



ACCELERATING STUDENT SUCCESS



EDUCATE TEXAS

a public-private initiative of Communities Foundation of Texas



OUR PROGRAMS GRADUATE
FIFTEEN PERCENT MORE
 college-ready students than
 the state average

TWICE AS MANY

of our students are
 completing AP or
 dual credit courses
 than Texas students

Our graduates

are going to

college at a

rate **16%** higher

than Texas students



Our graduates are persisting in college

at a rate **21%** higher than Texas students



An ECHS or T-STEM student is projected
 to earn **\$250,000** more over their
 lifetime than a Texas high school student

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

135

ECHS AND T-STEM
 ACADEMIES



NINETY-FOUR
 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

63,000+
STUDENTS

CURRENTLY ENROLLED

75% HISTORICALLY
 UNDERREPRESENTED
 AND ECONOMICALLY
 DISADVANTAGED

COLLEGE-READY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

Over the last 10 years, Educate Texas has identified strategies to improve teaching and learning for underserved students across the state. Today, our public-private college-ready network is impacting more students than ever.

To broaden our impact, we are pursuing the following:

EXPANDING EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS (ECHS) AND TEXAS-SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (T-STEM) ACADEMIES

- Build a college-going culture among teachers and students
- Increase instructional rigor through professional development
- Establish academic pathways to college and workforce

SCALING ECHS AND STEM PRACTICES TO SUPPORT DISTRICT-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION

- Replicate successful strategies across entire district systems
- Build capacity within district central administration to embed practices district-wide
- Align local and regional resources

EXPLORING NEXT GENERATION LEARNING

- Partner with districts to explore blended learning models that:
 - Accelerate learning outcomes to ensure college readiness and skills for the future workforce
 - Increase flexibility for teachers and students
 - Generate real-time data to inform student instruction

SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE BILL 5

- Serve as a resource, thought partner, and catalyst for statewide efforts and regional partnerships to increase the number of Texas students graduating high school prepared for success in four-year, two-year, and technical and workforce degrees and certificates

POSTSECONDARY ACCESS AND SUCCESS

Based on *A New Measure for Educational Success in Texas*, commissioned by Houston Endowment, only one in five 8th grade students receives a postsecondary credential after 11 years. This number falls to one in 10 for economically disadvantaged students.

Our efforts to ensure students' postsecondary success are focused around key access and success initiatives.

TEXAS COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK (TXCAN)

- Support community stakeholders (districts, counselors, parents, and students) to better align, collaborate, and increase the impact of college enrollment initiatives

TEXAS STUDENT SUCCESS COUNCIL

- Lead a statewide coalition of K-12, higher-education, business, philanthropic, and community leaders to address policy challenges affecting postsecondary completion rates, particularly in community colleges
- Partner with Texas Completes and the Texas Success Center to identify persistence and completion strategies



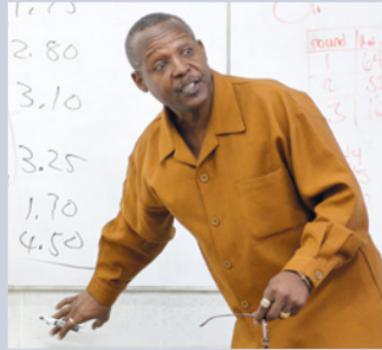
HUMAN CAPITAL STRATEGIES

Our teachers, principals, and superintendents are the foundation to improving student achievement.

Through our partnership with state agencies, districts, and individual schools, we are strengthening our systems and supporting our teachers by focusing on both policy and practice.

TEXAS TEACHING COMMISSION

- Improve teacher induction, development, evaluation, and compensation practices
- Identify key teaching policies in advance of the 2015 legislative session
- Partner with districts to pilot new strategies



TEACHING CHANNEL

- Provide teachers and administrators with high-quality, on-demand examples of effective teaching and learning practices
- Connect Texas teachers with their colleagues across the state and country to improve their practice
- Highlight best teaching practices from our ECHS and T-STEM Academies

EDUCATE TEXAS URBAN COUNCIL OF SUPERINTENDENTS

- Promote leadership skills and experience from some of the largest districts in Texas and the nation
- Collaborate and share best practices and lessons learned
- Provide superintendents with opportunities for deeper learning around closing the achievement gap, human capital systems, next generation learning, and resource allocation

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

With nearly 80 percent of K-12 students staying within their local communities after graduating high school, we must establish greater levels of alignment between our K-12, higher education, and workforce pipelines to improve our students' college and career success.

We are working with communities to:

- Measure key milestones to postsecondary success
- Identify effective strategies for improving outcomes
- Direct resources to support scale and systems change

We are exploring ways to help other communities in the development of collective impact strategies. Currently, our efforts are focused on the Rio Grande Valley and Dallas.

RGV FOCUS

- Connect Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties in the Rio Grande Valley and its 410,000 students
- Lead the alignment and collaboration of K-12, higher education, and the workforce

DALLAS COMMIT!

- Focus on Dallas County and its 870,000 students
- Contribute ideas, strategies, and resources around public education (grades 4-12), higher education, and workforce development



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION

As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary, Educate Texas is thrilled about the many accomplishments we have achieved with our public and private partners.

When we began, our original goal was to serve 30,000 low-income, minority students through the creation of 75 early college high schools and T-STEM Academies. Today, we have far exceeded this goal and our public-private college-ready network of schools includes 135 early colleges and T-STEM Academies serving over 63,000 students – 75 percent of whom are economically disadvantaged.

These programs are changing the lives of students across Texas. Most notably, our early college and T-STEM students graduate high school at higher rates, complete more advanced coursework, and enroll and persist in college at higher rates than the state average.

However, with projections suggesting 60 percent of our future workforce will require a postsecondary credential by 2020, we know business as usual will not be sufficient for reaching the more than five million students across the state. Programmatic and policy changes in the public and higher education system will be required.

We will continue to explore promising new models that increase student engagement and outcomes, pursue efforts that improve teacher and leadership effectiveness, and explore ways to increase postsecondary access and success. Further, we will continue to build regional and local alignment across education and workforce entities to ensure broader community impact and long-term student success.

As we launch into this next decade, we are committed to expanding our collaboration with our public and private partners and defining opportunities to innovate, prove, and advance effective policies and practices. Together we can Educate Texas.



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