



ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1



Your Oath, Your Duty

2009-10 Florida PTA Legislative Priorities

Adequate Public Education Funding

Florida PTA urges the Legislature to reverse its recent trend and adequately fund public education to meet the mandate set by the Florida Constitution.

Assessment and Testing

A valid assessment does not consist only of a single test score, and at no time should a single test be considered the sole determinant of a student's academic or work future.

Class Size Reduction

Supports class size reduction proposals that consider actual class size, meaning the number of students in a teacher's room for whom that teacher is accountable, rather than pupil/teacher ratios, which do not accurately reflect teachers' contacts with children.

Florida Tax Structure

Tax revenue should be increased through tax structure reform in order to adequately fund services necessary to meet the educational, health, safety, recreational, and other basic needs of Florida's children.

Use of Hands Free Device and Texting While Driving

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle.

Vouchers and Tax Credits

Oppose all education voucher and tax credit proposals for public and non-public preschool, elementary and secondary school students.