

# Five Ways Public Charter Schools Help Texas Students Succeed

## Every child deserves to thrive.

Texas public charter schools strengthen the public education system by meeting the diverse needs of families and setting students up for success in college, career, and beyond.

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## Public charter schools boost literacy for traditionally disadvantaged students.

At Texas public charter schools, historically underserved students meet grade level on ELA/Reading STAAR exams at rates **3 to 6 percentage points higher** than their peers statewide. Low-income, Black, and Hispanic students, as well as English learners, are building the foundational reading skills they need to succeed.



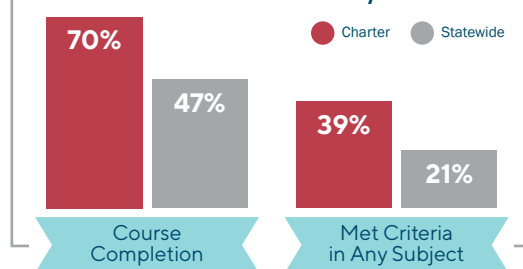
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## Public charter school students are twice as likely to succeed in advanced courses.



At Texas public charter schools, students have more access to rigorous Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses – and they're **twice as likely** to pass the exams. These are top predictors of success in college and beyond.

### Public School Students in AP/IB Courses

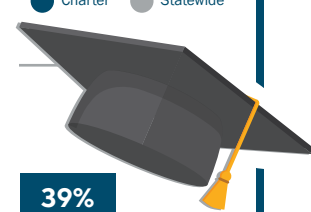
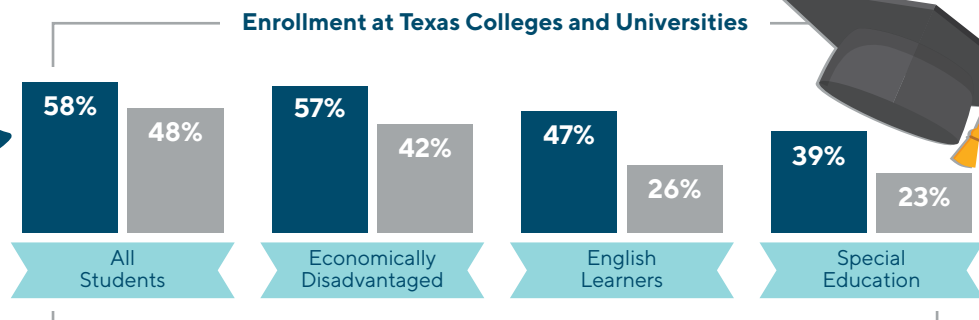


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## Public charter schools prepare graduates for postsecondary success.

At Texas public charter schools, 71% of graduates are prepared for college – significantly higher than the statewide average of 55%.

For more than a decade, these graduates have consistently **enrolled in higher education at much higher rates** than their peers statewide. The gaps are largest for historically disadvantaged students.



#4

## Dropout recovery public charter schools open doors to great careers.

Students at dropout recovery public charter schools are **more likely to graduate with an industry-based certification** or Level I or II certificate compared to their peers statewide.

**39%**  
public charter schools  
**21%** statewide

#5

## Public charter schools prepare English learners for high-wage careers.



ELLs and former ELLs who were enrolled at Texas public charter schools in high school **earn about \$2,000 more annually** in their early careers, according to a 2023 study by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

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Data Source: TEA's 2023 Academic Performance Reports for Standard Accountability campuses (unless otherwise noted as Dropout Recovery/AEA)