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The Honorable Florence Shapiro
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068 – Capitol Station
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Dear Senator Shapiro and Members of the Committee,

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) solicited feedback from districts across the state about how they are using their high school allotment funds. Districts were asked the following questions:

- (a) Which programs will your district fund with the high school allotment?
- (b) Indicate whether each program is “Existing” or “New” and the grade levels served.

The attached spreadsheet contains responses we received from the 71 responding districts across the state.

As you are aware, the Legislature provided districts flexibility to use the funds to meet the needs of their students. School districts are sincerely grateful for that flexibility, and as the spreadsheet illustrates, districts are using the high school allotment in various and innovative ways. There is no pattern in the use of those funds across districts of similar size or geographic location (i.e., urban, suburban, rural). However, the following trends do emerge in this data set:

- The largest number of respondents are using the high school allotment to pay for dual credit, college tuition and textbooks, distance learning opportunities, Career and Technology courses, and college entrance exam fees (i.e., including SAT/ACT exams and THEA).

- Districts are also using the funds to provide Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and Gifted and Talented programs.
- Other uses for the funds include: hiring counselors, math and science teachers and providing career counseling, transition services, and professional development for teachers.

Districts are using the funds to pay for new and existing programs almost in equal proportion. While few respondents specified the grade levels served by their programs, those that did noted that the funds are being used to assist students in 9th grade and higher.

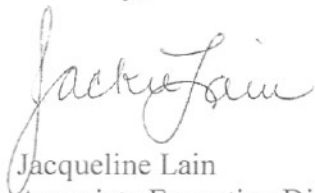
To provide further context for these responses, the second attached spreadsheet shows the total amount of the High School Allotment received by each of the districts that responded to TASB's questionnaire. Of the responding districts:

- Two districts received no High School Allotment because they serve grades K-8,
- Northside ISD received the largest allotment \$6,116,578, and
- The median allotment for the 2007-08 school year is \$154,182.

I hope this information provides a useful snapshot of how districts have made good use of the High School Allotment funds. As always, districts would greatly appreciate an increase in the High School Allotment to meet the increasing needs of their students in light of the evolving accountability and college readiness standards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

How districts are using the High School Allotment

District Name	2007 ADA from PEIMS	Geographic Character	County	i - Program Name	i - New/Existing Program	ii - Program Name	ii - New/Existing Program	iii - Program Name	iii - New/Existing Program
Austin ISD	76,261	Major Urban	Travis	Campus Based	New	Student Intervention funds	New	Campus Redesign Support	New
Beeville ISD	3,338	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Bee	Graduate Tracking	New	NV	NV	NV	NV
Bosqueville	429	Rural	McLennan	credit recovery	existing	college courses	new	college test reimbursement	existing
Burkburnett ISD	3,455	Suburban Stable	Wichita	AP Strategies	Existing 9-12	Texas Scholars	Existing 9 - 12	AVID	NEW 9-10
Calhoun County ISD	3,966	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Calhoun	Freshman Academy	Existing	TAKS Remediation	New	NV	NV
Canutillo ISD	5,056	Suburban fast Growing	El Paso	AVID Program	Existing Program	Credit Recovery	Existing Program	Agile Mind	Existing Program
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD	24,436	Suburban Stable	Dallas	Early College HS	NEW	AVID	Expanding	AP Programs	Expanding
Channelview ISD	7,785	Suburban Stable	Harris	Dual Credit/MECA	Existing	Counselor Scholarship Time/Supplies	Existing	AP Program	Existing
Claude Independent School District	337	Nonmetro W/town	Armstrong	Dual Credit	Existing	Career Counseling	New	NV	NV
Clear Creek ISD	33,218	Suburban fast Growing	Harris/Galveston County	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Comal ISD	13,405	Suburban fast Growing	046-902	9th grade initiative	new: 9th grade	gifted & talented	existing: 6-12 grades	support of English language learners	existing: 6-12 grades
Copperas Cove Independent School District	7,202	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Coryell	Project Lead The Way	New Program	Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)	New Program	Expand Dual Credit with Central Texas College and Other Surrounding Entities	Existing Programs
Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD	1,326	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Morris	Credit Recovery	Existing	AP classes	Existing	NV	NV
Decatur ISD	2,664	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Wise	math curriculum	new	science curriculum	new	AP/dual credit	existing/expanding
Dilley ISD	768	Nonmetro W/town	Frio	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Dumas	3,648	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Moore	Science and Math Equipment	Existing	Math Teachers (2)	New	ACT/SAT/Dual Credit Tuition/Fees Payment	New
Early ISD	1,299	Nonmetro W/town	Brown	Odyssey Software Program	NV	1/2 English Teacher at High School	NV	NV	NV

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Eastland	1,083	Nonmetro W/town	Eastland	Plato	Plato on line	NV	Use of calculators	NV	Webmastering and other technology courses
EDGEWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	11,164	Major Urban	015-905	AVID	Existing	Operation Student Success	New	S.A.T./PSAT Test Prep	New
EZZELL ISD	81	Rural	LAVACA	N/A	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Grandview ISD	1,066	Nonmetro W/town	Johnson	Advanced Placement	existing	Pre AP Classes	existing	NV	NV
Harper ISD	537	Rural	Gillespie	Transition course	Existing 12	Dual Credit costs	New 11-12	NV	NV
Harts Bluff ISD	397	Rural	Titus	N/A, K-8 Only	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Highland Park ISD	6,046	Suburban Stable	Dallas	Engineering Course	New	Technology	New	Teachers-Math/Science	New
Hitchcock ISD	1,033	Suburban Stable	Galveston	4th year math	Existing	4th year science	Existing	NV	NV
La Vega ISD	2,459	Suburban Stable	McLennan	Tutorial/Remedial Services	Existing/Expanding Program	Computer Assisted Instruction	New	NV	NV
Lago Vista ISD	1,147	Rural	Travis	AP/PreAP	Existing	Staff Development	Existing	Character Plus	Existing
Lake Dallas ISD	3,751	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Denton	AP/Pre AP Classes-Existing, 9-12	NV	Science Program 9-12	NV	NV	Math Support 6-8
Lamesa	1,896	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Dawson	Math - TAKS Remediation classes	Existing	Prasolus	New	NV	NV
Lexington ISD	931	Nonmetro W/town	Lee	Green and Gold Academy	New - Credit Recovery/Dropout Prevention	NV	NV	NV	NV
Liberty-Eylau Independent School District	2,567	Suburban Stable	Bowie	Dual Credit	Expand Existing Program	College Trips	Existing	NV	NV
Livingston ISD	3,752	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Polk	Dual credit	new and existing	CATE certifications	new	Tutoring	new and existing
Lovejoy ISD	2,019	Rural	Collin	NV	Academic Resource Center	NV	NV	NV	NV
Lubbock ISD	26,393	Major Urban	Lubbock	At-Risk Programs	created 2005-2006/K-12	NV	NV	NV	NV
Manor ISD	4,630	Suburban Stable	Travis	College readiness	New	Advanced Academic Program	New	Instructional Coaching	New
Marion ISD	1,358	Rural	Guadalupe	Dual Credit	Existing	Career / Counseling	Esisting / Expansion (Academic Dean)	Math/Acceleration	New

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McKinney	19,983	Major Urban	Collin	School Net 6-12	New	Plato three year - credit recovery, acceleration and supplemental content 6-12	Existing	Tutoring for high school to do interventions during the school day	New
McLean Independent School District	211	Nonmetro W/town	Gray	Nova Net	New	Dual Credit Courses	New	Advanced Placement	Existing
Midland I.S.D.	19,353	Major Urban	Midland	TAKS Classes	Existing	DDAEP	Existing	Concurrent Enrollment	New
Milano ISD	398	Rural	Milam	Credit Recovery	New	Distance Learning	New	NV	NV
Nederland ISD	4,732	Suburban Stable	Jefferson	Intellipath	New	Additional Math Teacher	New	Additional Science Teacher	New
NIXON-SMILEY CISD	944	Nonmetro W/town	GONZALES	ADDITIONAL TUTORING	EXISTING & NEW	CREDIT ACCELERATION	EXISTING	NV	NV
Nordheim ISD	67	Rural	DeWitt	Tutorials/Technology	Existing	SAT/ACT Preparation	Existing	Salaries/Staff Development	Existing
Northside ISD	76,413	Suburban fast Growing	Bexar	AVID	Existing	Credit Retrieval/Acceleration	Existing/New	AP and Dual Credit	Existing (expanding)
Northwest Independent School District	9,907	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Denton	Curriculum Instructional Specialists at secondary campuses	New program	Math & Science Interventionists	New Program	Engineering program (Infinity Project)	New Program
Pettus ISD	369	Rural	Bee	Pre AP and AP English Classes	Existing	NV	NV	NV	NV
Pittsburg ISD	2,290	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Camp	Campus level curriculum coordinator	new	Director of Student Services	new	Nova Net - HS Completion Initiative	new
Pleasant Grove ISD	1,875	Suburban fast Growing	Bowie	na	na	na	na	na	na
Rankin ISD	196	Nonmetro W/town	Upton	Concurrent Tuition & Books	Existing	Add new Concurrent Classes	New	NV	NV
REFUGIO ISD	683	Nonmetro W/town	196-903	AP Courses	Existing	NV	NV	NV	NV
Rio Vista ISD	832	Rural	Johnson	Technology in Classroom	New	Credit Recovery Program	Existing	Tutoring Period - Zero Period	Existing
RIVERCREST ISD	722	Nonmetro W/town	RED RIVER	ADVANCED SCIENCE & MATH	EXISTING-ANTICIPATE INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT DUE TO REQUIREMENT	AP	EXISTING-TEST COST	DUAL CREDIT	EXISTING-HELP WITH TUITION COST

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Rockdale ISD	1,730	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Milam	Region 13 Reform	New 9-12	TAKS Prep	Existing -12	ACT/SAT Tutoring	New 9-12
Salado ISD	1,171	Rural	Bell	SHS Grand Central Station	New	NV	NV	NV	NV
Sanger ISD	2,350	Nonmetro W/town	Denton	Expand AP Program	Existing	Increase number taking ACT/SAT	Existing	NV	NV
Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD	9,080	Suburban Stable	Guadalupe	Dual Credit (9, 10, 11, 12)	Existing	A.P. (9, 10, 11, 12)	Existing	I.B. (9, 10, 11, 12)	Existing
SEAGRAVES	535	Nonmetro W/town	GAINES	PLATO LEARNING	NEW	NV	NV	NV	NV
Sherman ISD	5,941	Major Urban	Grayson	AP Courses 10th-12th	Existing	CTE/Other Dual Credit 11th & 12th	Existing	Credit Recovery/Acceleration	Existing
Sinton Independent School District	1,949	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	San Patricio	Writing Course	New	(4x4) Math Curriculum	New	(4x4) Science Curriculum	New
Slocum ISD	382	Rural	Anderson	College Program (11-12)	NV	Advance Mathematics Course	NV	NV	NV
Stafford Municipal School District	2,819	Rural	Fort Bend County	AVID	existing	Agile Minds	existing	Cambridge	new
Stephenville ISD	3,279	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Erath	Math Teacher	New	Science Teacher	New	Counselor	New
Sulphur Springs ISD	3,929	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Hopkins	Concurrent Classes	Existing/10-12 gr.	AP Classes	Existing/10-12 gr.	NV	NV
Tidehaven ISD	817	Rural	Matagorda	THEA testing for all students	New	PLAN ACT for all students	New	PASS Success Initiative	New
Van Vleck ISD	897	Rural	Matagorda	dual credit courses	new	certification for CATE	new	graduate studies	new
Vernon ISD	2,096	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Wilbarger	AP/Dual Credit	Existing	Credit Recovery	New	Physics	New, previously offered by local college
WAXAHACHIE ISD	5,919	Suburban Stable	ELLIS	CALCULUS/PRE-CALULUS (AP)	NV	ALGEBRA (PRE AP)/ALGEBRA II (AP)	NV	CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS (AP)	NV
West Orange-Cove CISD	2,323	Other Central Cities	Orange	Dual Credit Tuition	Existing	Academy of Excellence	New	PSAT/AP Testing	Existing
Westwood ISD	1,657	Nonmetro W/1000+ADA	Anderson	Success Maker	New 9-12	NV	NV	NV	NV
Wortham ISD	437	Nonmetro W/Town	Freestone	Read Right	New in 06-07	NV	NV	NV	NV
Yoakum ISD	1,435	nonmetro W/1000+ADA	DeWitt	College tuition/textbooks	New--District will pay for students	AP Staff Development	New	NV	NV

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District	District Name	TOTAL	
227901	AUSTIN ISD	5,459,039	
013901	BEEVILLE ISD	279,821	
161923	BOSQUEVILLE ISD	34,678	
243901	BURKBURNETT ISD	258,748	
029901	CALHOUN COUNTY ISD	343,574	
071907	CANUTILLO ISD	396,391	
057903	CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD	1,893,125	
101905	CHANNELVIEW ISD	546,838	
006902	CLAUDE ISD	28,542	
084910	CLEAR CREEK ISD	2,816,347	
046902	COMAL ISD	1,119,817	
050910	COPPERAS COVE ISD	533,500	
172902	DAINGERFIELD-LONE STAR ISD	92,922	
249905	DECATUR ISD	223,537	
082902	DILLEY ISD	57,351	
171901	DUMAS ISD	284,889	
025909	EARLY ISD	110,701	
067903	EASTLAND ISD	90,695	
015905	EDGEWOOD ISD	743,166	
143906	EZZELL ISD	-	
126904	GRANDVIEW ISD	93,629	
086902	HARPER ISD	52,016	
225907	HARTS BLUFF ISD	-	
057911	HIGHLAND PARK ISD	532,175	
084908	HITCHCOCK ISD	100,031	
161906	LA VEGA ISD	161,917	
227912	LAGO VISTA ISD	99,765	
061912	LAKE DALLAS ISD	292,892	
058906	LAMESA ISD	139,510	
144902	LEXINGTON ISD	76,291	
019908	LIBERTY-EYLAU ISD	201,396	
187907	LIVINGSTON ISD	331,837	
043919	LOVEJOY ISD	49,349	
152901	LUBBOCK ISD	1,910,997	
227907	MANOR ISD	292,755	
094904	MARION ISD	126,032	
043907	MCKINNEY ISD	1,360,158	
090903	MCLEAN ISD	17,339	
165901	MIDLAND ISD	1,594,632	
166903	MILANO ISD	42,147	
123905	NEDERLAND ISD	373,450	
089903	NIXON-SMILEY CISD	80,292	
062902	NORDHEIM ISD	6,936	
015915	NORTHSIDE ISD	6,116,578	
061911	NORTHWEST ISD	649,646	

013903	PETTUS ISD	34,144	
032902	PITTSBURG ISD	185,125	
019912	PLEASANT GROVE ISD	154,182	
231902	RANKIN ISD	18,406	
196903	REFUGIO ISD	68,822	
126907	RIO VISTA ISD	77,358	
194903	RIVERCREST ISD	58,685	
166904	ROCKDALE ISD	146,713	
014908	SALADO ISD	109,368	
061908	SANGER ISD	187,259	
094902	SCHERTZ-CIBOLO-U CITY ISD	802,651	
083901	SEAGRAVES ISD	49,882	
091906	SHERMAN ISD	469,480	
205906	SINTON ISD	153,381	
001909	SLOCUM ISD	27,475	
079910	STAFFORD MSD	229,138	
072903	STEPHENVILLE	274,854	
112901	SULPHUR SPRINGS ISD	307,296	
158902	TIDEHAVEN ISD	73,356	
158906	VAN VLECK ISD	82,159	
244903	VERNON ISD	174,455	
070912	WAXAHACHIE ISD	506,825	
181906	WEST ORANGE-COVE CISD	192,803	
001908	WESTWOOD ISD	136,309	
081905	WORTHAM ISD	31,477	
062903	YOAKUM ISD	128,307	
	Average (mean)	488,667	
	Average (median)	154,182	
	Maximum	6,116,578	
	Minimum	-	Ezell and Harts Bluff reported \$0 because they are K-8 districts
	Minimum w/o \$0 values	6,936	

Source: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/school.finance/HS_allotment_0708.htm