

Urban Public Schools

Houston's public schools offer an excellent opportunity for children to study and learn.

SELECTED URBAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS							
	Alief	Deer Park	Galena Park	Houston	Pasadena	Spring Branch	
Location	S.W.	E.	E.	C.	E.	W.	
Enrollment ⁵	42,227	13,152	22,511	214,891	55,893	35,246	
Expenditures per Pupil ⁶	\$10,899	\$17,403	\$10,517	\$14,731	\$11,630	\$12,090	
Students per Teacher ⁵	14.2	16.0	16.0	18.5	14.9	16.1	
Completion Rate ²	92.5%	90.2%	89.7%	82.0%	89.4%	90.8 %	
Economically Disadvantaged ³	80.4%	43.9%	79.9%	76.5%	76.4%	55.8%	
Advanced Courses ⁴	29.8%	31.2%	36.4%	38.4%	27.7%	35.1%	
Avg. Test Scores ¹	SAT	1300	1435	1295	1251	1316	1477
	ACT	18.8	20.9	17.8	20.8	19.2	23.0
Percentage Taking SAT/ACT ¹	65.7%	43.6%	48.2%	97.3%	53.5%	85.5%	
¹ Class of 2015. ² Percent of students in class of beginning 9 th graders who complete their high school education by anticipated graduation date (2015). ³ Percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch or other public assistance in the 2015-2016 academic year. ⁴ Percent of high school students taking advanced classes in the 2014-2015 academic year. ⁵ 2015-2016 academic year ⁶ 2014-2015 academic year							
Source: Texas Education Agency, 2015-2016 Texas Academic Performance Report							

- Nineteen public school districts lie entirely or partly within Harris County. The nine surrounding counties contain another 42 districts.
- The core curriculum taught in Texas public schools consists of classes in English language arts, reading, mathematics, science and social studies. Additional courses are taught in foreign languages, fine arts, health, physical education and technology applications. Career-oriented courses are also available in agricultural science, business, health sciences, home economics, industrial technology education and marketing.
- Statewide Learning Support includes Career and Technical Education, Character Education, Credit by Examination, Health and Safety, Innovative Courses, Mathematics and Reading Academies, School Guidance and Counseling, Texas Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Support Programs, Technology, Texas Virtual School Network