statewide select committees, appointed boards and commissions over the past twenty-five years. The TSA has been a valued partner to senators and House members throughout the legislative process. When appropriate, the Alliance invites speakers either from the Texas Education Agency or from the legislature to attend meetings and share information with member districts.

The organization's officers serve one-year terms. The 2016-2017 president is Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, the Arlington ISD superintendent.

The consultants to the TSA on state issues are Moak, Casey & Associates and HillCo Partners. Thompson & Horton, LLP, and Moak, Casey & Associates also provide consultant services on federal issues.