

Public Charter Schools Turbocharge Students' Futures

At Texas public charter schools, students are **racing to success** in college and 21st-century careers.

With the right support, *all* children can unlock their full potential. Public charter schools enroll more traditionally underserved students – such as children of color, low-income students, and those at risk of dropping out – than other public schools. They're helping everyone build **high-level skills**, access **rigorous courses**, and launch **great careers**.

A HEAD START ON COLLEGE-LEVEL SKILLS



69%

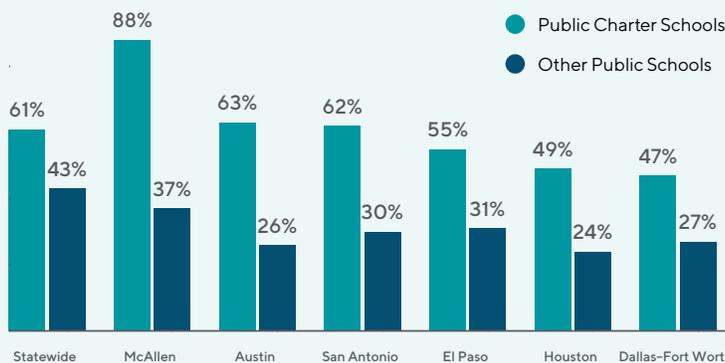
of public charter school students **complete** Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses – compared to 48% of students at other public schools.

44%

of public charter school students earn an AP or IB exam score that qualifies them for **college credit** – compared to 23% of students at other public schools.

At-Risk Students in Advanced or Dual Credit Courses

STATEWIDE AND THE LARGEST METRO AREAS



At-risk students are some of the most vulnerable in Texas. They include students who are still learning English or are homeless.

When those students attend public charter schools, they're twice as likely as their non-charter peers to take advanced or dual-credit courses – often at actual college campuses.

In fact, at-risk students at public charter schools take these courses at higher rates than students statewide who **aren't** at risk (61% vs. 56%).

GRADUATES PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

78%
nearly
2X

of public charter school graduates meet the Texas standard for college, career, or military readiness—compared to 67% of graduates at all other public schools.

as many graduates of dropout recovery and prevention public charter schools met that standard, compared to similar ISD schools (44% vs. 25%).

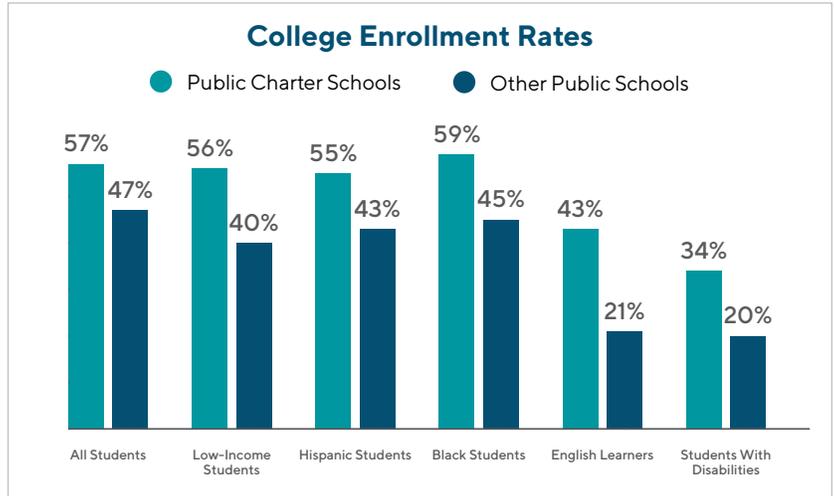


OPENING DOORS—AND FLIPPING OPPORTUNITY GAPS

Public charter schools are opening doors to college, especially for students who might not otherwise have that opportunity.

Both English learners and students with disabilities are about twice as likely to enroll in college when they graduate from a public charter school.

The data shows that public charter schools reverse opportunity gaps. Their low-income, Black, and Hispanic graduates enroll in college at higher rates than White students statewide (53%).



LAUNCHING GREAT CAREERS



Some of the most **innovative** and **successful** career training programs in the state are found at public charter schools.

That includes **20 public charter schools** that helped **at least 75% of their graduates** earn an industry certification while still in high school – setting them up for immediate success in the workforce.



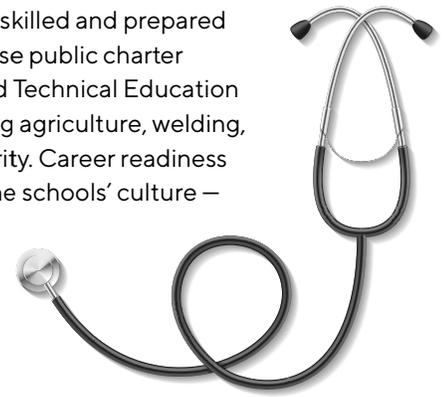
How do public charter schools use their **creativity** and **flexibility** to help students **launch great careers**? Here are two examples:



A pioneering partnership among non-profit, business, and academic leaders in Houston is getting amazing results for kids. At the center is **Premier High School**, a public charter school located in the former showroom of a Gallery Furniture store provided by iconic philanthropist “Mattress Mack.”

The school uses flexible scheduling so that all students – both traditional and non-traditional – can complete vocational training at the same time as their high school studies. Educators help them navigate the process of landing jobs and apprenticeships, then support them after graduation as they advance their careers and meet financial goals.

Graduates of **Vanguard Academy** in the Rio Grande Valley are among the most skilled and prepared job applicants in Texas. These public charter schools offer 20 Career and Technical Education programs of study, including agriculture, welding, healthcare, and cybersecurity. Career readiness is deeply embedded into the schools’ culture – from students identifying areas of interest in middle school to taking college courses while they’re still in high school.



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All data comes from Texas Academic Performance Reports for 2021-22, published by the Texas Education Agency, and refers to Standard Accountability schools unless otherwise noted.