

Texas Public Charter Schools Empower Hispanic Students to Succeed

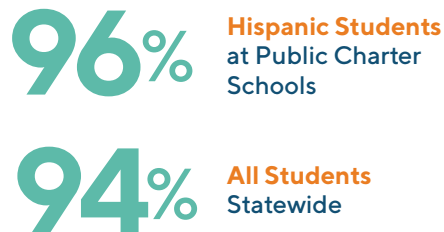
Across Texas, public charter schools are helping more than **a quarter million** Hispanic students unlock the power of education.

These students aren't just learning — they're **thriving**, forging paths that lead from classrooms to college, careers, and limitless possibilities.



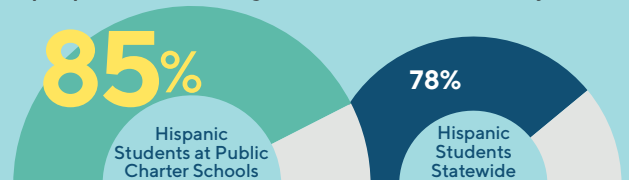
FLIPPING THE GRADUATION GAP

At Texas public charter schools, Hispanic students are *more* likely to graduate high school than the statewide average for all students. That means public charter schools haven't simply narrowed the "graduation gap" we see across the U.S. — they've reversed it.

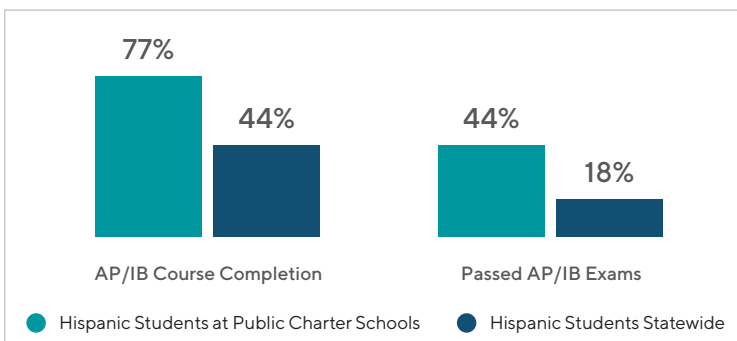


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Texas public charters empower Hispanic students to realize their full potential after high school. **Hispanic graduates** are more likely than their ISD peers statewide to be prepared for college, career, or the military.



PUSHING THE LIMITS



Hispanic students at Texas public charter schools have more access to advanced classes once reserved for the "best" traditional district schools.

Not only are these students taking more advanced courses, but they're excelling on the exams and building high-level skills that pave the way to future success.

OPENING DOORS TO COLLEGE



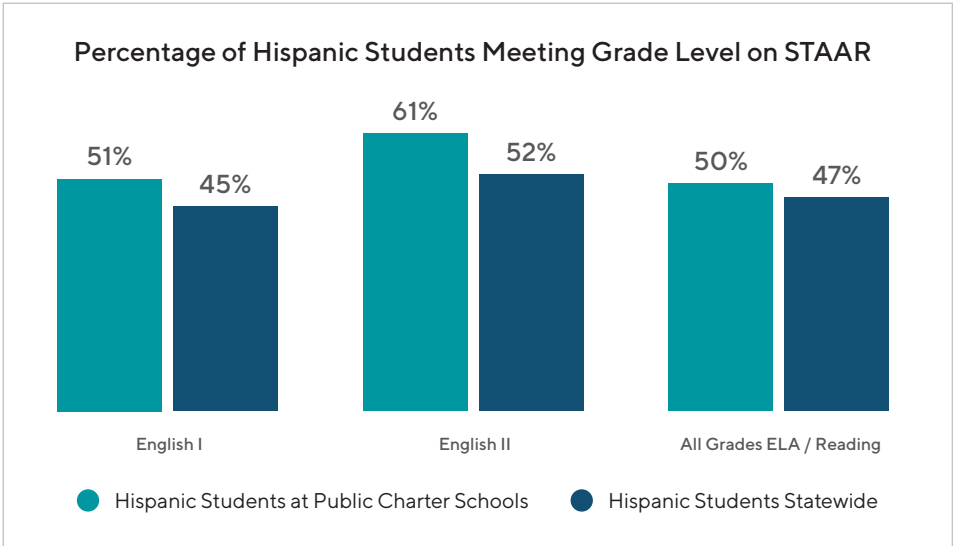
Hispanic students who graduate from Texas public charter schools enroll in college at much higher rates than their ISD peers.



This success is not by accident. It’s fueled by dedicated teachers with high academic expectations and a focus on building a strong literacy foundation.

READING AND SUCCEEDING

At public charter schools, more Hispanic students are reading on grade level than their peers statewide – especially in high school.



DID YOU KNOW?

More than **1 in 3** Texas public charter school teachers are Hispanic

Texas public charter schools not only create opportunities for Hispanic students, but also Hispanic teachers. More than one-third (37%) of Texas public charter school teachers are Hispanic, compared to 30% statewide. Research consistently finds that students benefit when teachers and mentors can authentically connect with their experiences and culture.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS



At **Calvin Nelms Charter Schools** in Katy, 60% of students are Hispanic – and they enroll in college at a rate 20 percentage points higher than the state average.

“Calvin Nelms takes pride in our small schools where we can focus on each learner and their needs. The way we treat each other like family creates our culture of acceptance and caring. We instill a love of learning and encourage post-graduate studies for our students by offering dual credit classes in partnership with Lone Star College.”

Principal Mindy Peper

Sophia, a graduate of **UME Preparatory Academy** in Dallas, earned more than 30 hours of college credit during her senior year – and plans to major in chemistry and attend medical school.

“From the very first day, I realized this school was unlike any other I had attended. The teachers are respectful and genuinely care about their students. My classmates are kind, curious, and eager to learn. From the principal and superintendent to the students, one thing I could always count on at UME is unwavering support.”

Sophia C., graduate of UME Preparatory Academy



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All data comes from TEA 2023-24 Texas Academic Performance Reports for Standard Accountability Campuses schools unless otherwise noted.