

## Key Sources for Retirement Information

Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).....	1.800.223.8778
1000 Red River • Austin, TX 78701–2698.....	512.542.6400
email: trs@trs.state.tx.us.....	www.trs.state.tx.us.....fax 512.542.6597
TRS Automated Information.....	1.888.877.0123
TRS–Care.....	1.800.223.8778 x 6456
TRS–TTY Service (hearing impaired).....	800.841.4497 ..... 512.542.6444
The best days to call TRS are Tuesday and Thursday.	
Express Scripts prescription drug.....	1.800.367.3636, PRESS 2
TTY Service (hearing impaired).....	1.800.716.3231
A complete listing of TRTA member benefits.....	www.trta.org
Social Security.....	1.800.772.1212
TX Dept. of Social Security Administration (TDSS) ....	www.ssa.gov
Medicare.....	www.medicare.gov ..... 1.800.772.1213
TX Dept. of Aging and Disability Services.....	www.dads.state.tx.us..... 512.438.3011
Veteran Resources.....	1.800.827.1000
Life Insurance.....	1.800.669.8477
Health care benefits.....	1.877.222.8378
Texas Veterans Commission.....	www.tvc.state.tx.us ..... 1.800.252.8387

## Three Important Organizations and What Happens in Each to Benefit Education Retirees

TEXAS LEGISLATURE	TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS (TRS)	TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (TRTA)
<p>Legislature passes laws to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Funding for TRS–Care health insurance</li> <li>★ Annuity increases</li> <li>★ Benefit improvements</li> <li>★ Who can lobby</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Invests contributions made by active school employees and state contributors</li> <li>★ TRS is a defined benefit plan, not a defined contribution plan</li> <li>★ Provides TRTA with requested data so TRTA may propose legislation</li> <li>★ Sends annuity checks to retirees</li> <li>★ Cannot influence legislation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ We are the only organization that works exclusively for TRS annuitants</li> <li>★ TRTA has an Executive Director and 21 legislative committee members</li> <li>★ <i>The VOICE</i>, TRTA news bulletin</li> <li>★ <i>Inside Line</i>, an immediate update on legislative issues Sign up at <a href="http://www.trta.org">www.trta.org</a></li> <li>★ Member Benefits</li> </ul>