

MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members

FROM: Terry B. Grier, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools


SUBJECT: **GRADUATES BY TYPE OF DIPLOMA FOR 2008–2009 AND 2009–2010**

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In an effort to keep you informed about graduates of the Houston Independent School District (HISD), attached is the Graduate Report for 2008–2009 and 2009–2010. The report includes graduates by type of diploma and ethnicity for HISD and the State of Texas. Additionally, this report includes graduates by type of diploma at HISD schools for 2009–2010.

The report tables show the percentages of students graduating with the different diplomas and the percentages of graduates based on the fall 12th grade enrollment for each year. This is a different rate calculation than the four-year longitudinal graduation rate following ninth graders for four years. Bar graphs are provided to compare the district and state graduation percentages for the last two years.

Should you have any further questions or require any further information, please contact me or Carla Stevens, Department of Research and Accountability.



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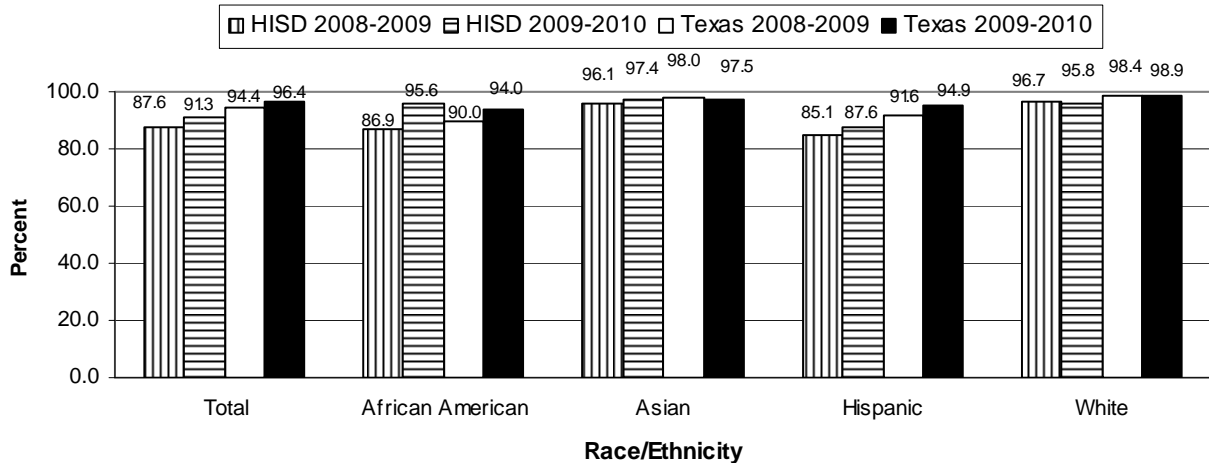
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HISD and Texas Percentage of Seniors Graduating by Race/Ethnicity, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

This chart presents the percentages of seniors graduating within each subgroup. Percentages were calculated by dividing the number of graduates within a subgroup by the number of 12th grade students in the same subgroup. The number of 12th grade students was based on the PEIMS fall enrollment. Data were taken from the “Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010” table found on page 4 of this report.



Note: Percentages based on fall 12th grade enrollment and graduation status.

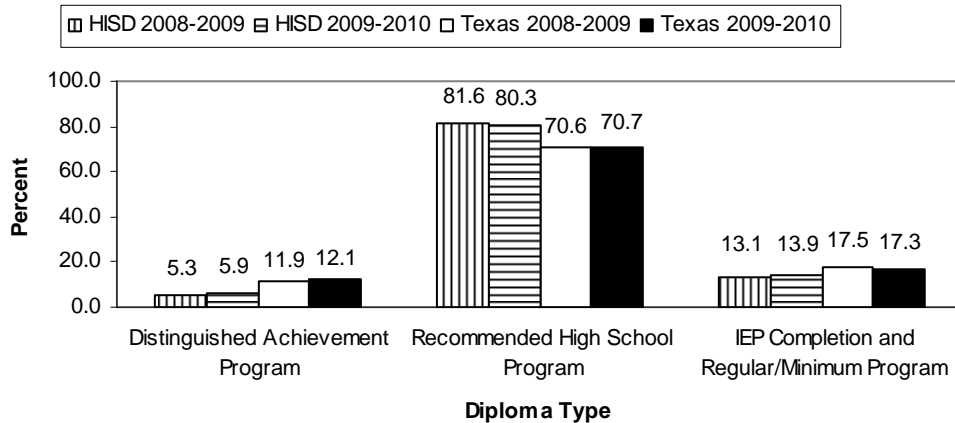
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- HISD showed increases in the total percentage of seniors graduating and the percentages of African American, Asian, and Hispanic seniors graduating from 2008–2009 to 2009–2010. There was a slight decline in the percentage of White students graduating. Texas experienced increases in the percentage of African American, Hispanic, and White students graduating and a slight decrease in the percentage of Asian graduates.
- In 2008–2009, the percentages of HISD seniors graduating ranged from 96.7 percent for White students to 85.1 percent for Hispanic students. Texas percentages ranged from 98.4 percent for White to 90.0 percent for the African American subgroup. In 2009–2010, the percentages of HISD seniors graduating ranged from 97.0 percent for Asian students to 87.6 percent for Hispanic students. Texas percentages ranged from 98.9 percent for White students to 94.0 percent for African American students.

HISD and Texas Diplomas by Type and Year

The percentages of diplomas by type in this chart were calculated on the basis of all graduates. Data were taken from the “Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010” table found on page 4 of this report.

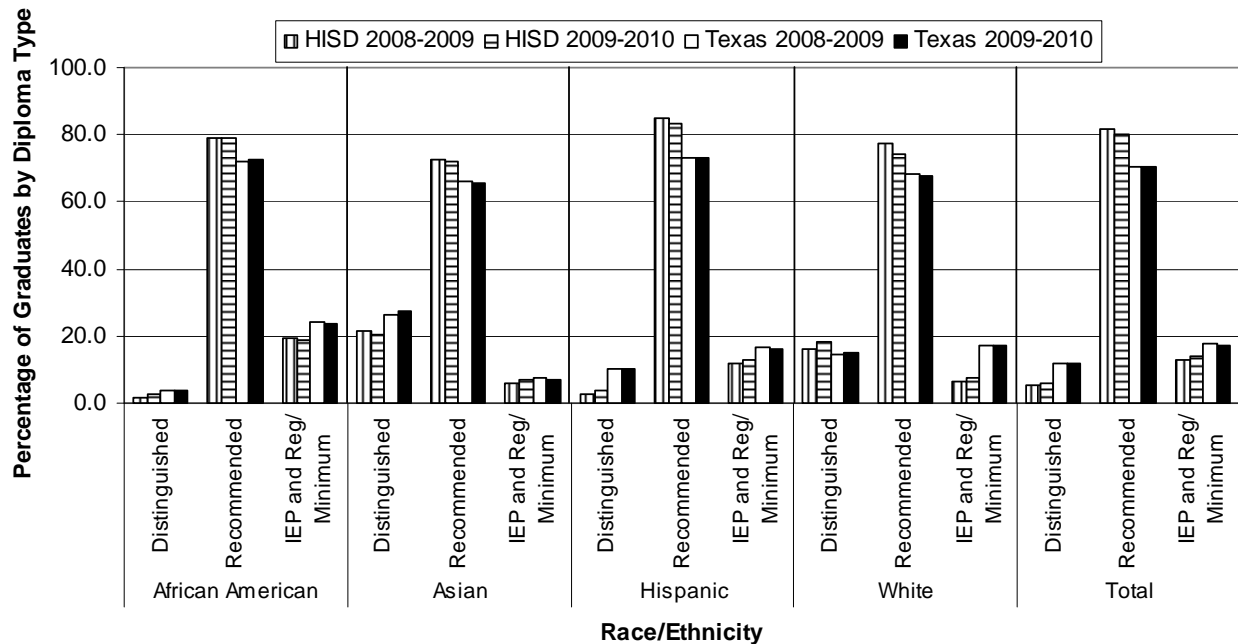


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- The largest percentage of HISD and Texas graduates received Recommended High School Program diplomas, followed by the IEP and Regular/Minimum Graduation, and the Distinguished Achievement Program diplomas in 2008–2009 and 2000–2010.
- The percentage of Texas graduates receiving Distinguished Achievement Program diplomas exceeded HISD by 6.6 percentage points in 2008–2009 and 6.2 percentage points in 2009–2010. However, the percentage of HISD graduates earning either the Distinguished Achievement Program or the Recommended High School Program diploma exceeded the state by 4.4 percentage points in 2008–2009 and by 3.4 percentage points in 2009–2010.
- The percentage of HISD graduates receiving Distinguished Achievement Program diplomas increased by 0.6 percentage point from 2008–2009 to 2009–2010, whereas the percentage of Texas graduates only increased 0.2 percentage point.
- The percentage of HISD graduates receiving Recommended High School Program diplomas decreased by 1.3 percentage points from 2008–2009 to 2009–2010, while the percentage of Texas graduates increased 0.1 percentage point since the previous year. The percentage of HISD graduates earning IEP Completion and Regular/Minimum Program diplomas increased 0.7 percentage point since the previous year, and the percentage of Texas graduates decreased 0.2 percentage point.

HISD and Texas Graduates by Type of Diploma and Race/Ethnicity, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

The percentages of diplomas by type within each subgroup are presented in this chart. Together, the percentages of the three types of diplomas total 100 percent of the graduating students in a subgroup. Data were taken from the “Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010” table found on page 4 of this report.



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- Across all subgroups, the highest percentage of students earned the Recommended High School Program diploma over the other types of diplomas offered for HISD and Texas. In HISD, Hispanics experienced the highest rate earning this diploma type in 2008–2009 and 2009–2010 (85.1 and 83.2 percent respectively). These rates exceeded the statewide levels during the same two periods for Hispanic students (73.1 percent for both years). From 2008–2009 to 2009–2010, the percentage of HISD White students receiving Recommended High School program diplomas decreased 3.2 percentage points while the remaining student groups experienced declines of 0.3–1.9 percentage points. Over this same period of time, the percentage of Texas African American students receiving this diploma type increased while the percentage of Asian and White students receiving this diploma type decreased.
- From 2008–2009 to 2009–2010, the percentage of HISD students receiving Distinguished Achievement Program diplomas increased for African American, Hispanic, and White students. At the state level increases were observed for Asian, Hispanic, and White students. The largest increase in HISD, 1.7 percentage points, occurred among White students compared to the state’s largest increase of 1.0 percentage point by Asian students.
- The subgroup with the largest percentage of HISD and Texas graduates receiving an IEP Completion or Regular/Minimum Graduation diploma was the African American student group for both 2008–2009 (19.3 and 24.3 percent respectively) and 2009–2010 (18.6 and 23.6 percent respectively).

Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

HISD	Type of Diploma	Ethnicity							
		Count	African American	Asian/Pac.Isl.	Hispanic	American Ind/Alaskan Native	White	Two or More	Total
2009-2010	Distinguished Achievement	Count	72	86	184	<5	182	10	535
		%	2.6	20.6	3.8		18.1	16.1	5.9
	Recommended High School Pgm	Count	2,198	302	4,007	25	746	42	7,320
		%	78.9	72.2	83.2	92.6	74.2	67.7	80.3
	Completion of Indiv Educ Plan and Regular/ Minimum	Count	517	30	628	<5	77	10	1,263
		%	18.6	7.2	13.0		7.7	16.1	13.9
	HISD Total Graduates	Count	2,787	418	4,819	27	1,005	62	9,118
	12th Grade Fall Enrollment	Count	2,915	429	5,501	34	1,049	61	9,989
		%	95.6	97.4	87.6	79.4	95.8	101.6	91.3
	2008-2009	Distinguished Achievement	Count	39	96	128	2	189	-
		%	1.5	21.4	2.9	40.0	16.4	-	5.3
Recommended High School Pgm		Count	2,063	327	3,731	3	892	-	7,016
		%	79.2	72.8	85.1	60.0	77.4	-	81.6
Completion of Indiv Educ Plan and Regular/ Minimum		Count	503	26	524	0	72	-	1,125
		%	19.3	5.8	12.0	0.0	6.2	-	13.1
HISD Total Graduates		Count	2,605	449	4,383	5	1,153	-	8,595
12th Grade Fall Enrollment		Count	2,999	467	5,152	5	1,192	-	9,815
		%	86.9	96.1	85.1	100.0	96.7	-	87.6
Texas									
2009-2010	Distinguished Achievement	Count	1,410	2,806	12,512	105	16,537	527	33,897
		%	3.8	27.2	10.5	7.2	15.2	13.8	12.1
	Recommended High School Pgm	Count	26,840	6,784	87,309	1,014	73,588	2,697	198,232
		%	72.6	65.7	73.1	69.8	67.8	70.8	70.7
	Completion of Indiv Educ Plan and Regular/Minimum	Count	8,738	740	19,544	333	18,452	584	48,391
		%	23.6	7.2	16.4	22.9	17.0	15.3	17.3
	Texas Total Graduates	Count	36,988	10,330	119,365	1,452	108,577	3,808	280,520
	12th Grade Fall Enrollment	Count	39,357	10,599	125,814	1,526	109,745	3,841	290,882
		%	94.0	97.5	94.9	95.2	98.9	99.1	96.4
	2008-2009	Distinguished Achievement	Count	1,355	2,736	10,790	107	16,376	-
		%	3.8	26.2	10.3	11.1	14.6	-	11.9
Recommended High School Pgm		Count	25,868	6,927	76,683	655	76,465	-	186,598
		%	71.9	66.2	73.1	68.2	68.3	-	70.6
Completion of Indiv Educ Plan and Regular/Minimum		Count	8,759	799	17,381	199	19,175	-	46,313
		%	24.3	7.6	16.6	20.7	17.1	-	17.5
Texas Total Graduates		Count	35,982	10,462	104,854	961	112,016	-	264,275
12th Grade Fall Enrollment		Count	39,991	10,676	114,518	988	113,871	-	280,044
		%	90.0	98.0	91.6	97.3	98.4	-	94.4

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HISD Graduates by School and Type of Diploma, 2009-2010

School	Distinguished Achievement Program	Recommended High School Program	IEP Completion and Regular/Minimum Program	All Diploma Types
Advanced Vir Acad at Scarborough	0	9	5	14
Austin HS	0	392	28	420
Bellaire HS	126	484	94	704
Carnegie Vanguard HS	20	59	0	79
Carter Career Center	0	7	6	13
CEP SE	0	0	1	1
Challenge HS	95	6	1	102
Chavez HS	0	462	78	540
CLC HS	0	75	60	135
Community Services	0	0	3	3
Davis HS	0	277	46	323
DeBakey HS	53	136	0	189
East Early College HS	8	47	1	56
Eastwood Academy	26	34	0	60
Empowerment College Prep HS	14	4	0	18
Furr HS	1	105	44	150
Harper	0	0	5	5
HCC Life Skills	0	0	14	14
Hope Academy	0	9	3	12
Houston International HS	13	24	1	38
Houston Math/Sci./Tech. Center	0	380	51	431
HS Bus & Eco Success	0	31	5	36
HSLECJ	9	109	4	122
HSPVA	0	146	1	147
Jones HS	0	83	25	108
Jordan HS	3	217	50	270
Kashmere HS	0	58	29	87
Lamar HS	128	466	27	621
Leader's Academy HS	0	68	3	71
Lee HS	0	249	36	285
Liberty HS	0	50	0	50
Madison HS	0	351	33	384
Milby HS	0	334	60	394
Mount Carmel Academy	0	35	2	37
New Aspirations HS	0	7	11	18
REACH HS	0	2	103	105
Reagan HS	0	297	51	348
Rogers, T. H. MS	0	0	4	4
Scarborough HS	0	116	27	143
Sharpstown HS	0	234	17	251
Soar Center	0	0	7	7
Sterling HS	0	154	36	190
Waltrip HS	1	281	59	341
Washington HS	0	160	28	188
Westbury HS	0	301	32	333
Westside HS	36	514	50	600
Wheatley HS	2	186	44	232
Worthing HS	0	167	49	216

HISD Graduates by School and Type of Diploma, 2009-2010 (continued)

School	Distinguished Achievement Program	Recommended High School Program	IEP Completion and Regular/Minimum Program	All Diploma Types
Yates HS	0	194	29	223
Totals	535	7,320	1,263	9,118

Source: PEIMS Graduate File 2009–2010 Fall Collection, Resubmission