



Indiana State Teachers Association 2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Information

- Full Name: _____
- Office Sought / District: _____
- Party Affiliation: _____
- Incumbent? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Election Type: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special
- Election Date: November 3, 2026.
- Home Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
- Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
- Campaign Name: _____
- Campaign Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
- Candidate Occupation for Campaign Reporting Purposes: _____
- Campaign Manager: _____ Phone: _____
- Campaign Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
- Campaign Website: _____
- All Social Media Page(s)/Handles:

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

✓ Please submit two high-resolution photos – one headshot and one candid in an educational/community setting –with your completed questionnaire.



Section I: Education Policy & ISTA Priorities

1. Public School Funding

Q1. Do you support increasing state funding for Indiana public K–12 traditional schools at a rate that will likely improve Indiana’s current national ranking (meaning that the average projected increase for traditional public schools will exceed the existing inflation rate at the time the budget is enacted).

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q2. Will you oppose diverting public education dollars to private/voucher programs if it harms public schools?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Depends

Comments:

2. Educator Pay & Benefits

Q3. Do you support annual increases to teacher pay that exceed the inflation rate (as determined by the consumer price index)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q4. Do you support 12 weeks of paid parental leave for public school employees?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q5. Do you support compensation levels for educational support professionals (school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, instructional aides, school secretaries) that are competitive with similarly skilled and trained professionals?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q6. Would you support an increase in the retirement benefit for retired educators (and other public employees) in the form of a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:



3. Prioritizing Public School Support/Accountability

Q7. Will you support a tax credit available to taxpayers who make donations to our traditional public schools in the same way that we have been providing one for the last 15 years to taxpayers who make donations to scholarship granting organizations benefiting private schools?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Depends

Comments:

Q8. Do you support requiring charter schools (including virtual charter schools) funded through taxpayer dollars to comply with all of Indiana's standards, public school audit requirements, accountability measures, open door laws, and anti-discrimination laws?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Depends

Comments:

Q9. Do you support requiring private schools that accept taxpayer-funded vouchers to comply with Indiana's public school accountability standards, audit requirements, open door and anti-discrimination laws?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Depends

Comments:

4. Fostering a Safe Work Environment

Q10. Do you support stronger reporting requirements and accountability measures of violence against school staff?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

5. Educator Voice & Working Conditions

Q11. Do you support reinstating full collective bargaining rights for educators?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q12. Do you support restoring into law in the individual teacher contract the hours a teacher is expected to work?



☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q13. Do you support the explicit inclusion of stipends, bonuses and supplements (all being wage-related issues) as bargainable items under Indiana's teacher collective bargaining law?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Q14: Do you support restoring for teachers and imposing for educational support professionals, discussion rights in law?

RESTORE: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided IMPOSE FOR ESPs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Comments:

Section II: Governance & Values

Q15. What role should educators have in shaping education policy?

Q16. How will you ensure equitable educational opportunities across communities?

Q17. If elected, which education bill(s) would you prioritize in the next session?

Section III: Campaign Viability (Internal Use)

Q18. Funds raised to date: \$_____

Q19. Number of active volunteers: _____

Q20. Key endorsements received: _____

Q21. Describe your path to victory (brief):



Commitment Statement

“I am committed to working with educators and ISTA to strengthen Indiana’s public education system.”

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree



For Completion by Candidate

Permission for Candidate to appear on I-PACE Slate Sent to ISTA members.

I, _____, candidate for the office of
_____, understand that if the
_____ PAC and I-PACE vote to endorse my
candidacy for public office.

CIRCLE ONE

Do	Do Not	Wish for the endorsement to be publicized with the general public. (The candidate has the option of having the endorsement publicized only within the Association membership.
Will	Will Not	Accept financial contributions from Association political action committees.

(Signature of candidate)

(Printed name of candidate)

(Date)

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FOR COMPLETION BY CANDIDATE

I, _____, hereby authorize
the _____ Political Action
Committee to include my name on a list of candidates endorsed by
said Political Action Committee for the purpose of assisting with my
election to the public office of _____.

(Signature of Candidate)

(Printed name of candidate)

(Date)

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