

# BEDROCK PRINCIPLES

## Statutory – Judicial - Administrative

- **1972: Federal Judge William Wayne Justice: Civil Order 5281 (Not Still in Effect)**
  - “The Texas Education Agency shall institute a study of the educational needs of minority group children in order to ensure equal educational opportunities of all students. <The TEA will develop> curricular offerings and programs...shall include specific educational programs to compensate minority group children for unequal educational opportunities resulting from past or present racial and ethnic isolation...”
  
- **1993: The Texas Legislature Passes Senate Bill 7**
  - “All students shall have access to an education of high quality that will prepare them to participate fully now and in the future social, economic, and educational opportunities available in Texas. The achievement gap between educationally disadvantaged students and other populations will be closed...”
  
- **1993: The Texas Education Code**
  - “SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE: (a) The State Board of Education shall determine the level of performance considered to be satisfactory on the assessment instruments...”
  
- **1995: The Supreme Court of Texas Validates S.B. 7’s Constitutionality**
  - “...The Legislature defines the contours of its constitutional duty to provide a general diffusion of knowledge by articulating seven public education goals. These goals emphasize academic achievement. Most notably, the Legislature envisions that all students will have access to a high quality education and that the achievement gap between property rich and property poor districts will be closed...”
  
- **2000: Federal District Court Affirms TAAS Is Not Discriminatory**
  - “...Because of the rigid, state-mandate correlation between the Texas Essentials of Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the TAAS test, the Court finds that all Texas students have an equal opportunity to learn the items (*test questions – emphasis mine*) presented on the TAAS test WHICH IS THE ISSUE BEFORE THE COURT...” (*emphasis mine*)”

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