

Current Education Opportunity in Texas And The Need for Parent Empowerment

Students should graduate high school ready for college, a career, or the military. To achieve this goal, collaboration between parents and teachers is crucial. Parents must be given transparency, quality educational options, respect, and the ability to choose what is best for their children.

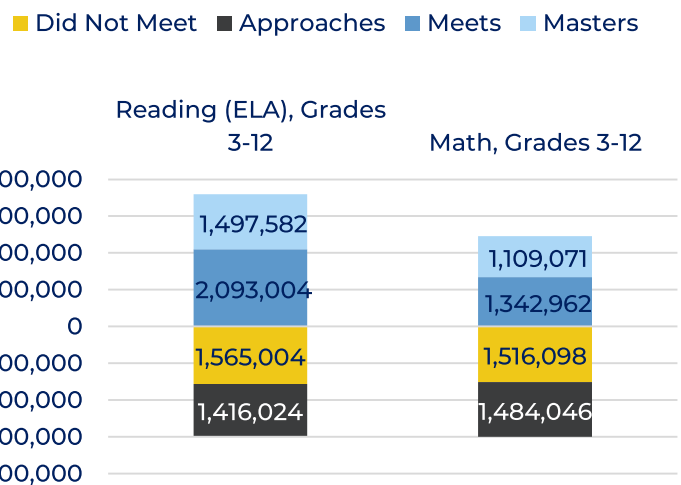
Educational Quality in Texas, 2024-2025 School Year

Reading and math proficiency is one key sign of quality. Of all students in Texas ISDs:

- 2,981,028 (45.4%) are below grade level in Reading (ELA), and
- 3,000,144 (55.0%) are below grade level in Mathematics.

Students at Approaches or Did Not Meet will need targeted intervention to succeed in the next grade. Statewide, 97% of students who fall behind do not catch up.

Students on Grade Level in Texas
Schools, 2024-25 School Year

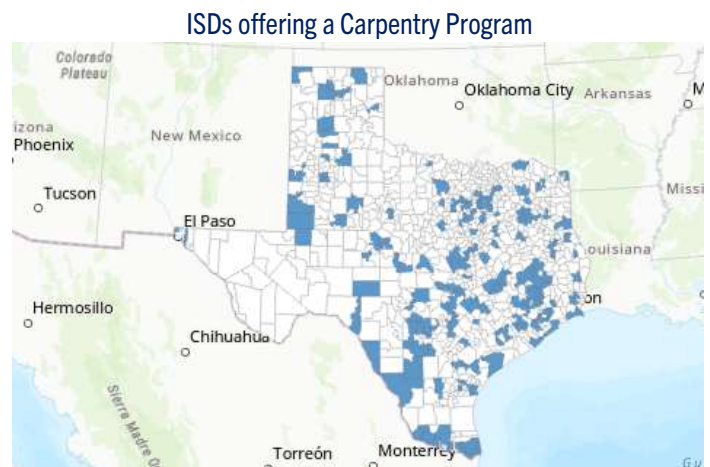


Note: Data from Texas Education Agency.

Workforce Opportunities and Development in Texas

All Workforce Development Areas		
In-Demand Trade	Jobs Open Each Year	ISD Completers
Carpentry	7,866	1,400
Electrical	15,602	403
Automotive	2,406	1,102
Top 3 Total	25,874	2,905

Note: Data from Texas Workforce Commission.



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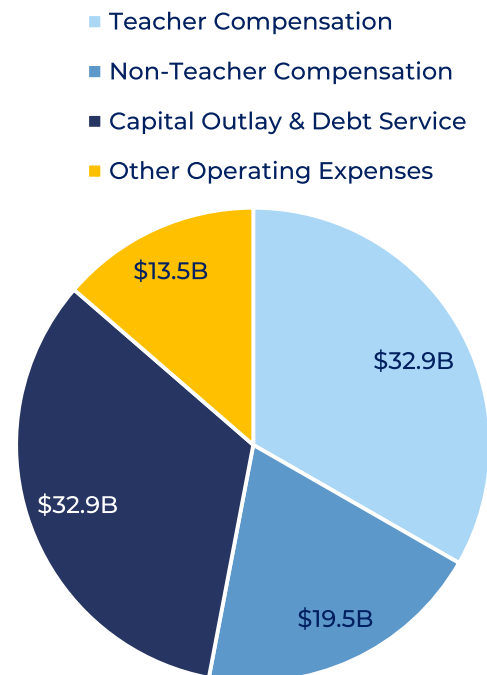
School District Expenditures in Texas

Leaders should ask how well resources - people, time, and money - are deployed to meet student needs. ISDs in Texas spent \$19,407 per student. Of this, spending consists of

- 33% (\$6,461) for teacher salaries & benefits;
- 20% (\$3,825) on salaries & benefits for non-teachers, esp. administrative, clerical, facilities, & counseling staff;
- 14% (\$2,651) for other operating costs, esp. consumable supplies, technology, & consultants; and
- 33% (\$6,470) for capital and debt service.

Parents best know their children and should have a central role in deciding how people, time, and money are deployed to support their education.

Expenditures of Texas ISDs, 2024-25 School year (in billions)



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Texas Republican Voters support Parental Empowerment in March 2024

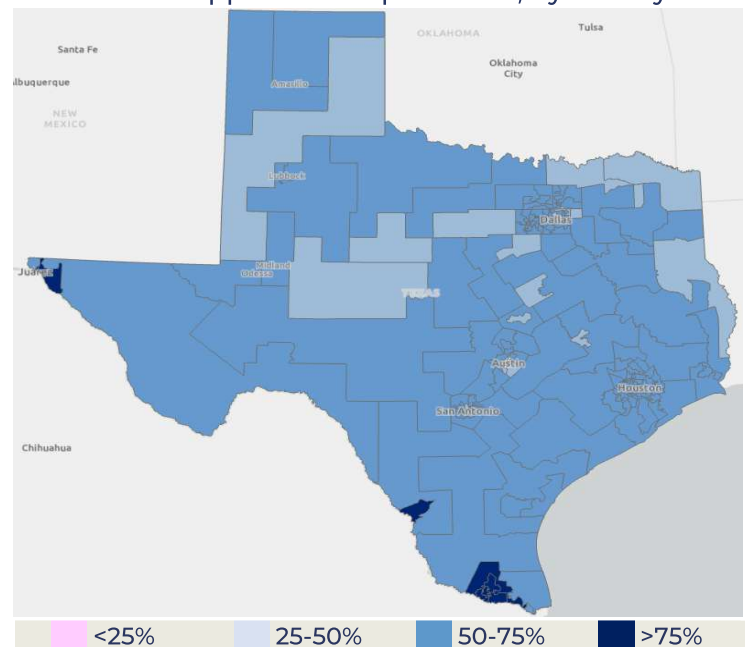
In 2024, Texans voted on this proposition:

"Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student."

Across Texas, 80% of Republican primary voters said yes. To improve opportunities for all students, parents need to be empowered with transparency, quality, respect, and choice.

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Voter Support for Proposition 11, by County



Note: Data from Public Information Requests to Texas Counties.