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Texas Education CAFE™ Advocacy Network



IDRA Ed Policy Summer Camp Series

Join students, families and other advocates to learn and talk about the issues that impact schools during IDRA's weekly summer learning series!

Every Thursday 6:00-7:00 CT

June 17, 2021

**Whitewashing the Truth in Schools:
An Update on Texas' HB 3979**

Texas' House Bill 3979 and similar bills across the country are being used to whitewash history and limit how teachers and students can discuss racism, sexism and our country's history of discrimination. In IDRA's first Ed Policy Summer Camp session, we will share how these harmful bills will impact students and ways we can organize to protect learning in schools.

Register for June 17

June 24, 2021

Texas Legislative Wrap-up: Education Policy Study Hall

What happened in the Texas legislative session? During this session wrap-up conversation, you are invited to learn about the policies that passed (or didn't) related to college preparation and access, emergent bilingual student support, student engagement, and equitable responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. This session includes a recap of beneficial and harmful bills, a panel discussion, and a Q&A period.

Register for June 24

July 1, 2021

What Would YOU Do? Spending Federal Relief Funds in Schools

States and school districts across the country have received billions of dollars in COVID-19 federal relief funding. In this camp session designed for students, families, and other advocates, learn how those funds can be spent and help develop community-driven recommendations for how school districts can use the funds to support all students.

Register for July 1

July 8, 2021

Using Federal Relief Funds for Racial Justice in Schools

COVID-19 created new challenges for schools, but it also made many existing challenges worse, particularly for students of color. In this session, students, families and other

advocates will discuss how school districts can use federal relief funds to address deep educational inequities that harm Black, Latino and Indigenous students.

Register for July 8

July 15, 2021

Emergent Bilingual Students and Federal Relief Funds

Emergent bilingual (English learner) students, families and advocates are invited to this special camp session! Share ideas for how school districts and states can use federal relief funds to support bilingual education programs, family and student engagement, and emergent bilingual learners.

Register for July 15

July 22, 2021

For Students Only! How Schools Should Use Federal Relief Funds

During this student-only session, young people will facilitate breakout sessions to identify how federal relief funds should be used to support students' academic success and all-around well-being.

Register for July 22

July 29, 2021

The South's Got Something to Say

Across the U.S. South schools and students are facing similar challenges and opportunities. Join advocates from Texas and Georgia for a discussion of shared policy and community engagement strategies.

Register for July 29

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