



2025 POLICY AGENDA

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is committed to advocating for policies that empower educators, support students, and strengthen educational systems and structures across the state. Our legislative priorities for this session focus on expanding professional development for school leaders, enhancing legal protections for educators, and ensuring adequate resources for students and schools.

Title I & II Funding for Professional Development

CAS calls for a portion of Title I and Title II federal funding to be allocated to the Connecticut Association of Schools to support professional development initiatives for school leaders. By investing in leadership development, schools can improve student outcomes, foster innovation, and address the evolving challenges of modern education. This targeted allocation will enhance leadership effectiveness and strengthen school communities statewide.

Social Media Protections for Educators Act

Educators and school administrators increasingly face challenges stemming from social media misuse. CAS supports the introduction of the Social Media Protections for Educators Act, which aims to provide legal safeguards for teachers and administrators against defamatory statements and slander online. This legislation will create a safer professional environment, allowing educators to focus on their mission of nurturing student success without threat of undue personal or professional harm.

Special Education Funding

CAS supports ongoing work to improve the Connecticut Excess Cost Grant and increase funding for special education services. Addressing the growing financial demands of supporting special needs students is critical. Enhanced funding will ensure that schools have the resources necessary to meet their obligations and provide equitable opportunities for all students to succeed.

Inclusion of CAS Employees in TRS

CAS advocates for including a limited number of its employees in the Connecticut Teachers Retirement System (TRS). Extending access to TRS for specific staff positions will strengthen CAS's ability to attract and retain diverse, high-performing administrators who can further or mission of providing exemplary programs and services that promote excellence in the education of all students.

