



Texas Special Session Alert!

Governor Abbott has announced a special legislative session starting Monday October 9, 2023

What is a special session?

The Texas legislature normally meets every other year between January and May. The governor has the power to call "special sessions" that require legislators to meet outside the regular legislative session. The governor selects the topics to be addressed, which can include unfinished business from the regular session, emergencies or other important issues.



What is the time frame?



Special sessions are much shorter than regular sessions.

Regular Session

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Special Session



5 days before meeting

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days

Deadline for notices of public meetings & hearings

Duration



1 day before meeting

30

days

Special sessions are limited to the governor's announced topics.

The Governor announced four topics for this special session. IDRA will hold the line against any voucher proposals and promote legislation that protects students' civil rights.

The Governor's topics for this session include:

- Vouchers
- Border security
- COVID-19 vaccination restrictions
- Public safety

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Get Involved!

There are opportunities for you to testify, contact your legislator, and stay involved! During a special session, things happen quickly, so be sure to stay connected with IDRA.

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