

Project GRAD



An Overview of Project GRAD Houston

MISSION

The mission of Project GRAD is to ensure a quality public education for students in economically disadvantaged communities, so that high school and college graduation rates increase.

OUR GOALS

Our goals are to see at least 80% of entering ninth graders graduate from high school, at least 50% of those graduates attend college, and at least 60% of enrollees graduate from college.

OUR REACH – Houston & National

Today, Project GRAD Houston is at work in five feeder patterns of Houston ISD, serving 64 elementary, middle, and high schools with approximately 44,000 children. Nationally, Project GRAD is impacting the lives and futures of 135,000 students from 13 cities across the country.



OUR PROGRAM COMPONENTS

GRAD's core model focuses on ensuring: **college readiness** – through support of strong academic preparation PK through 12; **college access** – through additional resources for students and families that address the social, experiential, and economic needs, including a four-year, \$4,000 college scholarship; **college success** – through support systems that network mentors and peer leaders to college freshmen. Additionally, we offer our Fine Arts Program in the Davis feeder pattern only. Project GRAD has a proven track record nationwide in increasing high school graduation, college attendance, and college graduation rates for low-income students.

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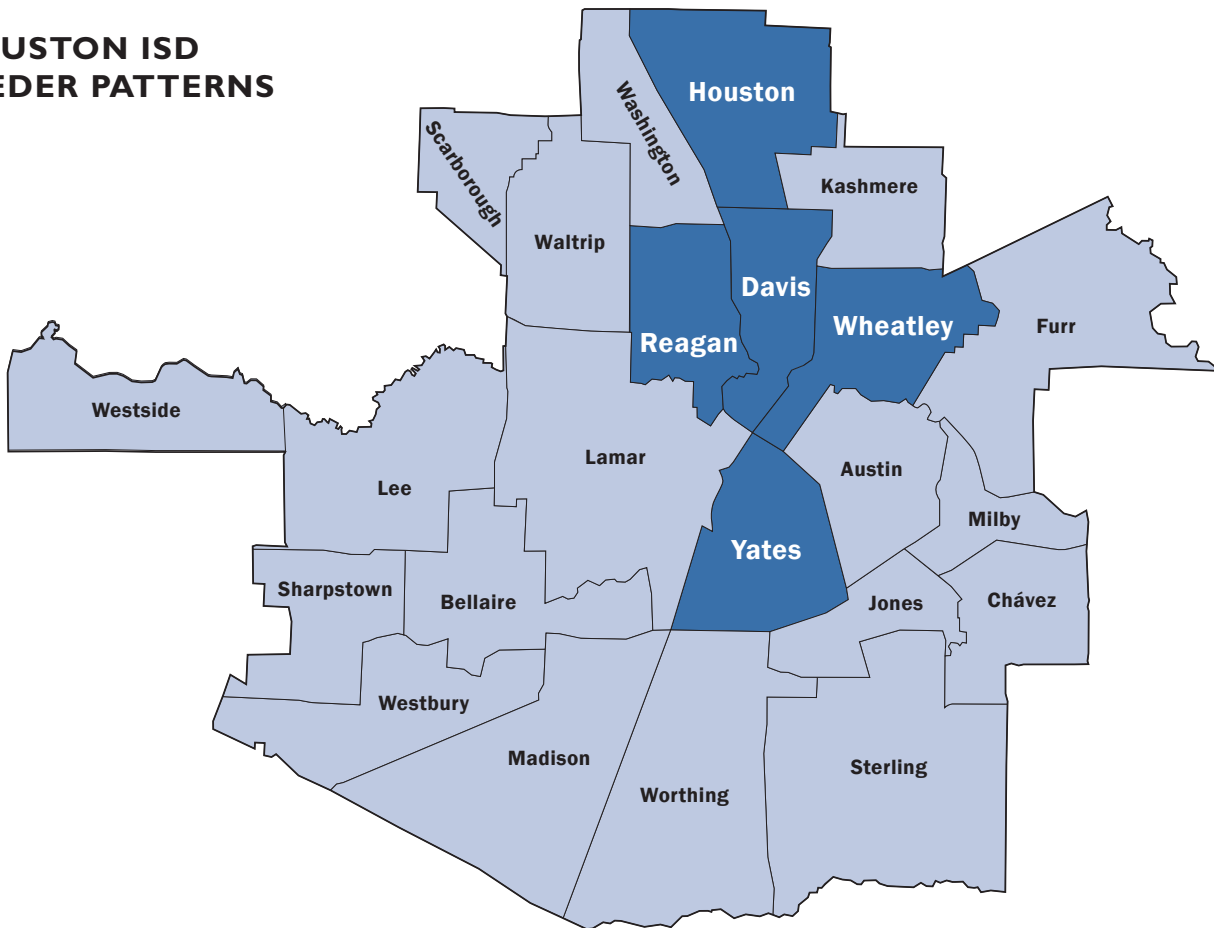
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ENROLLMENT COMPARISON OF PROJECT GRAD HOUSTON AND HISD

	African-American	Hispanic	Economically Disadvantaged	LEP	Special Ed.	Title 1	At Risk
Total GRAD	24%	73%	90%	33%	10%	100%	73%
HISD w/o GRAD	29%	58%	78%	30%	8%	91%	66%

HOUSTON ISD FEEDER PATTERNS



Davis Feeder Pattern	Sam Houston Feeder Pattern	Wheatley Feeder Pattern	Reagan Feeder Pattern	Yates Feeder Pattern
5,403 Students 9% African American 91% Hispanic 79% At Risk* 93% Free/Reduced Lunch	15,961 Students 6% African American 92% Hispanic 79% At Risk* 93% Free/Reduced Lunch	7,807 Students 38% African American 62% Hispanic 74% At Risk* 96% Free/Reduced Lunch	8,265 Students 7% African American 81% Hispanic 63% At Risk* 79% Free/Reduced Lunch	6,615 Students 84% African American 15% Hispanic 66% At Risk* 88% Free/Reduced Lunch

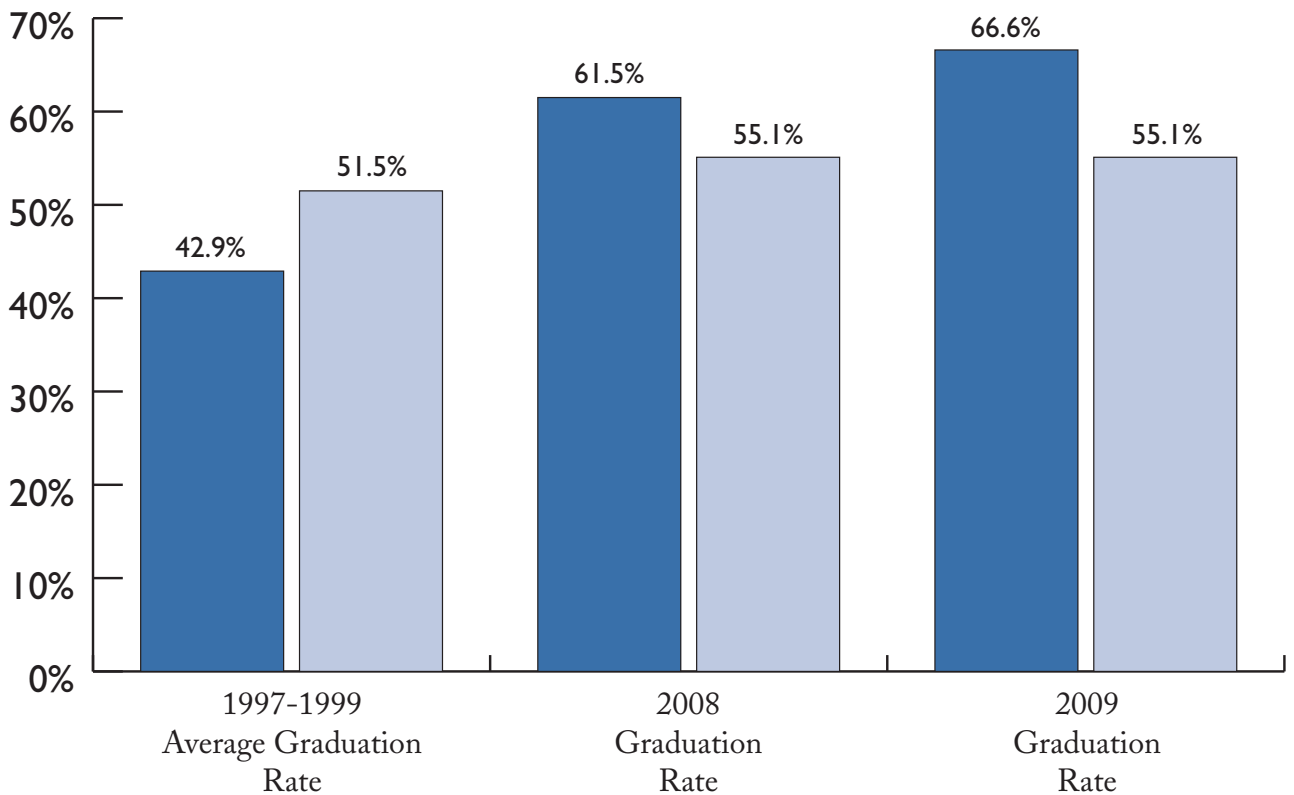
TOTALS

64 Schools: 5 High Schools, 1 Ninth Grade Center, 11 Middle Schools, 47 Elementary Schools
44,051 Students: 24% African American, 73% Hispanic, 73% At Risk*, 90% Free/Reduced Lunch



REGULAR COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

	1997-1999 Average Graduation Rate	2008 Graduation Rate	2009 Graduation Rate	Increase % Points	Percentage Increase
1st Four Project GRAD High Schools	42.9%	61.5%	66.6%	+23.7	55.2%
All Other Comprehensive High Schools	51.5%	55.1%	55.1%	+3.6	7.0%



■ 1st Four Project GRAD High Schools ■ All Other Comprehensive High Schools

- (1) Graduation rate calculated as the percentage of graduates to new 9th graders 3 years 9 months earlier.
- (2) A 3-year average is included because single years may vary.
- (3) 1994 was the first year that the number of "new" 9th graders was available; therefore, 1997 was the earliest that this calculation could be made.
- (4) The Project GRAD high schools are:
 - 1) Davis 1.3% White and Asian
 - 2) Yates 0.5% White and Asian
 - 3) Wheatley 0.7% White and Asian
 - 4) Reagan 4.7% White and Asian
 - 5) S. Houston 2.7% White and Asian
 and over 75% of students are classified economically disadvantaged by the State.



JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL			
For the Graduating Class of:	The GRAD Partnership Began in:	Yielding a Graduation Rate* of:	Rate of Improvement
1996-1997	10th grade	44.90%	46.70%
1997-1998	9th grade	50.94%	
1998-1999	8th grade	47.67%	
1999-2000	7th grade	53.52%	
2000-2001	6th grade	53.07%	
2001-2002	5th grade	53.63%	
2002-2003	4th grade	66.95%	
2003-2004	3rd grade	62.70%	
2004-2005	2nd grade	55.33%	
2005-2006	1st grade	54.21%	
2006-2007	Kindergarten	48.49%	
2007-2008	Pre-K	60.38%	
2008-2009	Pre-K	65.87%	

JACK YATES HIGH SCHOOL			
For the Graduating Class of:	The GRAD Partnership Began in:	Yielding a Graduation Rate* of:	Rate of Improvement
1996-1997	11th grade	47.70%	35.12%
1997-1998	10th grade	47.61%	
1998-1999	9th grade	44.62%	
1999-2000	8th grade	39.88%	
2000-2001	7th grade	37.76%	
2001-2002	6th grade	43.07%	
2002-2003	5th grade	53.08%	
2003-2004	4th grade	55.34%	
2004-2005	3rd grade	56.71%	
2005-2006	2nd grade	54.93%	
2006-2007	1st grade	60.52%	
2007-2008	Kindergarten	66.30%	
2008-2009	Pre-K	64.45%	

PHILLIS WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL			
For the Graduating Class of:	The GRAD Partnership Began in:	Yielding a Graduation Rate* of:	Rate of Improvement
1996-1997		27.17%	160.51%
1997-1998	12th grade	31.07%	
1998-1999	11th grade	31.05%	
1999-2000	10th grade	29.19%	
2000-2001	9th grade	34.38%	
2001-2002	8th grade	34.36%	
2002-2003	7th grade	34.56%	
2003-2004	6th grade	42.46%	
2004-2005	5th grade	57.32%	
2005-2006	4th grade	46.72%	
2006-2007	3rd grade	66.17%	
2007-2008	2nd grade	65.00%	
2008-2009	1st grade	70.78%	

JOHN REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL			
For the Graduating Class of:	The GRAD Partnership Began in:	Yielding a Graduation Rate* of:	Rate of Improvement
1996-1997		50.29%	29.69%
1997-1998		45.85%	
1998-1999		45.83%	
1999-2000		58.36%	
2000-2001	12th grade	49.92%	
2001-2002	11th grade	56.10%	
2002-2003	10th grade	58.81%	
2003-2004	9th grade	53.92%	
2004-2005	8th grade	66.27%	
2005-2006	7th grade	58.23%	
2006-2007	6th grade	52.61%	
2007-2008	5th grade	54.12%	
2008-2009	4th grade	65.22%	



**HISD HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES 2006–2009,
PERCENTAGE-POINT CHANGE, AND DEMOGRAPHICS
SORTED BY 2009 DROPOUT RATE**

Campus Name	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change	Economic Disadvantage	Hispanic	African American	White or Asian
Lamar HS	7.3	9.6	7.5	5.1	-2.2	42.0	32.5	29.0	38.2
Bellaire HS	5.4	7.8	6.5	6.2	0.8	28.0	28.6	14.8	56.5
Davis HS	18.0	18.5	8.5	8.3	-9.7	85.3	87.6	11.0	1.3
Washington BT HS	11.3	14.3	10.1	9.2	-2.1	69.2	17.6	79.4	2.8
Furr HS	11.1	30.1	10.8	9.4	-1.7	84.0	71.1	25.2	3.7
Reagan HS	18.9	24.7	14.6	9.8	-9.1	74.8	87.7	7.6	4.7
Westside HS	13.9	11.3	11.1	10.3	-3.6	41.3	29.3	31.6	38.9
Waltrip HS	12.3	18.9	12.1	10.3	-2.0	65.9	68.0	14.5	17.5
Scarborough HS	14.6	17.6	17.3	11.1	-3.5	79.0	60.4	28.6	10.9
Austin HS	16.4	22.6	15.9	12.6	-3.8	89.8	95.6	3.2	1.1
Sterling HS	12.7	16.1	16.9	13.4	0.7	75.6	24.8	73.6	1.4
Wheatley HS	23.9	23.1	16.7	13.6	-10.3	74.3	37.9	61.4	0.7
Milby HS	16.2	16.7	13.1	15.1	-1.1	73.3	94.1	3.9	2.0
Kashmere HS	29.1	42.4	37.9	15.6	-13.5	90.7	12.7	87.3	0.0
Yates HS	18.8	27.0	17.8	16.5	-2.3	66.2	9.4	90.2	0.5
Westbury HS	22.3	27.3	23.2	16.8	-5.5	66.0	43.3	48.7	8.1
Chavez HS	18.9	20.9	17.1	17.6	-1.3	80.7	83.4	11.6	4.8
Sam Houston HS	18.3	18.0	NA	NA	-0.3	78.1	92.8	4.4	2.7
Worthing HS	13.7	25.6	26.1	19.1	5.4	65.4	7.7	91.0	1.1
Madison HS	17.5	24.6	18.3	20.5	3.0	72.6	45.0	53.8	1.2
Jones HS	29.7	34.5	29.1	25.0	-4.7	75.2	30.0	69.4	0.6
Sharpstown HS	26.0	28.7	36.4	31.5	5.5	79.9	61.6	30.4	8.0
Lee HS	36.4	40.9	34.2	38.8	2.4	88.8	77.0	13.3	9.7

According to the Houston ISD "COMPLETION STATUS AND DROPOUT ANALYSIS: 2007–2008," dropouts are identified using the following procedure:

Students who enter the Texas public school system over the years are added to the class, and students who leave the system for reasons other than graduating, receiving a GED certificate, or dropping out, or who could not be tracked from year to year, are subtracted. A longitudinal dropout rate is the percentage of students from the same class who drop out before completing their high school education. Dropouts are counted according to the definitions in place the years they drop out. The definition changed in 2005–2006.

Note: Sam Houston ranking is based on 2007 rate since data is not available for this campus and year.

Sources: TEA, (July 2009), "Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools, 2007–08"; TEA, (August 2008), "Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools, 2006–07"; TEA, (August 2007), "Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools, 2005–06."



COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

AN ANALYSIS OF COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS

Annual College Enrollment: Pre-program (1)			Annual College Enrollment: Current 3-year Average (2)		
High School	Number of Students	% of Graduates	High School	Number of Students	% of Graduates
Davis HS	20	11%	Davis HS	77	30%
Yates HS	40	17%	Yates HS	82	36%
Wheatley HS	10	10%	Wheatley HS	43	24%
Reagan HS	NA	NA	Reagan HS	106	40%
Sam Houston HS	NA	NA	Sam Houston HS	81	24%
Combined		13%	Combined	389	31%

(1) Pre-program college enrollment data is based on the students requesting transcripts for college applications as reported by high school registrar. Each student enrollment was verified with college. Pre-program data is not available for Reagan or Sam Houston High Schools.
 (2) Current enrollment reflects the number of high school graduates who enroll in college with the Project GRAD scholarship during the academic year following their high school graduation.

COLLEGE GRADUATION

AN ANALYSIS OF COLLEGE GRADUATION PROJECT GRAD HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

	Number of Students Enrolled as College Freshmen	Number of Students Graduated from College or still enrolled	% of Freshmen
Graduating Classes 1992-2000 Davis HS	866	446	52%
Graduating Classes 1999-2003 Yates HS	601	206	34%
Combined	1,467	652	44%

Davis HS scholarships began with the 1992 graduating class, and Yates HS scholarships began with the 1999 graduating class.

Approximately 5,000 students have enrolled in college with the Project GRAD Houston scholarship. To date, more than 877 college graduates, with 1,050 students still enrolled in college in pursuit of either a 2-year or 4-year degree. Project GRAD's goal is to see that at least 60% of our college freshmen complete college.



College/University	Number of Students	College/University	Number of Students
Houston Community College	308	Hampton University	1
University of Houston-Downtown	191	Harvard University	1
University of Houston-Central	144	Howard Payne University	1
University of Texas-Austin	65	Howard University	1
Prairie View A&M University	55	Johnson & Wales University	1
Texas Southern University	45	Kilgore College	1
Sam Houston State University	35	Lee College	1
Texas A&M University-College Station	25	Long Island University	1
Lone Star College	14	Louisiana State University	1
University of Texas-San Antonio	14	McLennan Community College	1
San Jacinto College	11	Mesa Community College	1
Stephen F. Austin University	11	Montana State University	1
Texas State University-San Marcos	10	Morehouse College	1
Lamar University	9	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	1
DeVry University	6	Norwich University	1
University of Oklahoma	6	Oklahoma City University	1
University of St. Thomas	6	Oklahoma State University	1
Texas Tech University	5	Oral Roberts University	1
Huston-Tillotson University	4	Our Lady of the Lake University	1
Art Institute of Houston	3	Ranger College	1
Clark Atlanta University	3	Rice University	1
Houston Baptist University	3	South Plains College	1
Southern University-Baton Rouge	3	Southern Nazarene University	1
American Intercontinental University	2	St. Edwards University	1
Baylor University	2	Sul Ross University	1
Beloit College	2	Texas A&M International University	1
Fisk University	2	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	1
Jackson State University	2	Texas A&M University-Galveston	1
Lane College	2	Texas Lutheran University	1
Paul Quinn College	2	Tuskegee University	1
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	2	Universidad Salvadorena Alberto Masferrer	1
Texas Woman's University	2	University of Alabama	1
Wiley College	2	University of Evansville	1
Bacone College	2	University of Illinois At Chicago	1
Barry University	1	University of Mary	1
Bennett College	1	University of Minnesota	1
Blinn College	1	University of Phoenix	1
Collin College	1	University of Texas-Arlington	1
Cornell University	1	University of Texas-Dallas	1
Dallas County Community College	1	University of Texas-Pan American	1
Dillard University	1	University of the Incarnate Word	1
Grambling State University	1	University of the Southwest	1
Goucher College	1	Wayland Baptist University	1

Total College Enrolled Scholars, Active Scholarships = 1,050

Note: An additional 252 Scholars have yet to renew, and follow up efforts continue.



College/University	Number of Graduates	College/University	Number of Graduates
University of Houston-Downtown	292	Duke University	1
Houston Community College	108	Drexel University	1
University of Houston-Central	84	East Texas Baptist University	1
Texas Southern University	80	Escuela Normal Superior de Mexico	1
Prairie View A&M University	46	Frank Phillips College	1
University of Texas-Austin	38	Grahm's College	1
Sam Houston State University	33	Houston Baptist University	1
Texas A&M University-College Station	26	Hutchinson College	1
University of St. Thomas	16	Johnson & Wales University	2
Texas State University-San Marcos	13	Kalamazoo College	1
San Jacinto Community College	10	Keiser College-Ft. Lauderdale	1
Stephen F. Austin University	6	Knox College	1
Clark Atlanta University	5	Lone Star College	1
Grambling State University	4	Los Angeles State University	1
Huston-Tillotson College	4	Manhattan College	1
Lamar University	4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Rice University	4	Morehouse College	1
University of Virginia	4	National University	1
Dillard University	3	Navarro College	1
Jackson State University	2	Panola College	1
Our Lady of the Lake University	3	Park University	1
Southern University	3	Phillip University	1
Texas Women's University	3	Princeton University	1
Art Institute of Houston	2	Southwestern Assemblies of God	1
Baylor University	2	Spelman College	1
Cisco Junior College	2	St. Mary University	1
Cornell University	2	Stillman College	1
Hampton University	2	Tennessee State University	1
Howard University	2	Texas A&M University-Galveston	1
Kilgore College	2	Texas A & M University-Kingsville	1
Paul Quinn College	2	Texas A & M-International University	1
Texas College	2	Texas State University	1
Texas Tech University	2	The Academy of Health Care Professions	1
Tuskegee University	2	Treasure Village College	1
University of Houston-Clear Lake	2	Tufts University	1
University of Miami	2	Univeristy of Texas-Houston	1
University of Texas-San Antonio	2	Universidad Nacional Autonoma	1
Wiley College	2	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1
Abilene Christian University	1	University of Colorado	1
Alvin Community College	1	University of Louisiana Lafayette	1
Art Institute of Atlanta	1	University of North Texas	1
Austin College	1	University of Texas-Arlington	1
Barry University	1	University of Texas-Dallas	1
Bethune-Cookman University	1	University of Texas-Medical Branch at Galveston	1
Blinn College	1	University of Texas-Pan America	1
Bowdoin College	1	Washington University	1
California State University-Los Angeles	1	Westmar University	1
Colgate University	1	Wilson College	1
Columbia University	1	Xavier University	1

Total Graduates = 882