



The 2016 Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships

Communities Foundation of Texas

Educate Texas

State of Texas

Challenge

Strengthen the public and higher education system to ensure every Texas student can succeed in education and the workforce.

Innovation

Educate Texas has made strong inroads to improving the paths for historically underserved students. To build on this success, Educate Texas and its coalition of leaders are committed to accelerating opportunities for all students to earn a postsecondary credential that leads to gainful employment.

Since 2003, Educate Texas has been a trusted education reform leader building a portfolio of evidence-based strategies that impact the 5.5 million K-12 students and 1.6 million higher education students across the state. Educate Texas is working to strengthen the public and higher education system by developing strategic partnerships, leading innovative strategies, and scaling successful evidence-based practices focused on college and career readiness, effective teaching, higher education, and regional collaboration. The hallmark of the initiative's public-philanthropic collaboration has been the development and expansion of innovative secondary school strategies and models, specifically the Early College High Schools and Texas STEM Academies. To date, Educate Texas has collectively established a robust, statewide portfolio of nearly 260 schools in more than 125 districts that serve more than 100,000 students annually of which approximately 80 percent are low-income and historically underrepresented. These students are outperforming the state average on key measures including college readiness, dual credit attainment, high school graduation, immediate college enrollment, and college freshman to sophomore persistence.

Public Sector Partners

More than 300 K-12 and Higher Education Partners, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Governor's Office

Other Partners

Philanthropic partners include the Communities Foundation of Texas, Ford Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Greater Texas Foundation, Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, Houston Endowment, IBM, JP Morgan Chase, The Kresge Foundation, Lumina Foundation, The Meadows Foundation, TG Texas Guaranteed, and Texas Instruments Foundation.

