



Your investment in capacity takes public investment farther.

Texas' outcomes-based funding model creates a rare multiplier effect. Philanthropic investment in advising, data, and intermediaries unlocks public dollars school districts are already positioned to draw down.

Smart Policy

Texas is uniquely positioned to translate strong policy into large-scale student impact.

Three landmark education bills – HB3, HB8, and HB2209 – created an outcomes-based funding environment that rewards school districts and colleges for moving students toward college and career readiness.

HB3 | 2019 **CCMR Outcomes Bonus**

State funding flows to school districts for every graduate meeting defined college, career, and military readiness thresholds.

HB8 | 2023 **FAST Program**

Restructured community college funding around completion. Created FAST to cover dual credit tuition for low-income students.

HB2209 | 2023 **Rural Pathways (R-PEP)**

Established the Rural Pathways Excellence Partnership Program, funding rural school district-college-workforce collaborations.

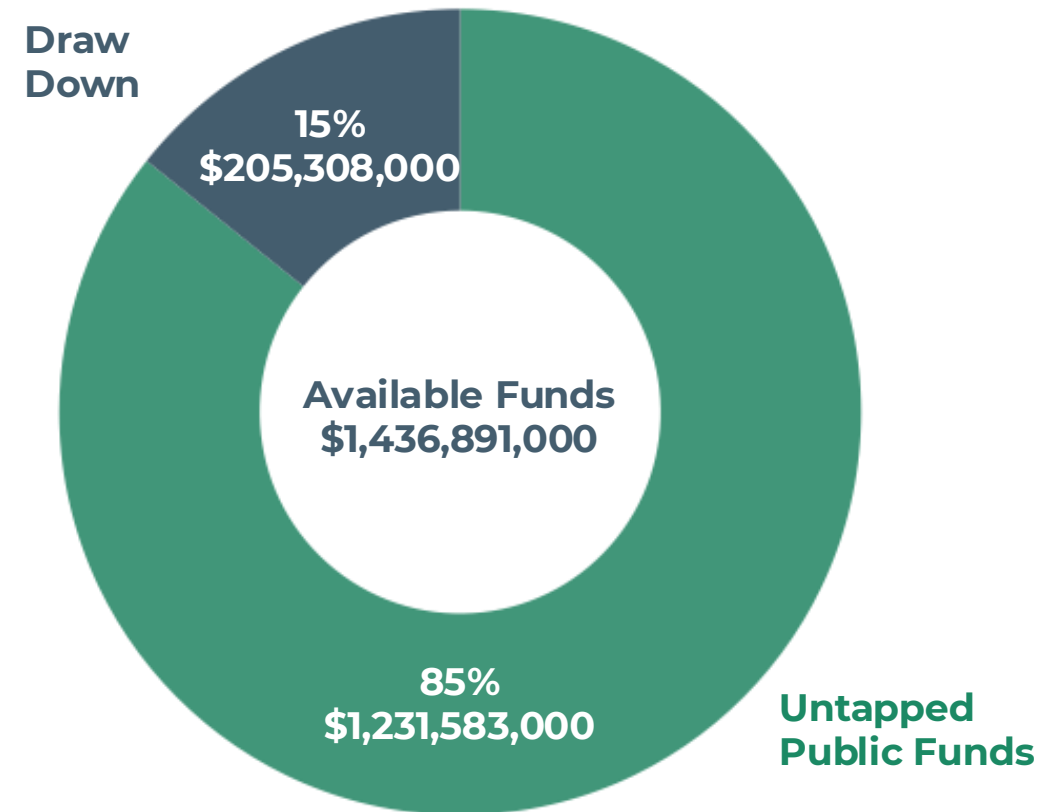
Public dollars are already flowing. The gap is not will. The gap is capacity.

School districts across Texas are working hard and still falling short of what HB3 and HB8 make possible.

Not because the policy failed, but because the infrastructure to act on it is not evenly distributed.

Targeted philanthropic investment in advising capacity, data infrastructure, and regional intermediaries creates a direct line from philanthropic dollars to unlocked public funding.

CCMR Outcomes-Based Funding Drawdown, SY23-24



Smart Practice

Three areas where targeted investment produces the highest return.

The Integrated Pathways Framework enables quality implementation through practices that Texas funding incentives already reward.



High-quality advising

Current counselor-to-student ratios range from 100:1 to 400:1. Investing in advising capacity directly increases the public funding school districts can access.



Dual credit and advanced coursework

Structured course sequences leading to 15+ transferable college credits before graduation. Regional intermediaries coordinate the K-12 and higher education partnerships that make this possible.



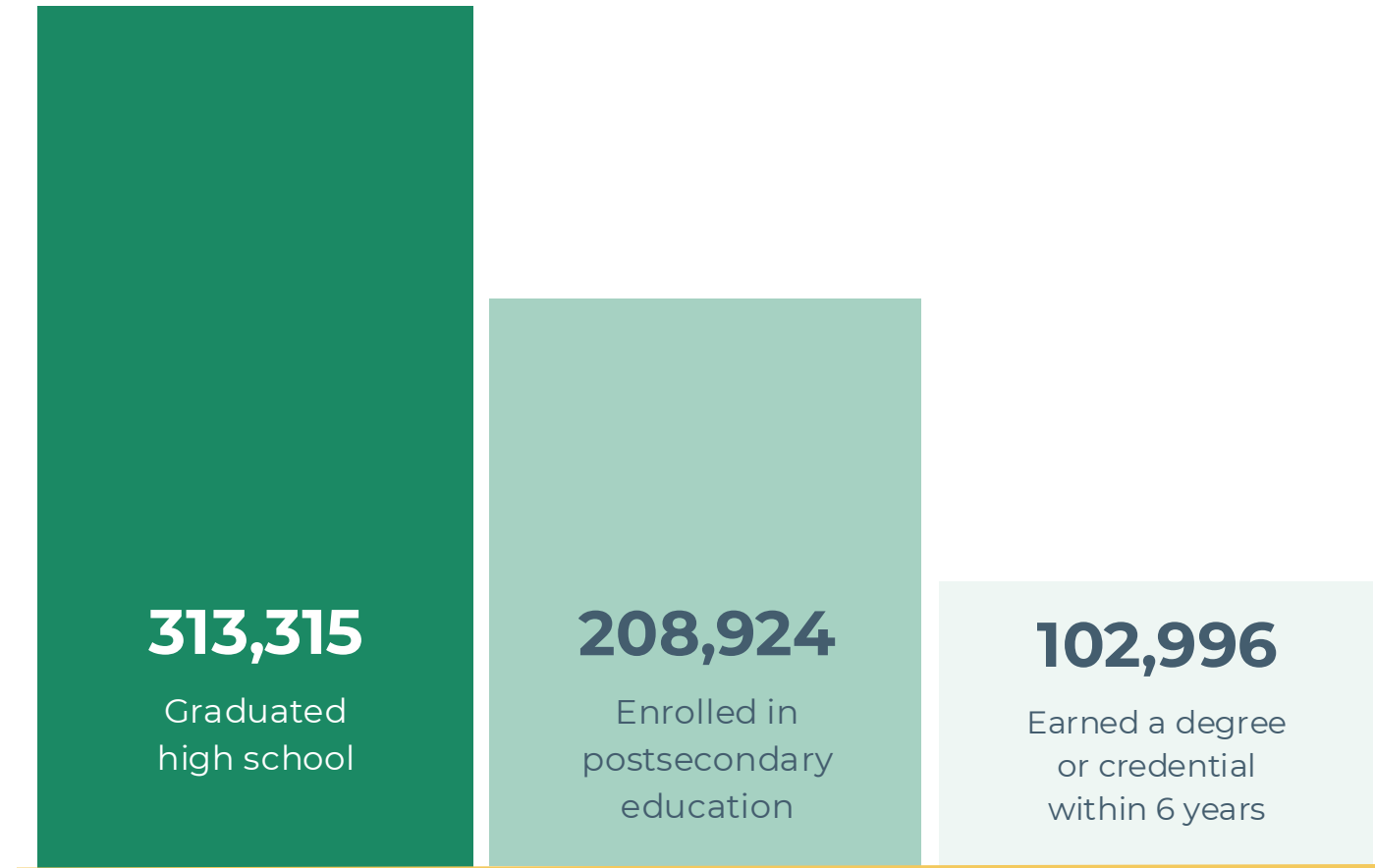
Real-time data infrastructure

School districts without shared data systems cannot identify which students are falling off track in time to act. Investment in data platforms makes every intervention smarter.

The path exists. Too few students complete it.

Two out of three Texas high school graduates never earn a postsecondary degree or credential.

Not because the path doesn't exist — because the supports along it aren't connected.



Texas High School Class of 2018

Integrated pathways is how they complete it.

Jordan is a composite student: bright, curious, and hoping to be the first in his family to earn a college degree. A year ago, the right supports existed across our proof point regions but weren't connected in ways that consistently helped students like him succeed.

Today, that's beginning to change. What's emerging in four regions can become possible statewide with sustained philanthropic investment.



High-quality advising

Before

Jordan's aspirations weren't connected to consistent advising or goal-setting.

After

Jordan has an advisor who knows his goals and helps him stay on track.



Dual credit and advanced coursework

Jordan didn't know about early college and missed the application deadline.

Jordan is enrolled in dual credit, earning college credit as a 9th grader.



Real-time data infrastructure

By the time postsecondary planning ramped up in Jordan's junior year, he was already off track.

Early readiness signals help adults provide Jordan timely support, starting freshman year.

Real Impact

Early results from the work already underway show what is possible.

59%

of Corpus Christi ISD's Class of 2025 enrolled in college, the highest rate in eight years and a 9% climb from the year before.

10x

more Aldine ISD students (600 to 6,000) will have access to high-quality postsecondary advising annually starting in 2026-27.

50K

Texas high schoolers served across four regions. Reaching all 600,000 depends on the next wave of philanthropic capital.

Proof Point Regions

This is not a pilot. Texas approved the policy, is doing the work through the regions, and has early evidence.

Philanthropic investment now accelerates what is already underway.



Dallas County

Supported by The Commit Partnership

5 school systems, ~254K students

- Helping middle school students arrive ready for high school
- Enabling high school students to earn college credits before graduation
- Strengthening advising, aligning coursework, and expanding dual enrollment across five school districts

Rio Grande Valley

Supported by Region One Education Service Center

4 school systems, ~25.6K students

- Building a shared college course sequence with South Texas College
- Removing barriers to early college access
- Creating real-time data tools across four partner school districts

Permian Basin

Supported by Education Partnership of the Permian Basin

6 school systems, ~3K students

- Connecting rural school districts to share resources
- Expanding college course offerings
- Strengthening student advising and early college success programs across six school districts

Houston and Coastal Bend

Supported by Texas Urban Council

4 school systems, ~307K students

- Launching data systems to guide student advising
- Aligning career and technical coursework to meet college credit requirements
- Strengthening advising across four large urban districts

Our Ask

Three ways to partner in building what Texas has started.



Register for the next investor briefing

Join the Texas Impact Network's investor event to meet the school districts and intermediaries leading this work and explore co-investment opportunities with other Texas funders.



See the strategy in action

Visit a district or college implementing this work, or connect with the Texas Impact Network for a walkthrough of emerging results from across the four regions.



Explore where your investment fits

Every funder comes to this work with a different lens. Connect with the Texas Impact Network to talk through where your priorities and this work line up.



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