



Plano Legislative Days 2019

Plano Legislative Days is a joint effort between the City of Plano, Plano ISD and the Plano Chamber of Commerce to create a forum of citizens, elected officials and business professionals working together for the greater good of the community.

City of Plano

- 92% of Plano residents have a positive image of Plano.
- Plano is *Money Magazine's* third "Best Place to Live in America" and "Best Place to Live in Texas."
- Plano has the third lowest tax rate in the area.
- Plano is one of the safest cities in America for a population over 250,000.
- Plano is a community of diverse businesses and people.
- One in four Plano citizens are born in a foreign country.
- 91% of Plano's eligible voters are registered to vote.

Plano ISD

- 112 Plano ISD seniors were awarded semifinalist standing in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Plano ISD has twenty-two U.S. Presidential Scholar candidates for 2019, and a total of eleven students who have achieved Scholar status since the program was established in 1964 to recognize the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.
- Two Plano ISD middle schools have received the distinction of Texas Schools to Watch, meeting nationally endorsed criteria for high-performing schools.
- More than 150 adult students with disabilities participate in life and workforce ready education programs at Plano ISD's new Adult Transition Center.
- Plano ISD has provided a free, full day pre-k program for students that qualify as economically disadvantaged since 2016, which has helped close achievement and school readiness gaps for more than 1,200 students so far.
- The district is home to a number of state, national and international winners and champions in fine arts, athletics, science and career and technical education.
- Nine Plano ISD PTAs have received recognition as National PTA Schools of Excellence.

Plano Chamber of Commerce

- Accredited as a 5-Star Chamber by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Plano Chamber was recognized as 2018 Chamber of the Year by Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.
- Plano's business community accounts for 52% of the city's property tax base.
- The Plano Chamber's membership is comprised of 1,200+ business and community organizations, representing 165,000+ employees in Plano and the surrounding areas.
- Plano is home to six Fortune 1,000 corporation headquarters, which include Alliance Data Systems, Cinemark Holdings, Keurig Dr Pepper, JCPenney, Rent-A-Center, and Yum! China Holdings. In fact, Plano was named #1 Best Place in the South to Relocate Your Headquarters by *Southern Business and Development Magazine* in 2018.
- As of February 19, 2019, the total net jobs created and associated with the City of Plano's Chapter 380 Incentive Grants is 37,061.