



Question: For every 10 new freshmen in AISD, how many graduate, enter a postsecondary institution, and complete postsecondary education?

Response:

In 1999-2000, Austin ISD enrolled 4,476 first time 9th graders who were part of the official Longitudinal Completion cohort for the graduating Class of 2003. In 2002-2003, 4,616 first time 9th graders were enrolled in the official Longitudinal Completion cohort for the graduating Class of 2006. The following four numbers can be used to describe the status of freshmen in each of these cohorts through high school and postsecondary education.

- For every **10 new freshmen in 1999-2000: 8 graduated** from high school on time, **4 enrolled in a postsecondary** institution within a year after high school, and **3 graduated or still were enrolled** in a postsecondary institution in 2007-2008.
- For every **10 new freshmen in 2002-2003: 8 graduated** from high school on time, **5 enrolled in a postsecondary** institution within a year after high school, and **4¹ still were enrolled** in a postsecondary institution in 2007-2008.

For Every 10 New Freshmen...

	Graduated from High School in Four Years	Entered Postsecondary Institution Within a Year	Graduated or Remained in Postsecondary Institution
AISD Class of 2003	7.9	4.0	2.9
AISD Class of 2006	7.7	4.9	3.9

Sources: AISD longitudinal completion cohort; National Student Clearinghouse and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board postsecondary enrollment data

Notes:

TEA's methodology for calculating graduation rates changed between the Class of 2003 and the Class of 2006. What appears to be a drop in graduation rate likely is attributable partially to this change.

Postsecondary enrollment figures are underestimates of true enrollment due to the limited ability to search for the significant number of students for whom AISD did not have a Social Security Number.

Figures above represent the percentage of the entire longitudinal cohort who were located in postsecondary institutions rather than the percentage of graduates only; thus, these figures differ from those reported by Coneway, Schmitt, & Alderete (2007).²

¹ This reflects postsecondary enrollment in the second year after high school.

² Coneway, C., Schmitt, L., & Alderete, K. (2007). Postsecondary enrollment summary report: Classes of 2002-2006 (Publication No. 06.18). Austin, TX: Austin Independent School District, Department of Program Evaluation.