

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MID-SIZE SCHOOLS (TAMS)

PROFILE:

- Of the 1,026 total public school districts statewide, 195 (19%) are mid-size (MS) defined by an average daily attendance (ADA) ranging between 1600 and 5000.
- Of these 195 MS districts, 30 (15%) are chapter 41 comprising 19% of the 159 chapter 41 districts statewide. Correspondingly, MS districts also comprise 19% of the 867 chapter 42 districts statewide.
- Of the 4.5 million total students statewide, MS schools serve approximately 597,000 (13%) of these students with this same percentage reflected in both the ADA and weighted average daily attendance (WADA).
 - at least 8% of these students are limited English proficient (LEP).
 - 13% of these students are at-risk.
 - 13% are economically disadvantaged.
- Of the 605,397 total staff employed statewide, MS schools employ 86,360 (14%).
- Of the 306,213 total teachers statewide with an average experience of 12 years, MS schools employ 41,993 (14%) also with the average experience of 12 years.
- 98% of the MS schools meet state accountability standards for student performance with 17% of the MS schools at the recognized level.
- MS schools demonstrate a 95.7% attendance rate.
- MS schools demonstrate an 88.2% graduation rate.
- MS schools demonstrate a dropout rate of 0.1%.
- MS funding formula adjustment currently produces state revenue in the average amounts of \$373 per ADA and \$246 per WADA.
- **The average per school impact of the MS funding formula is \$866,844.**
- On a per school average comparison between MS schools and other schools statewide, MS schools spend \$1,413.00 (16%) less on maintenance & operations (M&O) program costs per student.
- On a per school average comparison between MS schools and other schools statewide, MS schools spend \$755.00 (15%) less on M&O instructional costs per student.
- On a per school average comparison between MS schools and other schools statewide, MS schools have a 14.2 vs. a 12.3 teacher pupil ratio.
- On a comparative basis between MS schools and other schools statewide, MS schools' average teacher salary is \$2,930.00 (6%) less.

POINTS TO ADVOCATE:

- Consider an inflationary index to offset such rising annual operating costs and all unfunded/underfunded mandates.
- Consider maintaining (at a minimum) and/or updating the MS funding formula adjustment to close the existing gaps in M&O program and instructional costs per student, the average teacher salaries, and the teacher pupil ratios.
- Consider extending the mid-size funding formula adjustment to ALL mid-size chapter 41 school districts.