

School Administrators of Iowa is a statewide organization representing more than 2,100 Iowa educational administrators. The role of SAI is to support, encourage and develop Iowa's educational leaders and learners.

The following information represents the major legislative priorities of SAI and its members for the 2025 Iowa legislative session.

## Overview

## • Supplemental State Aid (SSA)

- SAI supports an increase in SSA of at least 5% for the 2025-26 school year.
- SAI encourages the legislature to meet the statutory guidelines and set the SSA percentage in a timely manner.
- SAI feels that a 5% SSA increase is necessary to outpace inflation and the impact of increased costs of supplies and labor over the past several years.

## • Employee Recruitment and Retention

- SAI encourages efforts to increase funding for teachers' salaries and compensation both for new and current teachers and staff.
- Preschool and Early Literacy
  - SAI supports a focus on early literacy, including fully funding PK programs.
- Funding Equity
  - SAI supports efforts to make all school funding as equitable as possible from all perspectives, including socioeconomic status and at-risk factors.
- Mental Health
  - SAI supports efforts that are solution-focused regarding mental health issues with children.
- Education Savings Accounts (ESA)
  - SAI encourages legislation to address issues presented by the ESA law, including transparency, transportation, and funds returning to public schools.
- Area Education Agency (AEA) System Support Statement
  - SAI supports the statewide AEA system and the students, parents and staff that they serve.

Scan the QR code or visit <u>lead.sai-iowa.org/2025-priorities</u> to learn more details about SAI's 2025 Legislative Priorities.



