

MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: **GRADUATES BY TYPE OF DIPLOMA FOR 2006–2007 AND 2007–2008**

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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 2006–2007 and 2007–2008. 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 2007–2008.

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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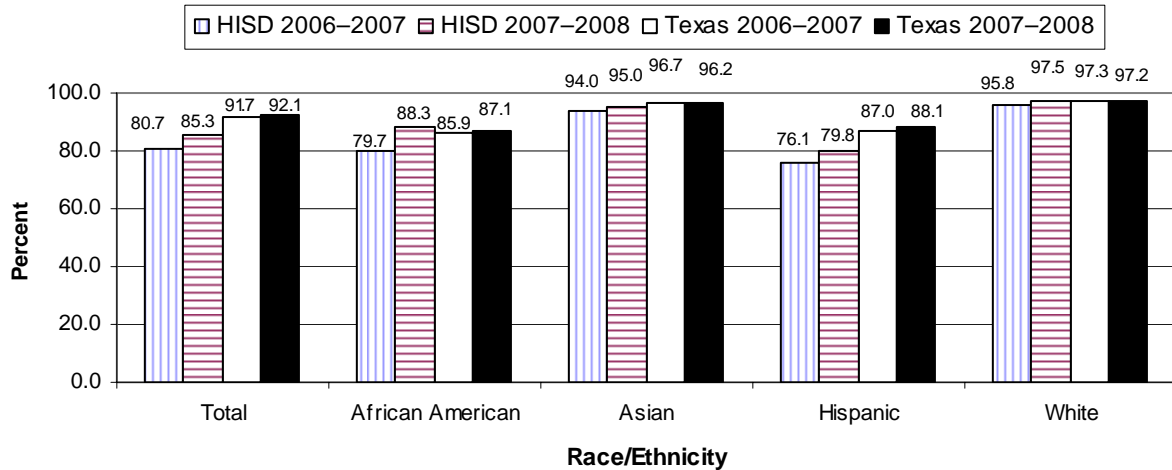
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HISD and Texas Percentage of Seniors Graduating by Race/Ethnicity, 2006–2007 and 2007–2008

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, 2006–2007 and 2007–2008” table found on page 4 of this report.



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

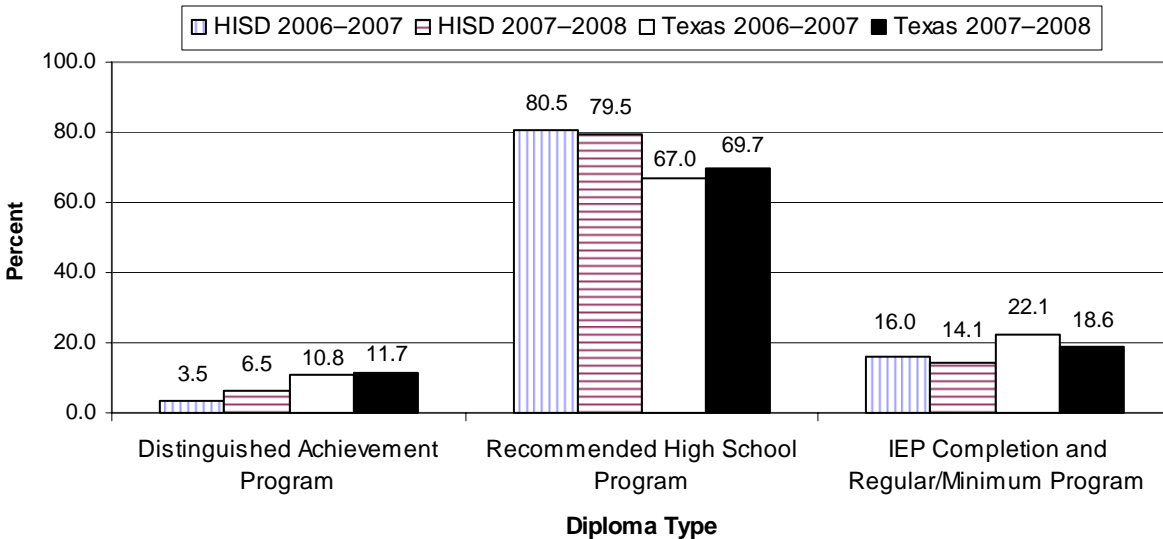
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- HISD showed increases in the total percentage of seniors graduating and the percentages of each student subgroup displayed above from 2006–2007 to 2007–2008. Conversely, Texas experienced a slight decline in the percentage of Asian and White students graduating.
- In 2006–2007, the percentages of HISD seniors graduating ranged from 95.8 percent for White students to 76.1 percent for Hispanic students. Texas percentages ranged from 97.3 percent for White to 85.9 percent for the African American subgroup. In 2007–2008, the percentages of HISD seniors graduating ranged from 97.5 percent for White students to 79.8 percent for Hispanic students. Texas percentages ranged from 97.2 percent for White students to 87.1 percent for African American students.
- Increases in the percentages of HISD seniors graduating ranged from 8.6 percentage points for African American students to 1.0 percentage point for Asian students. At the state level, increases of 1.2 and 1.1 percentage points were realized for African American and Hispanic students, respectively. A decrease in the percentages of HISD seniors graduating was not present for any of these student groups. However, Texas decreases in the percentage of seniors graduating ranged from 0.1 percentage point for White students to a decline of 0.5 percentage point for Asian 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. Individual Educational Plan (IEP) Completion and Regular/Minimum Graduation results were combined at the state level by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for 2005–2006 and beyond. Results are aggregated in this report to allow for comparisons between HISD and the state across years. Data were taken from the “Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2006–2007 and 2007–2008” table found on page 4 of this report.

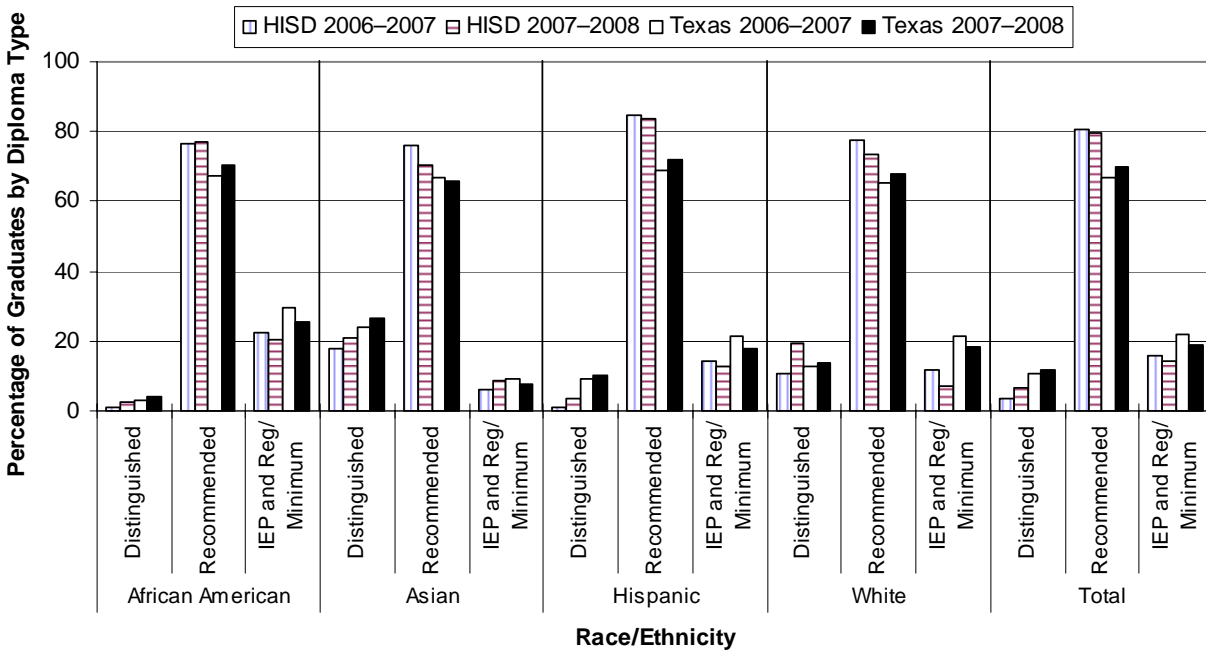


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- The largest percentage of HISD and Texas graduates received Recommended High School Program diplomas, followed by the IEP and Regular/Minimum Graduation, and the Distinguished Achievement Program diplomas in 2006–2007 and 2007–2008.
- The percentage of Texas graduates receiving Distinguished Achievement Program Diplomas exceeded HISD by 7.3 percentage points in 2006–2007 and 5.2 percentage points in 2007–2008. However, the percentage of HISD graduates earning either the Distinguished Achievement Program or the Recommended High School Program diploma exceeded the state by 6.2 percentage points in 2006–2007 and by 4.6 percentage points in 2007–2008.
- The percentage of HISD graduates receiving Distinguished Achievement Program diplomas increased by 3.0 percentage points from 2006–2007 to 2007–2008, whereas the percentage of Texas graduates only increased 0.9 percentage point.
- The percentage of HISD graduates receiving Recommended High School Program diplomas decreased by 1.0 percentage point from 2006–2007 to 2007–2008, while the percentage of Texas graduates increased 2.7 percentage points since the previous year. The percentage of HISD graduates earning IEP Completion and Regular/Minimum Program diplomas decreased 1.9 percentage points since the previous year, and the percentage of Texas graduates decreased 3.5 percentage points.

HISD and Texas Graduates by Type of Diploma and Race/Ethnicity, 2006–2007 and 2007–2008

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. IEP Completion and Regular/Minimum Graduation results were combined at the state level by TEA for 2006–2007 and 2007–2008. Therefore, district results have been aggregated in this report to make comparisons between HISD and the state across years. Data were taken from the “Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2006–2007 and 2007–2008” 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 2006–2007 and 2007–2008 (84.8 and 83.8 percent respectively). These rates exceeded the statewide levels during the same period (69.0 and 71.9 percent). From 2006–2007 to 2007–2008, the percentage of HISD African American students receiving Recommended High School program diplomas increased 0.7 percentage point while the remaining student groups experienced a decline of 1.0–5.4 percentage points. Over this same period of time, the percentage of Texas African American, Hispanic, and White students receiving this diploma type increased while the percentage of Asian students receiving this diploma type decreased.
- From 2006–2007 to 2007–2008, the percentage of HISD and Texas students receiving Distinguished Achievement Program diploma increased for each of the displayed student groups. The largest increase in HISD, 8.3 percentage points, occurred among White students compared to the state’s largest increase of 2.4 percentage points 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 2006–2007 (22.7 and 29.6 percent respectively) and 2007–2008 (20.3 and 25.5 percent respectively).

Houston Independent School District and Texas Total Graduates by Type of Diploma and Ethnicity, 2006–2007 and 2007–2008

HISD	Type of Diploma		Ethnicity					Total	
			African American	Asian	Hispanic	Native American	White		
2007–2008	Distinguished Achievement	Count	68	84	141	0	222	515	
		%	2.7	20.9	3.6	0.0	19.1	6.5	
	Recommended High School Program	Count	1,943	283	3,257	3	854	6,340	
		%	77.0	70.4	83.8	100.0	73.6	79.5	
	Completion of Indiv Education Plan and Regular/Minimum	Count	512	35	490	0	84	1,121	
		%	20.3	8.7	12.6	0.0	7.2	14.1	
	HISD Total Graduates		Count	2,523	402	3,888	3	1,160	7,976
	12th Grade Fall Enrollment	Count	2,856	423	4,873	5	1,190	9,347	
%		88.3	95.0	79.8	60.0	97.5	85.3		
2006–2007	Distinguished Achievement	Count	23	76	41	0	128	268	
		%	1.0	18.0	1.1	0.0	10.8	3.5	
	Recommended High School Program	Count	1,842	320	3,061	9	919	6,151	
		%	76.3	75.8	84.8	90.0	77.4	80.5	
	Completion of Indiv Education Plan and Regular/Minimum	Count	549	26	509	1	141	1,226	
		%	22.7	6.2	14.1	10.0	11.9	16.0	
	HISD Total Graduates		Count	2,414	422	3,611	10	1,188	7,645
	12th Grade Fall Enrollment	Count	3,030	449	4,748	11	1,240	9,478	
%		79.7	94.0	76.1	90.9	95.8	80.7		
Texas									
2007–2008	Distinguished Achievement	Count	1,411	2,581	9,727	105	15,597	29,421	
		%	4.2	26.5	10.3	11.1	13.8	11.7	
	Recommended High School Program	Count	23,822	6,405	67,960	630	76,884	175,701	
		%	70.3	65.7	71.9	66.7	68.0	69.7	
	Completion of Indiv Education Plan and Regular/Minimum	Count	8,640	764	16,884	209	20,502	46,999	
		%	25.5	7.8	17.9	22.1	18.1	18.6	
	HISD Total Graduates		Count	33,873	9,750	94,571	944	112,983	252,121
	12th Grade Fall Enrollment	Count	38,880	10,132	107,405	964	116,225	273,606	
%		87.1	96.2	88.1	97.9	97.2	92.1		
2006–2007	Distinguished Achievement	Count	1,027	2,318	8,101	77	14,540	26,063	
		%	3.2	24.1	9.4	8.7	13.0	10.8	
	Recommended High School Program	Count	21,592	6,423	59,607	585	73,500	161,707	
		%	67.2	66.7	69.0	66.3	65.5	67.0	
	Completion of Indiv Education Plan and Regular/Minimum	Count	9,520	884	18,624	220	24,175	53,423	
		%	29.6	9.2	21.6	24.9	21.5	22.1	
	HISD Total Graduates		Count	32,139	9,625	86,332	882	112,215	241,193
	12th Grade Fall Enrollment	Count	37,424	9,953	99,288	906	115,334	262,905	
%		85.9	96.7	87.0	97.4	97.3	91.7		

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HISD Graduates by School and Type of Diploma, 2007–2008

School	Distinguished Achievement Program	Recommended High School Program	IEP Completion and Regular/Minimum Program	All Diploma Types
Accelerated Learning & Transition Academy	0	85	1	86
Stephen Austin High School	0	306	25	331
Bellaire High School	150	434	120	704
Carnegie Vanguard High School	11	60	0	71
Howard Carter Career Center	0	7	7	14
Challenge High School	36	19	3	58
Cesar Chávez High School	19	356	34	409
Community Services Alternative School	0	1	2	3
Contemporary Learning Center High School	0	40	32	72
Jefferson Davis High School	0	213	44	257
Michael DeBakey High School For Health Professions	22	124	0	146
Eastwood Academy for Academic Achievement	22	36	1	59
Ebbert Furr High School	0	80	61	141
Frances Harper Alternative School	0	0	7	7
High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	5	152	0	157
High School for the Performing and Visual Arts	9	159	2	170
Houston Community College Life Skills	0	0	12	12
Sam Houston High School	1	258	65	324
Jesse Jones High School	0	118	15	133
Barbara Jordan High School for Careers	12	175	34	221
Kashmere High School	0	50	31	81
Mirabeau Lamar High School	198	539	30	767
Leader's Academy	0	17	0	17
Robert E. Lee High School	0	206	20	226
Liberty High School	0	21	0	21
James Madison High School	4	284	47	335
Charles Milby High School	2	364	42	408
New Aspirations	0	2	3	5
REACH Charter High School	0	3	59	62
John Reagan High School	0	247	16	263
T. H. Rogers Middle School	0	0	8	8
S.O.A.R.	0	0	9	9
George Scarborough High School	0	114	28	142
Sharpstown High School	4	164	23	191
Ross Sterling High School	0	107	47	154
Stephen Waltrip High School	0	253	52	305
Booker T. Washington High School	2	103	76	181
Westbury High School	0	307	39	346
Westside High School	17	502	14	533
Phillis Wheatley High School	0	143	39	182
Evan Worthing High School	1	99	27	127
Jack Yates High School	0	192	46	238
Total	515	6,340	1,121	7,976

Source: PEIMS Graduate File 2008–2009 Fall Collection, Resubmission.