

DELTA Credit Recovery Program, Promotion and Graduation Outcomes, 2018–2019

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This report summarizes grade-level promotion and graduation outcomes for 2,646 Austin Independent School District (AISD) students who participated in the DELTA Program in 2018–2019.

Seventy-one percent of DELTA students in 9th through 11th grades were promoted to the next grade level. Of the DELTA students in 12th grade, 85% graduated from high school (Table 1). No significant differences were found between ethnic groups with respect to the percentages of students promoted, indicating that students benefited from being part of DELTA, regardless of their ethnicity. However, smaller percentages of DELTA students who were classified as English learners and/or economically disadvantaged than of DELTA students who were not in either of those categories were promoted (Table 2).

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 2018–2019, 85% of 12th graders graduated and 71% 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	71%	1,360	85%	1,286	2,646
African American	71%	159	81%	144	303
Asian	75%	16	85%	26	42
Hispanic	69%	931	86%	869	1,800
White	79%	209	86%	219	428
Two or more races	77%	39	74%	27	66

Source. Texas Student Data System and AISD records, 2018–2019

Table 2.

Smaller percentages of DELTA students who were classified as economically disadvantaged and/or English learners than of students who were not in those categories 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	71%	1,360	85%	1,286	2,646
Economically disadvantaged	67%*	915	85%	807	1,722
English learner	62%**	322	77%	196	518
Special education	68%	148	84%	97	245

Source. Texas Student Data System and AISD records, 2018–2019

* $p < .0001$; ** $p < .01$

For more details about students' performance, please see the *DELTA Program Annual Report* at https://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dre-surveys/rb/18.43RB_DELTA_Credit_Recovery_Program_Annual_Report_2018_2019.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	<i>n</i>	%
9	215	8%
10	428	16%
11	717	27%
12	1,286	49%
Total	2,646	

Source. AISD records, 2018–2019