

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the objectives of public education.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 4.001(b), Education Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (b) The objectives of public education are:

7 OBJECTIVE 1: Parents will be full partners with educators
8 in the education of their children.

9 OBJECTIVE 2: Students will be encouraged and challenged to
10 meet their full educational potential.

11 OBJECTIVE 3: Through enhanced dropout prevention efforts,
12 all students will remain in school until they obtain a high school
13 diploma.

14 OBJECTIVE 4: A well-balanced and appropriate curriculum
15 will be provided to all students.

16 OBJECTIVE 5: Educators will prepare students to be
17 thoughtful, active citizens who have an appreciation for the basic
18 values of our state and national heritage and who can understand and
19 productively function in a free enterprise society.

20 OBJECTIVE 6 [5]: Qualified and highly effective personnel
21 will be recruited, developed, and retained.

22 OBJECTIVE 7 [6]: The state's students will demonstrate
23 exemplary performance in comparison to national and international
24 standards.

1 OBJECTIVE 8 [7]: School campuses will maintain a safe and
2 disciplined environment conducive to student learning.

3 OBJECTIVE 9 [8]: Educators will keep abreast of the
4 development of creative and innovative techniques in instruction
5 and administration using those techniques as appropriate to improve
6 student learning.

7 OBJECTIVE 10 [9]: Technology will be implemented and used
8 to increase the effectiveness of student learning, instructional
9 management, staff development, and administration.

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
11 school year.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Tom Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 319 was passed by the House on April 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 319 was passed by the Senate on May 6, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Datsy Spaul
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 MAY '03

Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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