



Education Equity Report Card – First Month

Addressing inequities in public schools improves student performance. The Real Talk Coalition for Education Equity platform identifies four prime equity areas: Early Education, Healthy Learning Environments, Strong Teaching, and Needs-Based Funding (see back side). These four areas provide an index for measuring whether legislation will likely increase equity in education and thus drive better student performance, especially in children with the most needs.

The following report card assigns a Pass/Fail grade to 2019 Florida education bills. PASS says the bill advances opportunity for all students, especially for children with the most needs. FAIL the bill gives preference to some students or directs funds to private interests. Bills are sorted by whether they are moving or stalled in committee. Based on the following analysis, the 2019 legislation likely to pass will not drive better student outcomes or school performance.

2nd Edition: Two stalled bills are moving, and the credentials bill has been improved.

Grade	Early Learning	Healthy Environment	Strong Teaching	Needs-based Funding
PASS Moving	HB 1027/ SB 1456 HB 1193	HB 587/SB 290 HB 259/SB 982 SB 226 SB 1120	HB 7061	SB 190
FAIL Moving		SB 7030/HB 7093+ SB 7070*	SB 7070*	SB 7070*
PASS Stalled		SB 712 SB 926/HB 703 SB 1064 HB 1003/SB 1282 HB 1223	HB 631/SB 1096	SB 1234
FAIL Stalled				

*SB 7070 earns a failing grade because it does not advance opportunity for all students. Students should not have to compete for prizes to receive a high-quality education. Funding for public education should be based on need above all else. +Arming teachers creates an unhealthy learning environment.

Please ensure that education legislation advances opportunity for all students, especially for children with the most needs.

Every child in Florida’s public schools will receive the opportunities and resources needed to reach his or her learning potential.



Florida needs an Equity Index to score education bills. Our report card is a first step to help meet the mandate for a free high-quality public education for all students.

Strengthening Early Learning for All

Every child will have access to quality pre-kindergarten education that supports learning opportunities necessary to set them on a trajectory of success. Once in grade school (Kindergarten to 2nd grade), children will receive the resources needed to achieve third-grade competency standards.

Cultivating Healthy Learning Environments

Every child will be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or ability. Discipline will be redefined to maximize learning opportunities, prioritizing classroom instructional time for every child.

Strong Teachers in High-Need Classrooms

Every child will have competent and caring teachers who help them achieve their learning potential. Teachers will have the training, experience, and cultural and language competencies necessary to be effective educators with all students.

Needs-Based Education Funding

Every child will receive the funding and resources necessary to reach their learning potential. All learning institutions receiving public dollars will adhere to one statewide accountability standard to ensure every child succeeds in school and life.

BILL	NAME	EQUITY	GRADE
SB 7070	K-12 Education	ALL Areas	Fail
SB 7030/HB 7093	School Safety and Security (Arming Teachers)	Healthy Environment	Fail
HB 7061/SB 1576	Teacher Preparation	Strong Teaching	Pass
HB 1027/SB 1456	Office of Early Learning	Early Learning	Pass
HB 1193/SB1594	Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program	Early Learning	Pass
HB 587/SB 290	Medicaid-based School Services	Healthy Environment	Pass
HB 703/SB 926	Human Sexuality Education in Public Schools	Healthy Environment	Pass
HB 1003/SB 1282	Wellness Examinations (Religious Exemption)	Healthy Environment	Pass
HB 1223/SB 1798	Postsecondary Grant Programs (summer)	Healthy Environment	Pass
SB 226/HB 401	Mastery-based Education	Healthy Environment	Pass
SB 712/HB 655	School Safety Funding	Healthy Environment	Pass
HB 259/SB 982	Human Trafficking Education in Schools	Healthy Environment	Pass
SB 1064	Student and Parent Rights	Healthy Environment	Pass
SB 1120/HB 1361	Corporal Punishment in Public Schools	Healthy Environment	Pass
SB 190/HB 839	Education (Bright Futures Eligibility)	Needs-Based Funding	Pass
SB 1234/HB 457	Eligibility: State Financial Aid Awards & Tuition Assistance Grants	Needs-Based Funding	Pass
HB 631/SB 1096	Reemployment After Retirement	Strong Teaching	Pass

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