

Report of 2015-2016 High School Graduates' Enrollment and Academic Performance in Texas Public Higher Education in FY 2017

Texas statute requires every school district to include, with their performance report, information received under Texas Education Code §51.403(e). This information, provided to districts from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), reports on student performance in postsecondary institutions during the first year enrolled after graduation from high school.

Student performance is measured by the Grade Point Average (GPA) earned by 2015-2016 high school graduates who attended public four-year and two-year higher education in FY 2017. The data is presented alphabetically for each county, school district and high school. The bookmarks can be used to select the first letter of a county. Then the user can scroll down to the desired county, school district and high school.

For each student, the grade points and college-level semester credit hours earned by a student in fall 2016, spring 2017, and summer 2017 are added together and averaged to determine the GPA. These GPAs are accumulated in a range of five categories from < 2.0 to > 3.5. If a GPA could not be calculated for some reason, that student is placed in the "Unknown" column. GPA data is only available for students attending public higher education institutions in Texas. If a high school has fewer than five students attending four-year or two-year public higher education institutions, the number of students is shown but no GPA breakout is given. If a student attended both a four-year and a two-year institution in FY 2017, the student's GPA is shown in the type of institution where the most semester credit hours were earned.

The number of students located at Texas independent institutions is presented. Also shown are "not trackable" graduates, those with non-standard ID numbers that cannot be used to match student identifiers at Texas higher education institutions. "Not found" graduates have standard ID numbers but were not located in FY 2017 at Texas higher education institutions. They might have enrolled in higher education outside of Texas.

No data is given for high schools with 25 or fewer graduates.

Because the statute calls for data on the first year enrolled after graduation, the level of the institution attended by students in this report may not match that given in THECB's high school to college report at <http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/HSCollLink>. That report shows where students attended in the fall semester after their high school graduation year. This report attributes students to the level of institution where they earned the most semester credit hours during the whole academic year, not just the fall semester.

Please note: In May 2012 the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 versions of the *Report of High School Graduates' Enrollment and Academic Performance in Texas Public Higher Education* were updated to reflect a minor correction in how the GPA data are distributed across ranges.