

## Current Education Opportunity in HD 86, Rep. Smithee And The Need for Parent Empowerment

Students should graduate high school ready for college, a career, or the military. To achieve this goal, collaboration between parents and teachers is crucial. Parents must be given transparency, quality educational options, respect, and the ability to choose what is best for their children.

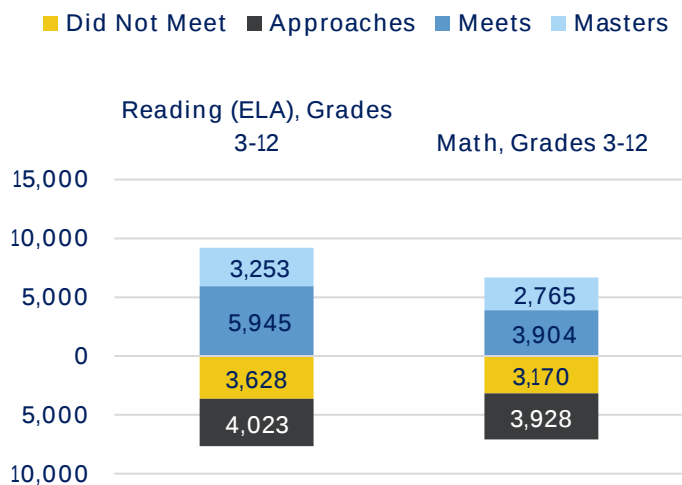
### Educational Quality in House District 86, 2024-2025 School Year

Reading and math proficiency is one key sign of quality. Of all students in House District 86:

- 7,651 (45.4%) are below grade level in Reading (ELA), and
- 7,098 (51.6%) are below grade level in Mathematics.

Students at Approaches or Did Not Meet will need targeted intervention to succeed in the next grade. Statewide, 97% of students who fall behind do not catch up.

#### Students on Grade Level in HD 86 Schools, 2024-25 School Year



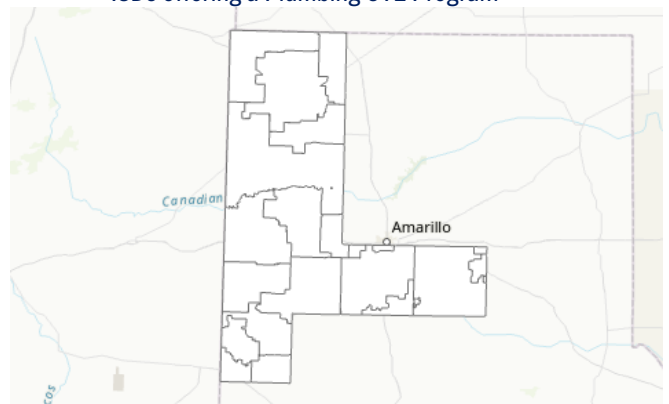
Note: Data from Texas Education Agency.

### Workforce Opportunities and Development within House District 86

| Workforce Development Area 1 |                     |                |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| In-Demand Trade              | Jobs Open Each Year | ISD Completers |
| Carpentry                    | 104                 | 11             |
| Electrical                   | 307                 | 190            |
| Automotive                   | 63                  | 11             |
| <b>Top 3 Total</b>           | <b>474</b>          | <b>212</b>     |

Note: Data from Texas Workforce Commission.

#### ISDs offering a Plumbing CTE Program



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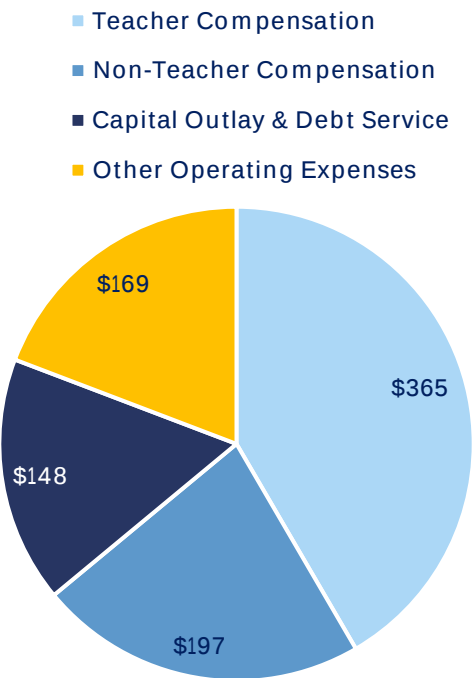
# School District Expenditures in House District 86

Leaders should ask how well resources - people, time, and money - are deployed to meet student needs. ISDs in HD 86 spent \$15,092 per student. Of this, spending consists

- 42% (\$6,279) for teacher salaries & benefits;
- 22% (\$3,379) on salaries & benefits for non-teachers, esp. administrative, clerical, facilities, & counseling staff;
- 19% (\$2,900) for other operating costs, esp. consumable supplies, technology, & consultants; and
- 17% (\$2,535) for capital and debt service.

Parents best know their children and should have a central role in deciding how people, time, and money are deployed to support their education.

Expenditures of ISDs in House District 86, 2024-2025 School Year (in millions)



Note: Data from Texas Education Agency.

# Texas Republican Voters support Parental Empowerment in March 2024

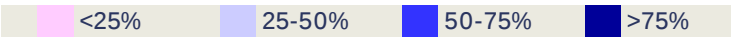
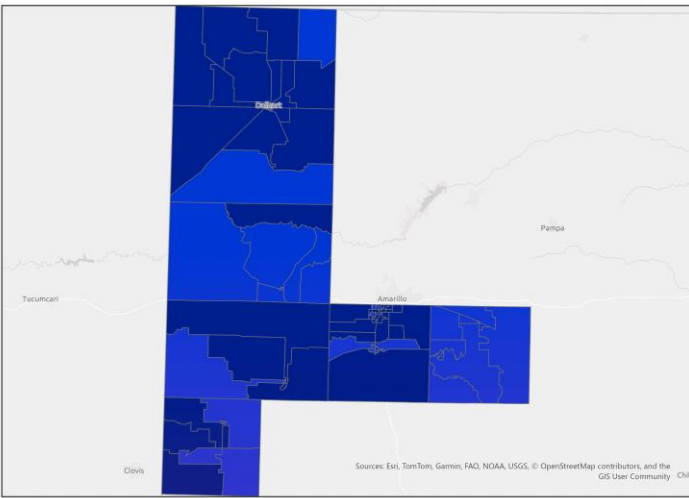
In 2024, Texans voted on this proposition:

"Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student."

Across House District 86, 77% of Republican primary voters said yes. To improve opportunities for all students, parents need to be empowered with transparency, quality, respect, and choice.

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Voter Support for Proposition 11, by Precinct



Note: Data from Public Information Requests to Texas Counties.