

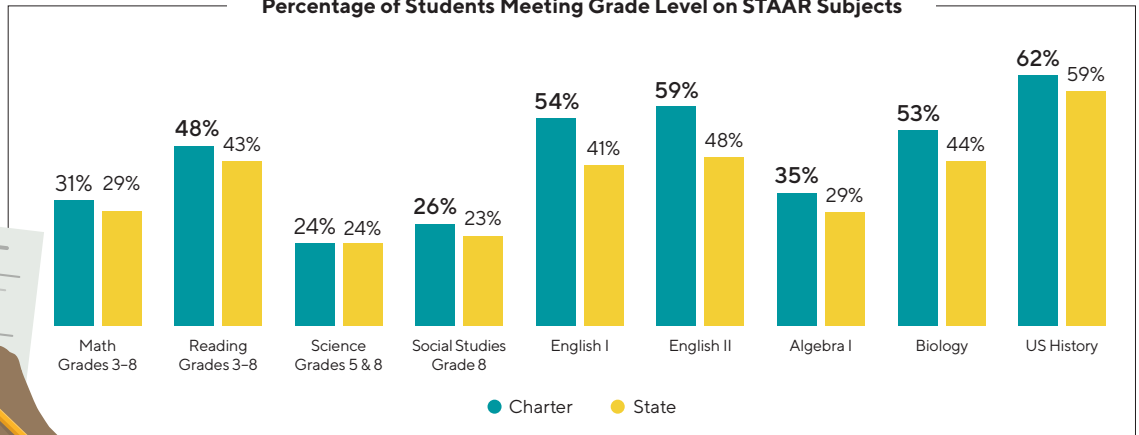
# Closing Achievement Gaps and Expanding Opportunities



## #1 More Black students in Texas public charter schools are on grade level.

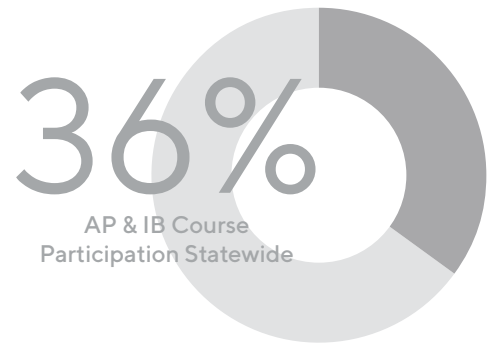
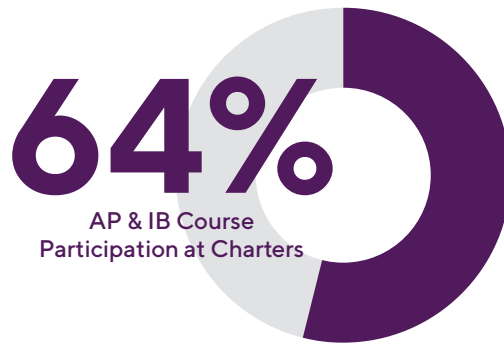
Texas public charter schools are improving academic outcomes for Black students in most subjects.

Percentage of Students Meeting Grade Level on STAAR Subjects



## #2 More Black students at Texas public charter schools take advanced classes that build high-level skills.

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



## #3 Public charter schools are closing achievement gaps.

Public charter schools have reversed the graduation rate gap for Black students in Texas. They graduate at a rate that exceeds the state-wide rate for all students.

High School Graduation Rate

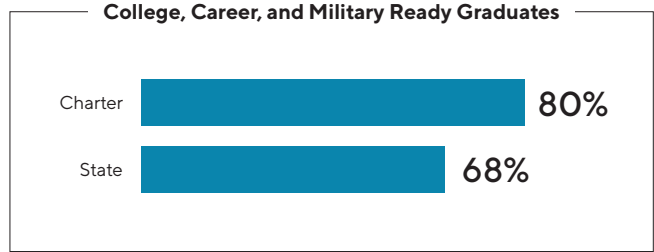
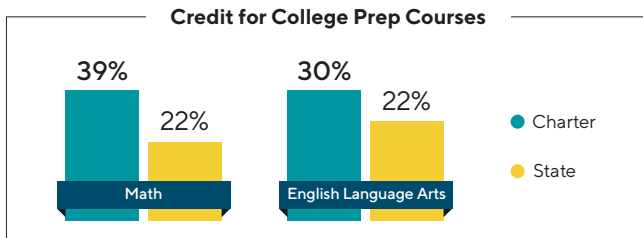
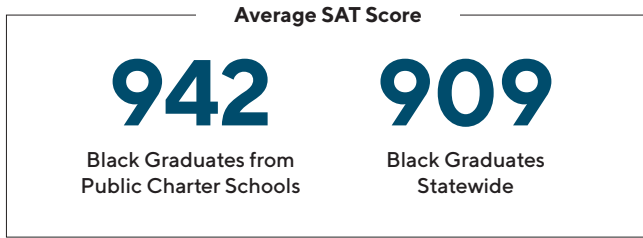
**97%**  
Black Students:  
Charters

**93%**  
All Students:  
State

# #4

## Texas public charter schools are preparing Black students for life beyond high school.

Black students who graduate from public charter schools are prepared to enroll in college, enlist in the military, or start a career at higher rates than their peers statewide.



**Beyond Prepared**

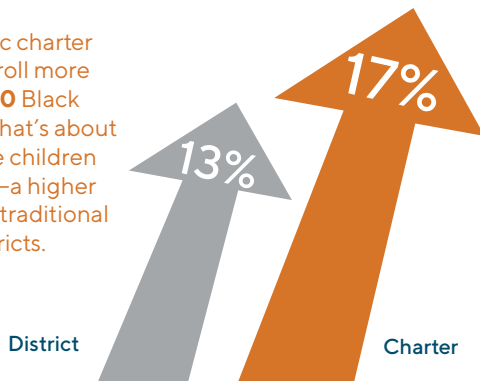
Not only are Black graduates from public charter schools more prepared for the future after high school, but they are also **more likely to enroll in college.**

Charter	59%
State	45%

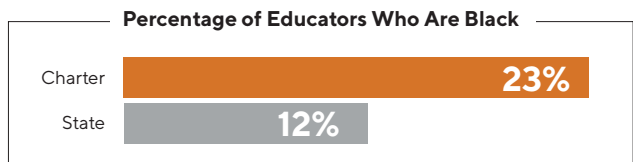
# #5

## One in five kids in public charter schools are Black. And more of them are taught by Black educators.

Texas public charter schools enroll more than **71,000** Black students. That's about **1 in 5** of the children they serve—a higher share than traditional school districts.



Public charter schools have twice as many Black teachers as traditional districts. Research consistently finds that students benefit when their teachers and mentors can authentically connect with their experiences and culture.



"Having Black leaders in schools with Black children is probably the most important thing that we can do for them. A majority of our teachers, our administration, and our staff are of color. Everybody having that common experience is almost like having an extended family. Our kids know they can come to us with concerns, with challenges, and we work with them in a way that I think is different from your typical school system. It makes our kids love to be at BMI."

DR. ALMITRA L. BERRY  
Board member at Beatrice Mayes Institute



"Before coming to ILTexas, I had just been through a very difficult stage in life. I was shy, quiet, and I just buried myself under my hoodie. But I graduated third in my class – something I didn't think I was capable of. I'm a first-generation college student, which is a big deal, and my friends were so excited when I showed them all the scholarships I got. Being able to see other people of color succeed helped me realize, 'Wow, this is possible.' Having the opportunity to be at a school that was so loving, so accepting, and so caring really made a difference in where I am today."

DIVINE AKINBOBOLA  
Graduate of ILTexas

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