

MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2012

TO: Board Members

FROM: Terry B. Grier, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARING
HOUSE STUDENT TRACKER DATA FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.**

This report provides an analysis of the Houston Independent School Districts' (HISD) high school graduates who attended a college or university over the last eight years. In addition, the type of college, enrollment status, graduation status, and colleges/universities attended for a majority of HISD graduates will be provided. High school campus-level data are included at the end of this report. Furthermore, student information may be broken down at the district and school/campus level.

Purpose

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is a non-profit organization that is the nation's largest source for secondary and post-secondary student degree, diploma and enrollment verification. Through verification reporting procedures, they help colleges, universities, high schools and school districts improve efficiency, reduce workload and cost, and enhance the quality-of-service they provide to their students, alumni, lending institutions, employers, and other organizations. All of the National Student Clearinghouse programs are designed to reduce the administrative burden of providing educational record verification for participating schools while maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of records.

Within the NSC organization is a program called StudentTracker, which is a unique program that is designed to help school districts more accurately gauge the college success of their graduates by answering such key questions as:

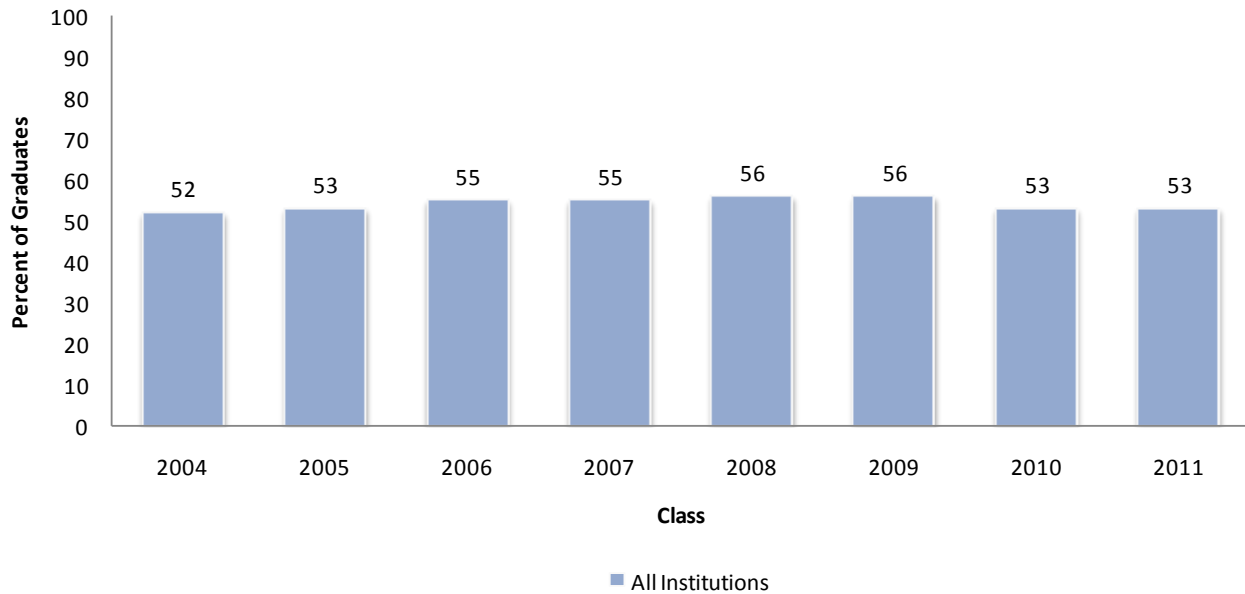
- Where do my high school graduates enroll in college?
- How long do their educational efforts persist?
- Do they transfer between colleges?
- Do they graduate from college?
- What degrees do they earn?
- What courses of study do they pursue?

StudentTracker enables administrators in school districts to access the Clearinghouse's records on over 100 million students, which represent postsecondary enrollments and achievements nationwide. They maintain records on behalf of more than 3,300 colleges and universities that enroll 17 million students — 92 percent of total U.S. enrollment in higher education. These institutions have authorized the Clearinghouse to provide this information to high schools and school districts in order to help them improve their educational programs. However, it should be noted that not all graduates are found through the StudentTracker although they may have enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Results

In the following charts, the results from the classes of 2004–2011 are presented as the percentage of students enrolled in college, institution level, institution location, and most common institutions of enrollment. Attached is a list of the most common institutions of enrollment for HISD graduates from the NSC data (see **Appendix A**). **Appendix B** shows the percent of students enrolled in college the fall immediately following graduation from high school for the class of 2010.

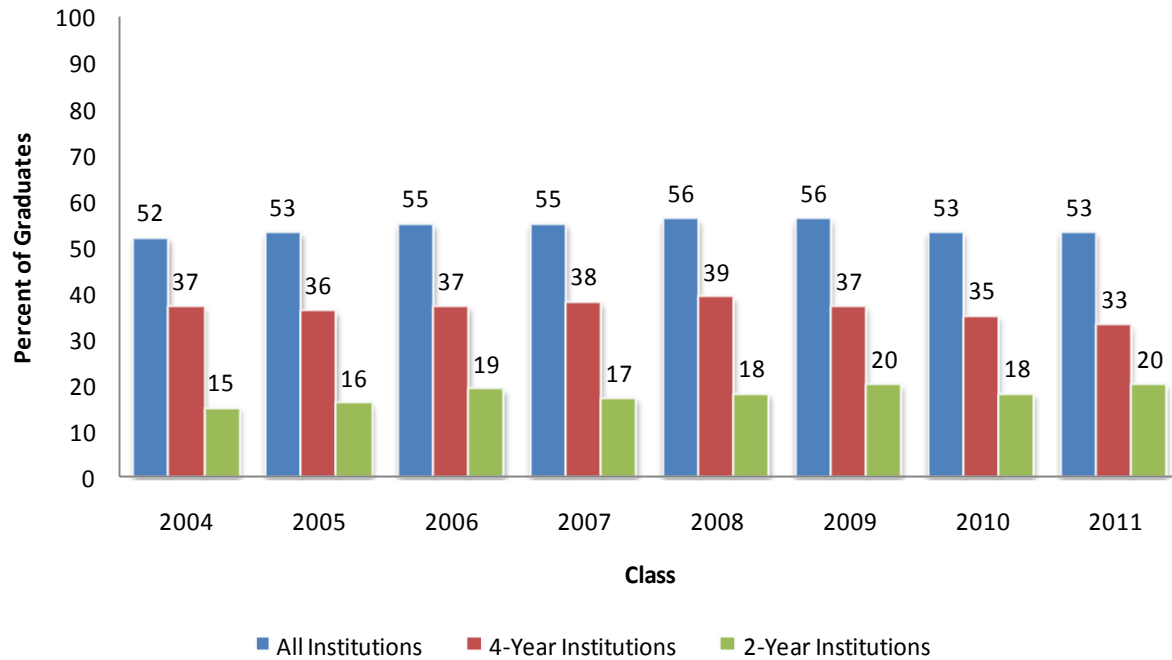
Figure 1: Percent of Students Enrolled in College the Fall Immediately Following Graduation From High School for Each Graduation Class



Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

- For the class of 2011, the percent of graduates who were enrolled in college immediately following graduation was 53 percent. This percent of students enrolled in college the fall immediately following graduation remained constant from 2010.
- The percent of graduates who attended college immediately after graduating from high school increased from 2004.

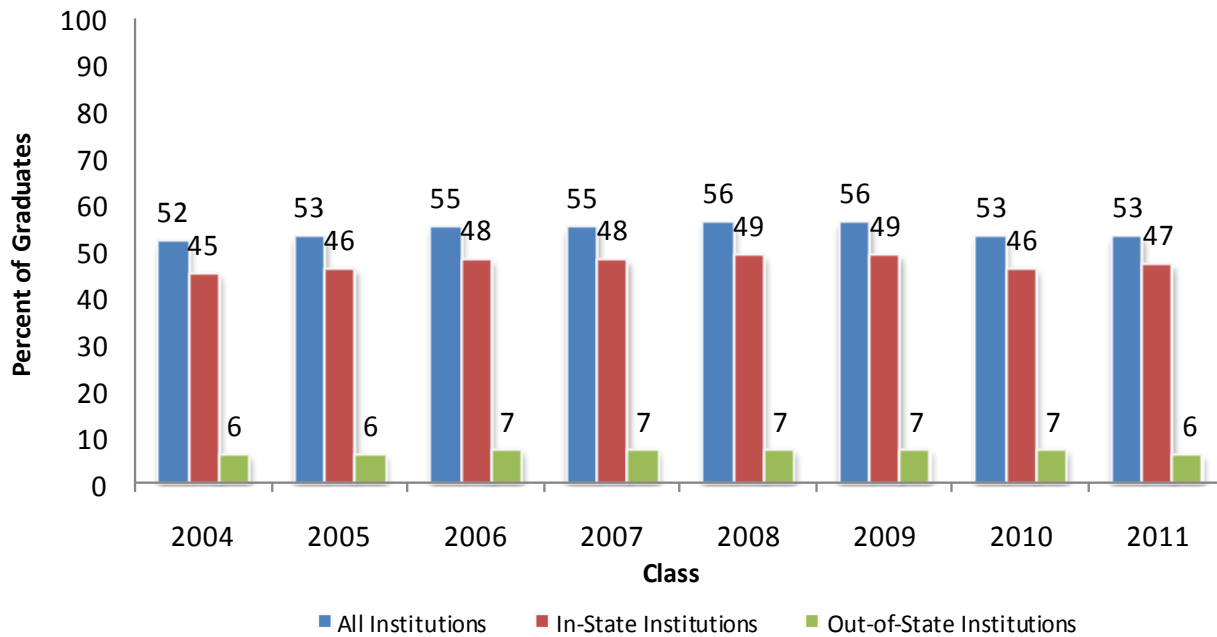
Figure 2: Percent of Students Enrolled in College the Fall Immediately Following Graduation From High School by Institutional Level



Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

- For the class of 2011, the percent of graduates who were enrolled in a 4-year institution was 33 percent. This was a decrease of two percentage points for graduates who were enrolled in a 4-year institution from the class of 2010.
- The percent of 2011 graduates who enrolled in a two year institution was 20 percent. This was an increase of two percentage points from the class of 2010.
- Since 2004, the percent of students attending a 4-year institution has declined by four percentage points from 37 percent in 2004 to 33 percent in 2011.
- The percent of students attending a 2-year institution increased by five percentage points since 2004, from 15 percent to 20 percent in 2011.

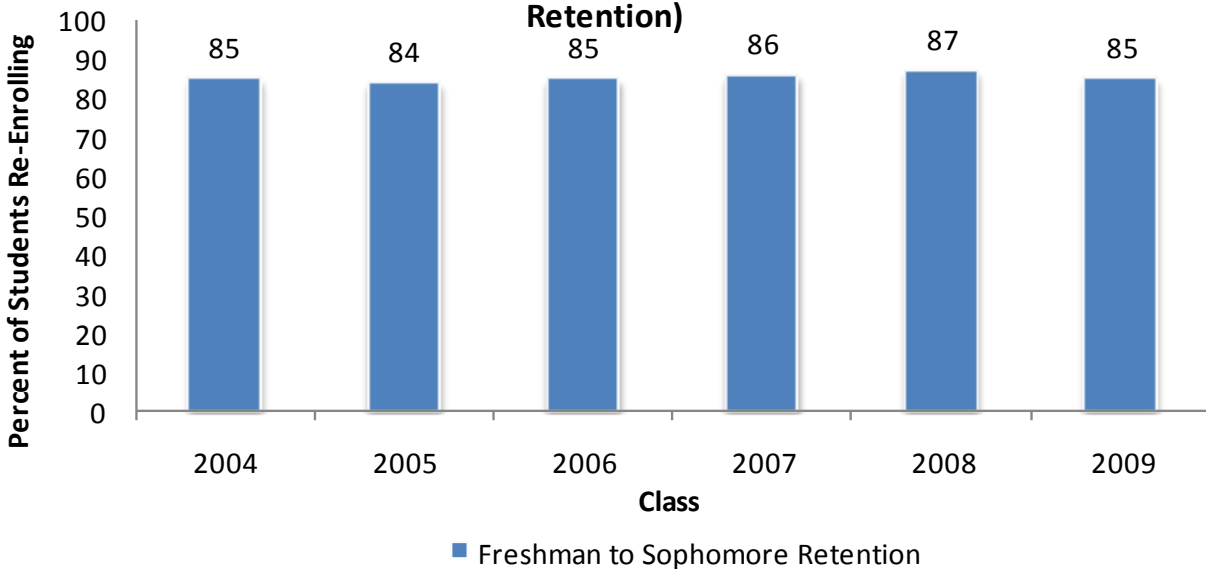
Figure 3: Percent of Students Enrolled in College the Fall Immediately Following Graduation From High School by Institutional Location



Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

- The percent of graduates who attend a college in-state has increased by one percentage point from last year.
- The percent of graduates who attend a college out-of-state has declined by one percent from 2010 to 2011.
- Since 2004, the percent of students attending college in-state has increased by two percentage points from 45 percent in 2004 to 47 percent in 2011.
- The percent of students attending a college out-of-state has remained constant at six percent from 2004 to 2011.

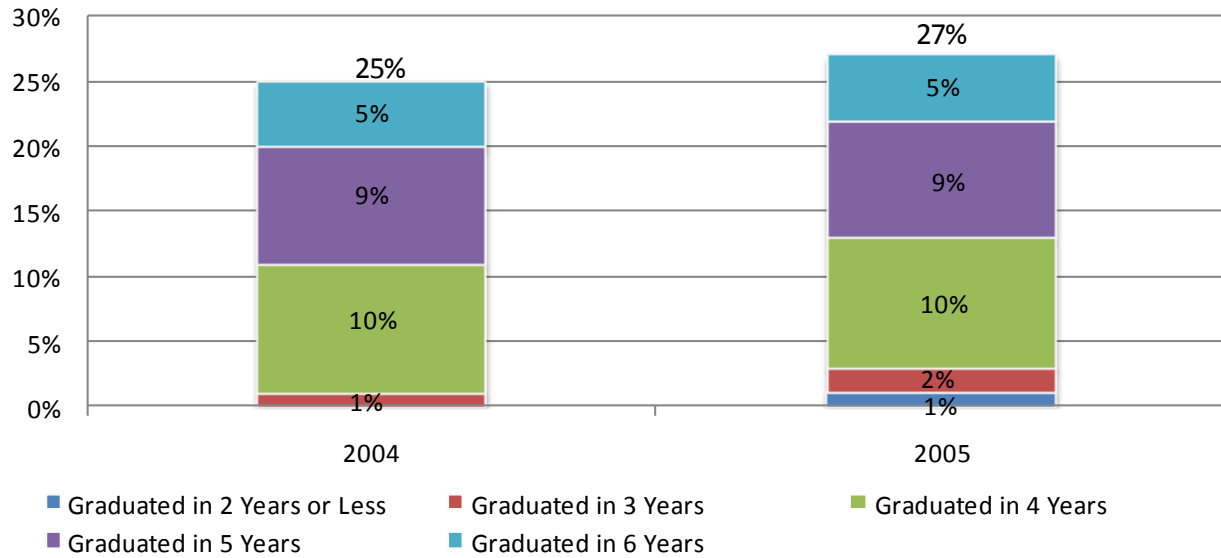
Figure 4: Percent of Students in College the First Year After High School Who Returned for a Second Year (Freshman to Sophomore Retention)



Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

- For the class of 2009, the percent of graduates who returned to college for a second year was 85 percent. This was a decrease of two percentage points from the graduates of the class of 2008.
- The percent of graduates who returned to college for a second year has remained constant at 85 percent from 2004 to 2009.

Figure 5: Time to College Graduation Within Six Years (Associate's, Bachelor's and Higher)



Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

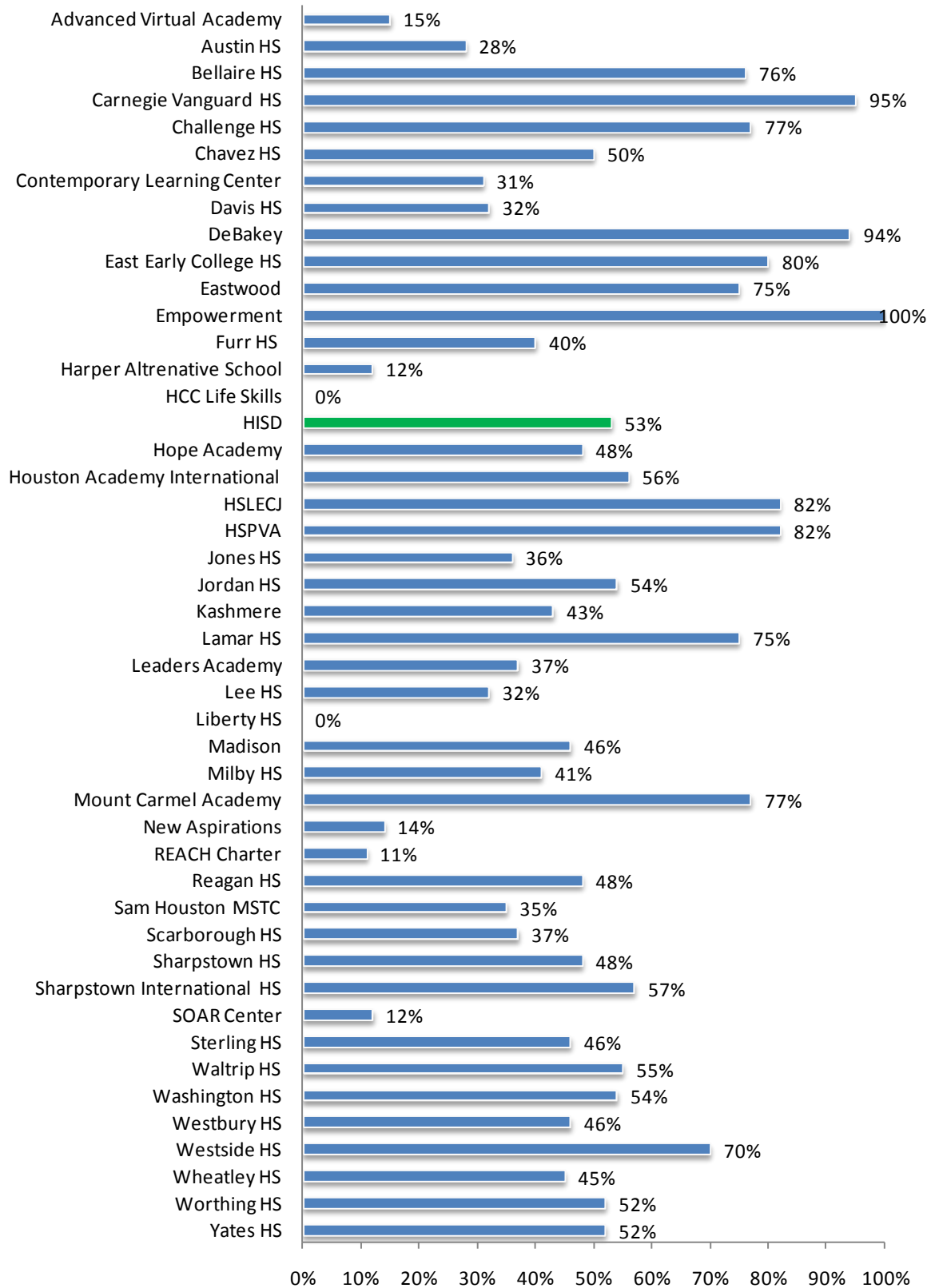
Note: The Percent of High School Class with a College Degree is based on a six-year degree completion rate at two-and four year institutions. Only associates, bachelors and advanced degrees are counted in these rates. The Class of 2004 did not have any students graduate in 2 years or less.

- For the class of 2004, the percent of high school graduates who earned a college degree within six years was 25 percent.
- The percent of high school graduates who earned a college degree in 2005 was 27 percent.
- From 2004 to 2005, the percent of Houston Independent School District graduates who earned a college degree within six years increased by 2 percentage points from 25 percent in 2004 to 27 percent in 2005.

School-Level Results

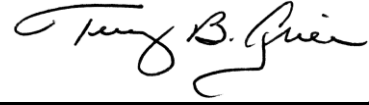
School-level results by campuses for percent of students enrolled in college the fall immediately following graduation from high school is provided in Figure 6. Additional information on individual school college enrollment such as the percent of students in college, the percent of students by institutional level, the percent of students by institutional location, the percent of freshman who returned for a second year, and the percent of students with a college degree are located on the HISD Research and Accountability portal or click [here](#).

Figure 6: Percent of Students Enrolled in College the Fall Immediately Following Graduation From High School, Class of 2011



Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me or Carla Stevens in the Department of Research and Accountability, at 713-556-6700.



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- c: Superintendent's Direct Reports
- Chief School Officers
- School Improvement Officers
- High School Principals
- Alan Summers
- Martha Salazar-Zamora
- Matilda Orozco
- Nancy Gregory
- Sowmya Kumar

Appendix A

Most Common Institutions of Initial Enrollment for Houston Independent School District Graduates- by Number of Students, Class of 2011

Rank	Name	State	Level	Type	Total
1	HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TX	2-year	Public	8,914
2	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON	TX	4-year	Public	4,324
3	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN	TX	4-year	Public	2,860
4	TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Public	1,989
5	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	TX	4-year	Public	1,971
6	SAN JACINTO COLLEGE	TX	2-year	Public	1,247
7	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Public	1,214
8	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Public	1,208
9	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - SAN ANTONIO	TX	4-year	Public	939
10	LAMAR UNIVERSITY - BEAUMONT	TX	4-year	Public	729
11	SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Public	642
12	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Public	511
13	LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DISTRICT	TX	2-year	Public	475
14	BLINN COLLEGE	TX	2-year	Public	421
15	TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY - SAN MARCOS	TX	4-year	Public	411
16	UNIVERSITY OF ST THOMAS	TX	4-year	Private	349
17	HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Private	328
18	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, LUBBOCK	TX	4-year	Public	279
19	BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Private	268
20	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY - AG	LA	4-year	Public	228
21	RICE UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Private	221
22	DEVRY UNIVERSITY - HOUSTON	TX	4-year	Private	197
23	ST EDWARDS UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Private	143
24	TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Private	110
25	TRINITY UNIVERSITY	TX	4-year	Private	99

* Data Source: NSC Student Tracker Table, April 2012.

Appendix B: Percent of Students Enrolled in College the Fall Immediately Following Graduation From High School, Class of 2010

