



# WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## West Oso Independent School District Formal Statement on Student Attendance, Safety, and Civic Engagement

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Dear Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members,

West Oso Independent School District is committed to fostering an environment where students learn not only academic skills, but also the values of citizenship, leadership, and respectful civic engagement. We recognize and respect the First Amendment rights of individuals and believe that student voice is an important part of our democratic society.

There are many appropriate and effective avenues for advocacy, including communicating with elected officials, participating in community activities outside of school hours, and expressing opinions respectfully in ways that do not disrupt the educational process.

At the same time, West Oso ISD is committed to following all guidance and requirements issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding political activism during the instructional day. TEA has made it clear that walkouts or similar actions that disrupt learning are strictly forbidden during school hours.

Specifically, TEA guidance notes that:

- Students who leave class for walkouts must be marked absent, and districts risk the loss of attendance funding if walkouts are allowed or encouraged.
- Educators who encourage or facilitate walkouts may be subject to investigation and sanctions, including potential licensure consequences.
- School systems that facilitate disruptive political activism during the school day may be subject to investigation and state intervention.

For these reasons, West Oso ISD will not permit or facilitate student walkouts or departures from class for political activism during the school day. Students are expected to remain in their assigned instructional settings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and staff members may not encourage, organize, or participate in actions that remove students from learning activities during this time.

Our priority remains providing a safe, supportive, and uninterrupted learning environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

We appreciate the cooperation of our students, staff, and families as we work together to uphold both civic values and our responsibility under state law.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools