

Understanding the complicated TEA and school accountability system and ratings can be overwhelming for parents. As a parent, a certified teacher, and an educational advocate, I pull this data for area parents to help them make informed decisions. I included statistics that many parents have told me are relevant and interesting to them, including standardized testing rates, graduation rates, and SAT scores. Obviously, these numbers don't represent everything important about a district or school, but hopefully, they can help parents and families understand the options better.

School Districts	State of	Houston	Alvin	Clear	Dickinson	Friendswood	Pearland
	Texas	Region		Creek			
Total number of students			18,000	39,000	9,000	6,000	19,000
% at Phase 1 (passing)	77%	79%	80%	88%	76%	92%	88%
% at Level 2	33%	35%	36%	47%	29%	53%	48%
% at Advanced Level	12%	13%	13%	20%	9%	24%	22%
4 year graduation rate	86%	85%	96%	96%	85%	98%	95%
Drop-out rate	2.4%	2.5%	0.8%	0.2%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%
RHSP/DAP graduates*	80%	79%	91%	83%	65%	91%	79%
# of 2011 graduates	290,000	63,000	920	2,671	509	493	1,185
Average SAT scores (Reading+ Math)			953	1069	934	1116	1019

<sup>\*</sup>RHSP/DAP= Percentages of high school students who graduates on the Recommended High School Plan/ Distinguished Achievement Plan.

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Source: http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2013/

District	High School	Reading	Math SAT	Writing	Reading+	Average SAT
		SAT score	score	SAT score	Math	Overall Totals
Clear Creek ISD	Clear Lake HS	586	556	544	1142	1686
Friendswood ISD	Friendswood HS	571	544	529	1116	1644
Clear Creek ISD	Clear Creek HS	534	513	492	1047	1539
Pearland ISD	Dawson HS	527	508	492	1035	1527
Clear Creek ISD	Clear Brook HS	526	495	486	1021	1507
Clear Creek ISD	Clear Springs	519	489	474	1007	1482
Pearland ISD	Pearland HS	510	494	473	1004	1477
Alvin ISD	Alvin HS	510	472	456	982	1438
Santa Fe ISD	Santa Fe HS	498	470	444	968	1412
Dickinson ISD	Dickinson HS	480	454	436	934	1370
Alvin ISD	Manvel HS	482	450	433	932	1365

The SAT, created by the College Board, is used for college admissions. A score of 500 in each section is considered "college ready".

For comparison, here are the averages of accepted students to each Texas university. Some colleges do not consider Writing scores.

College or University	Type of College	Average COA*	National Ranking	Reading SAT score	Math SAT score	Writing SAT score	Reading + Math scores	Average SAT TOTAL
Baylor U	Private	\$47,600	#75	560-660	570-680	530-640	1130-1340	1660-1980
Rice U	Private	\$51,900	#18	650-750	680-780	650-760	1330-1530	1980-2290
SMU	Private	\$57,750	#60	580-680	600-690		1180-1370	
Texas A&M	Public	\$17,000	#69	530-650	570-670	510-620	1100-1320	1610-1940
TCU	Private	\$47,500	#82	520-630	540-650	540-640	1060-1280	1600-1920
Texas State U	Public	\$16,500		470-570	480-580	450-540	950- 1150	1400-1690
Texas Tech	Public	\$17,200	#161	490-590	520-610	470-570	1010-1200	1480-1770
University of	Public	\$21,000	#52	540-670	580-710	540-680	1120-1380	1660-2060
Texas Austin								
Univ of Houston	public	\$19,000	#190	480-590	520-630		1000-1220	
*COA= cost of attendance, which includes in-state tuition and fees, room and board for 2014.							Source: <u>L</u>	JS News & World Repo

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