



The Dallas Independent School District (ISD) monitors and annually reports academic outcomes of students identified as **At-Risk** of dropping out of school. Students are considered **At-Risk** if they meet any 1 of 15 at-risk indicators defined in Texas Education Code TEC §29.081. Dallas ISD also monitors and annually reports end-of-year (EOY) On-Track rates for first time ninth graders. A student is considered to be **On-Track** at the end of ninth grade if she or he has 1) accumulated five full course credits and 2) no more than one semester F in a core subject (English, mathematics, science, or social studies).

Key Findings

At-Risk

- In school year 2024-25, a total of 109,997 Dallas ISD students (79.9%) were identified as At-Risk which is an increase from 2023-24 (74.8%).
- Hispanic/Latino and Emergent Bilingual (EB) students are over-represented among At-Risk students compared to their proportions of the overall district student population.
- At-Risk students performed lower than Not At-Risk students across all grade-levels and test subjects on the *State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR)*, and *STAAR End of Course (EOC)* tests.
- The percentage of At-Risk students who achieved the Approaches+ performance level in 2024-25 increased across two-thirds of grade levels and subjects compared to 2023-24 performance results.
- Overall, the Class of 2024 At-Risk students had a four percentage points increase in graduation rate compared to the Class of 2023 At-Risk students. The gap between Not At-Risk and At-Risk students decreased nearly three percentage points from the Class of 2023 to the Class of 2024.
- The gap in graduation rates between At-Risk and Not At-Risk students has decreased each of the last four years; 16.9 percentage points for the class of 2021, 11.9 percentage points for the class of 2022, 8.7 percentage points for the class of 2023, and 6.0 percentage points for the class of 2024.
- Overall, dropout rates decreased notably for the Class of 2024 At-Risk students and decreased slightly for Not At-Risk students, narrowing the dropout rate gap by 2.9 percentage points.

On-Track Initiative

- The 2024-25 district end-of-year (EOY) On-Track rate (78.1%) was 1.4 percentage points higher than 2023-24 (76.7%) and 2.0 percentage points higher 2022-23 (76.1%).
- From 2023-24 to 2024-25, 19 out of 29 (65.5%) non-magnet high schools had increases in EOY On-Track rates. Haynes III Prep at Paul Quinn had the largest increase in EOY On-Track rates (22.1 percentage points), while IDEA and North Lake Early College had the largest decreases in end-of-year On-Track rates (36.8 and 14.9 percentage points, respectively).
- From 2023-24 to 2024-25, On-Track rates for seven out of eleven (63.6%) magnet high schools increased or stayed the same. Townview Law had the largest increase (8.3 percentage points), while Townview Education had the largest decrease (14.0 percentage points).
- On-Track rates for both African American and Hispanic students were nearly 16 percentage points lower than the rate for White students (93.2%).
- For Classes of 2017 to 2023, first-time ninth-grade students identified as On-Track had higher 4-year graduation rates (77.5% - 89.9%) than their Not On-Track peers (33.3% - 57.0%).