



The STEM Advocacy Conference of Texas

SACOT 2017 Legislative Platform

SACOT's legislative agenda this year involves three major parts:

- **Support HB 395**
 - We need your help to pass this bill!
- **Spread the word of how robotics is now part of UIL**
 - Money available for underserved communities to create teams or improve existing teams
- **Allow us to remain in communication**
 - We need you to continue supporting SACOT and STEM and help us spread STEM





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1. Advocate for support of HB 395.

- ❖ This House Bill is sponsored by Representative Cecil Bell Jr, who has also supported SACOT's goal.
- ❖ The bill consolidates Career & Technical Education Courses (CTE) such as Environmental Technology and Technical Application Courses (TAC) such as Computer Science and Robotics into one weighted funding group
- ❖ Ensures that the certifications for teaching a course are aligned with the rigor of the course; this means **that teachers are properly qualified to teach their STEM skills and classes**

2. Spread awareness of UIL partnership with FIRST Robotics.

- ❖ More funds are allocated for school districts to improve or start robotics teams
- ❖ **Huge growth potential for STEM**

3. Help Texas Legislators understand SACOT and the importance of STEM.

- ❖ We are a collective group of high school students advocating for STEM in Texas to legislators, councils, and school boards
- ❖ Hosting a yearly conference at the Texas State Capitol
- ❖ The number of STEM jobs is growing drastically, STEM education needs to be improved for Texas to keep up with the demand