

## Every Child a Swimmer talking points

1. A 2020 poll of Florida registered voters confirmed that over 90% believe every child should be taught how to swim.
2. Most school systems are not positioned to provide swim lessons for their students
3. To raise the issue with parents, SB-358 simply requires that the school system, during the kindergarten entry process, asks the parents if they provided swim lessons to their child.
4. Parents can voluntarily answer the question or not answer the question without cause: this bill is not a mandate to require swim lessons.
5. The SB-358 will not impact the budget of any school system.
6. Once learned, basic swim skills will stay with each individual for the rest of their life. There are numerous positive health benefits gained from swimming regardless of age.
7. The long-term impact of this bill will be to create a safer, healthier citizenry since many parents will take action to teach their child to swim.
8. Research validates that children who learn to swim at an early age actually develop mentally and physically at a measurably better level, even performing better in school.
9. There are numerous scholarship programs for financial support should the parents be unable to afford but desire to provide swim lessons for their child.
10. Visit [www.everychildaswimmer.org](http://www.everychildaswimmer.org) for more information.