

DELTA Credit Recovery Program Promotion and Graduation Outcomes, 2019–2020

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This report summarizes grade-level promotion and graduation outcomes for 2,163 Austin Independent School District (AISD) students who participated in the DELTA Program in 2019–2020.

Seventy-four percent of DELTA students in 9th through 11th grades were promoted to the next grade level. Of the DELTA students in 12th grade, 83% graduated from high school (Table 1). No significant differences were found between groups with respect to the percentages of students who were promoted or who graduated, indicating that students benefited from being part of DELTA regardless of their race/ethnicity, socio-economic or English learner status, or whether they were participating in special education services.

Considering DELTA program outcomes for 12th graders (graduation) and for non-12th graders (grade promotion), higher percentages of DELTA students graduated than were promoted (Table 1). This may indicate that compared with students in earlier grade levels, students in 12th grade have a greater sense of urgency and/or higher motivation to successfully complete their coursework, so they can graduate from high school.

Table 1.
Of the students who participated in DELTA in 2019–2020, 83% of 12th graders graduated and 74% of 9th through 11th graders were promoted.

	9 th through 11 th grade		12 th grade		Overall <i>n</i>
	% promoted	Total <i>n</i>	% graduated	Total <i>n</i>	
DELTA students	74%	1,189	83%	974	2,163
African American	68%	137	80%	126	263
Asian	77%	13	78%	18	31
Hispanic	76%	823	83%	649	1,472
White	72%	184	83%	155	339
Two or more races	76%	25	92%	25	50
Economically disadvantaged	73%	820	81%	571	1,391
English learner	75%	330	82%	220	551
Special education	80%	142	86%	85	227

Source. Texas Student Data System and AISD records, 2019–2020

For more details about students' performance, please see the *DELTA Program Annual Report* at https://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dre-surveys/rb/19.29RB_DELTA_Credit_Recovery_Program_Annual_Report_2019_2020.pdf.

DELTA Program

AISD offers programs to support students with course credit and attendance recovery. The Diversified Education through Leadership, Technology, and Academics (DELTA) is one such program. The DELTA curriculum is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, and the program serves high school students through open enrollment in self-paced online instruction guided by teachers during scheduled class periods.

The largest group of students who participated in DELTA were in 12th grade.

DELTA Participation by Grade Level

Grade level	n	%
9	159	8%
10	393	16%
11	637	27%
12	974	49%
Total	2,163	100%

Source. AISD records, 2019–2020