

Dallas County High School Graduate Academic Preparation

The following table provides a general overview of the “preparedness level” of recent high school graduates as measured by TAAS, ACT, SAT, TASP and approved alternative tests. Data do not reflect the academic preparation of those students who attend private or out-of-state institutions for which TASP regulations do not apply.

Desoto, Coppell, and Richardson ISDs have the highest percentages of college bound graduates and Coppell also has the highest proportion of graduates TASP exempt. Of those who TASP/alternative tested, Coppell, Richardson and Mesquite graduates pass all TASP sections at the highest rate.

Independent School District	Total HS Graduates	% of HS Grads			% of TASP Tested Passing			
		College Bound	Acad Exempt	TASP Tested	All Sections	Reading	Math	Writing
Carrollton-Farmers Branch	1,050	50.7	20.2	26.8	28.5	60.9	40.2	75.1
Cedar Hill	372	59.4	15.1	37.9	19.9	50.4	28.4	58.9
Coppell	465	67.3	31	26.2	36.9	68	53.3	70.5
Dallas	5,837	40.7	6.2	31.3	13.1	40.6	24.3	57.1
Desoto	316	70.3	23.4	42.7	31.9	65.2	45.2	66.7
Duncanville	707	54.9	16	33.9	21.7	49.6	37.1	60.8
Garland	2,500	60.2	19.3	37.6	27.8	57.3	42.2	70.4
Grand Prairie	1,000	43.5	9	30.5	24.3	49.5	38	64.3
Irving	1,194	44.8	14.8	25.8	20.5	50.6	31.5	70.1
Lancaster	236	37.7	3	30.1	9.9	43.7	22.5	57.7
Mesquite	1,704	51.5	14	35.2	32.1	60.9	43.1	74
Richardson	1,927	63.3	29.4	28	36.4	64.7	52.5	73.3
Wilmer-Hutchins	138	37.7	<1	34.8	4.2	31.3	14.6	47.9

College Bound = Students who: (1) took TASP or alternative test; or (2) enrolled in a public higher education institution and did not TASP test due to academic exemption or deferment.

College Bound sub-groups include:

Academic Exempt = Students enrolled in public higher education exempt from TASP due to ACT, SAT, or TAAS scores.

TASP Tested = Total non-exempt students who tested TASP or alternative.

Highland Park ISD excluded due to comparatively high percentage of students attending private/out-of-state institutions.

Data extracted from THECB “Annual TASP/Alternative Test Report of Student Performance, 1999-2000 High School Graduates”

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