

## EDUCATION CHOICE

WHEREAS, every child deserves access to quality education, but despite this many children, especially those from minority or low-income families or children with special needs are trapped in failing or unequipped schools; and

WHEREAS, every child's educational needs, abilities, and learning style is unique; and

WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right and responsibility to educate their children and provide for their moral guidance; and

WHEREAS, parents should have as much choice as possible in selecting the right school for their children; and

WHEREAS, vigorous competition from independent schools will stimulate government schools to strive for and achieve excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans understand that the federal government has no constitutional role in education; and

WHEREAS, the in-classroom teacher and specialists are tasked with implementation of curriculum, standards and culture defined and required by the Arkansas Department of Education, School Boards, Administration or others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans, in convention assembled, strongly urges that School Choice continue to be endorsed and expanded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans urges our state legislators, the ADE, and local school boards to push for curriculum changes that place greater emphasis on the STEM and Foundational Skills, including science, social studies, mathematics, reading, and phonics and eliminate all programs whose objectives are social engineering or advocacy of special interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans supports academic efforts that ensure that the presentation of our history and founding documents in our educational institutions, including those of higher learning, is objective, truthful, and complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans supports and promotes the individual classroom teacher and specialists, and will work to promote a positive and supportive work environment in the classroom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans places accountability for the failures of curriculum, safe learning environments and declining educational outcomes as the responsibility of the ADE, Administrators, School Boards, and others who have utilized the education of our children for purposes of Social Engineering, incorporating unethical, political and agenda motivated curriculum in educational settings.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in taking all of this into account The Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans, in convention assembled, both recognize, and urges law makers to act on, the fact that in order to ensure that every student gets the quality education they deserve regardless of race, sex, zip code, or disability, student's educational tax dollars must follow the student to his/her choice of educational career.