

# Twilight Credit Recovery Program, Promotion and Graduation Outcomes, 2019–2020

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This report summarizes grade-level promotion and graduation outcomes for 2,192 Austin Independent School District (AISD) students who participated in the Twilight Program in 2019–2020.

Of the 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students enrolled in Twilight in 2019–2020, 92% graduated (Table 1). No significant differences in graduation rates were found between racial/ethnic groups or between students who were economically disadvantaged, English learners, or in special education classes and those who were not. As students reached their last year of high school and prepared to graduate, Twilight was equally beneficial to all students participating in the program.

Of the students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades, 90% were promoted to the next grade level. When examining groups by school level, 89% of Twilight students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and 90% of Twilight students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades were promoted (Table 2). No significant differences were found in promotion rates between student groups regardless of their race/ethnicity, socio-economic or English learner status, or whether they were participating in special education services.

For more details about students' performance, please see the Twilight Program Annual Report at [https://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dre-surveys/rb/19.30RB\\_Twilight\\_Credit\\_Recovery\\_Annual\\_Report\\_19-20.pdf](https://www.austinisd.org/sites/default/files/dre-surveys/rb/19.30RB_Twilight_Credit_Recovery_Annual_Report_19-20.pdf).

**Table 2.**  
Eighty-nine percent of Twilight students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 90% in 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade were promoted.

	Middle school		High school	
	6 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade		9 <sup>th</sup> through 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	
	% promoted	Total <i>n</i>	% promoted	Total <i>n</i>
Twilight students	89%	1148	90%	692
African American	84%	79	90%	51
Asian	85%	13	89%	18
Hispanic	90%	839	90%	460
White	91%	191	93%	148
Two or more races	71%	24	91%	11
Economically disadvantaged	89%	866	89%	386
English learner	90%	439	89%	167
Special education	90%	246	91%	113

Source. AISD records, 2019–2020

**Table 1.**  
Of the students who participated in Twilight in 2019–2020, 92% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders graduated.

	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	
	% graduated	Total <i>n</i>
Twilight students	92%	352
African American	100%	37
Asian	100%	7
Hispanic	90%	243
White	94%	54
Two or more races	100%	10
Economically disadvantaged	92%	208
English learner	93%	75
Special education	93%	42

Source. AISD records, 2019–2020

## Twilight Program

Twilight supports students with course credit recovery or protection and attendance recovery. The Twilight curriculum is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, and the program serves middle and high school students through open enrollment in self-paced online instruction and teacher-led courses.

The largest group of students who participated in Twilight were in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, indicating Twilight may have been particularly helpful to students transitioning from middle school to high school.

## Twilight Participation by Grade Level

Grade level	<i>n</i>	%
6	264	12%
7	366	17%
8	518	24%
9	187	9%
10	280	13%
11	225	10%
12	352	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source. AISD records, 2019–2020