

AISD Summer Programs 2021

Program Overview, Student Participation, and Outcomes

The Austin Independent School District (AISD) offered several academic summer programs to students from June through August 2021 (<https://www.austinisd.org/summer-school>). These programs offered students opportunities to accelerate their learning, recover academic course credits, and receive support for a grade-level transition. Although AISD offers a variety of summer programs, this report focuses on the following locally funded 2021 remote-instruction summer programs:

- Prekindergarten (pre-K) 4-year-olds
- Fifth-grade transition
- Eighth-grade transition
- Twelfth-grade credit recovery
- End-of-course (EOC) test preparation camp

The pre-K 4-year-olds' program was offered to all AISD pre-K 4-year-old students, 4 days a week from July through August 2021, with teachers providing students with reading and mathematics (math) instruction, as well as social emotional learning (SEL) and social studies. Tutoring and individual learning time was provided, as needed, and parent orientation was offered.

The 5th-grade transition program was also offered 4 days a week from July through August 2021. Teachers provided students with reading and math lessons on district-identified, highest-need standards. Principals recommended students for the program. Whole group, small group, and individual instruction were provided as needed. Parent orientation was offered.

The 8th-grade transition program, offered in June 2021, gave students the opportunity to make up incomplete grades in language arts/reading and math to help prepare them to enter 9th grade. Principals recommended students for the program. Daily instructional FaceTime with teachers occurred, and individual tutoring was available. Parent orientation was offered.

The 12th-grade credit recovery program, offered in two sessions spanning June through August 2021, provided 12th grade students the opportunity to make up incomplete course credits for failing grades in order to help them progress to graduation. The courses included English 3 and 4, pre-calculus, chemistry, economics, government, and physics. Daily instructional FaceTime with teachers occurred, and courses were available online 24 hours a day to allow students to complete their work.

The EOC test preparation camp during June 2021 offered high school students the opportunity to prepare for the June EOC test administration in the following areas: English I and II, algebra I, biology, and U.S. history.

Evaluation Questions

The summer school program evaluation focused on the following key questions:

1. Who were the students served in these 2021 summer school programs?
2. How academically successful were summer school students following their participation in the 2021 summer programs? For the 2021–2022 school year, did students matriculate and enroll in AISD in the next grade level (e.g., did pre-K 4-year-olds enter kindergarten, 5th graders enter 6th grade, 8th graders enter 9th grade, and seniors graduate)?
3. How academically successful were summer school students on their EOC tests?

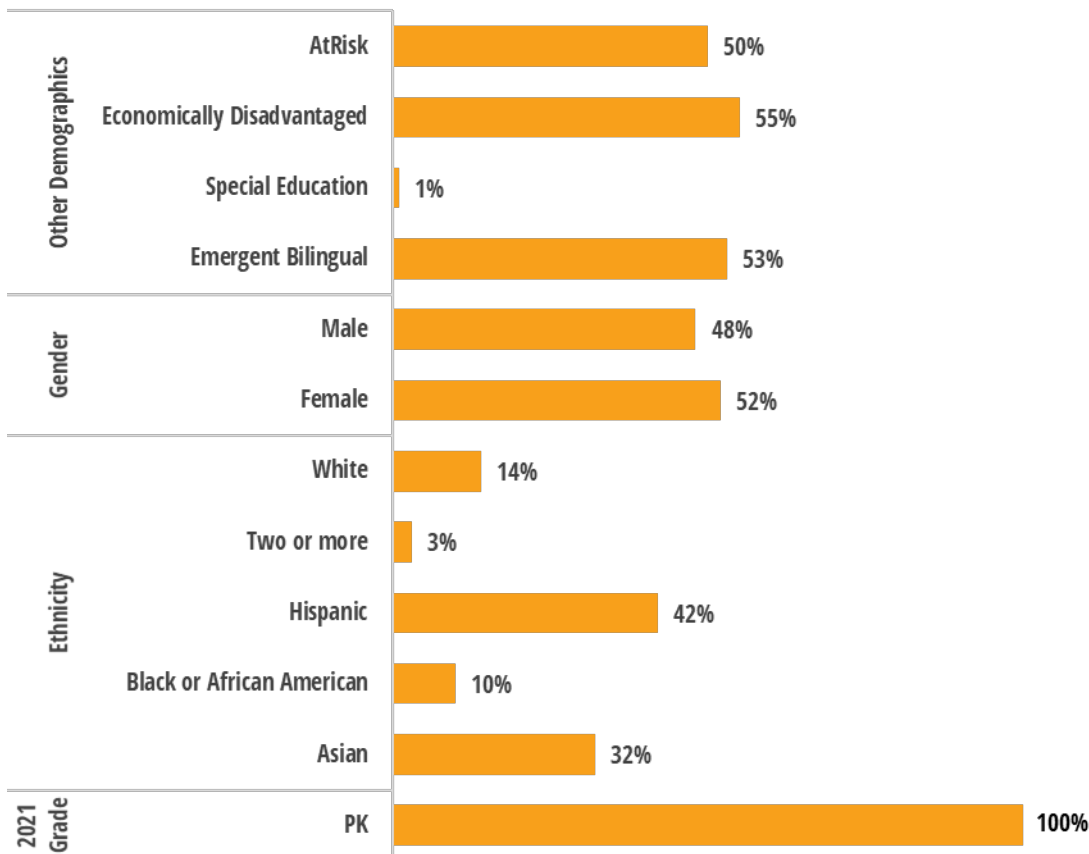
Student Participation

The number of students served across all programs totalled 1,894. The pre-K 4 year olds’ program served 154 students. The 5th grade transition program served 413 students. The 8th grade transition program served 705 students. The EOC and credit recovery programs served 622 students.

Figure 1.

Summer Pre-K 4-year-olds’ Program Participation

More than half of the 154 pre-K students served were low income.



Source. Austin ISD Student Data Systems

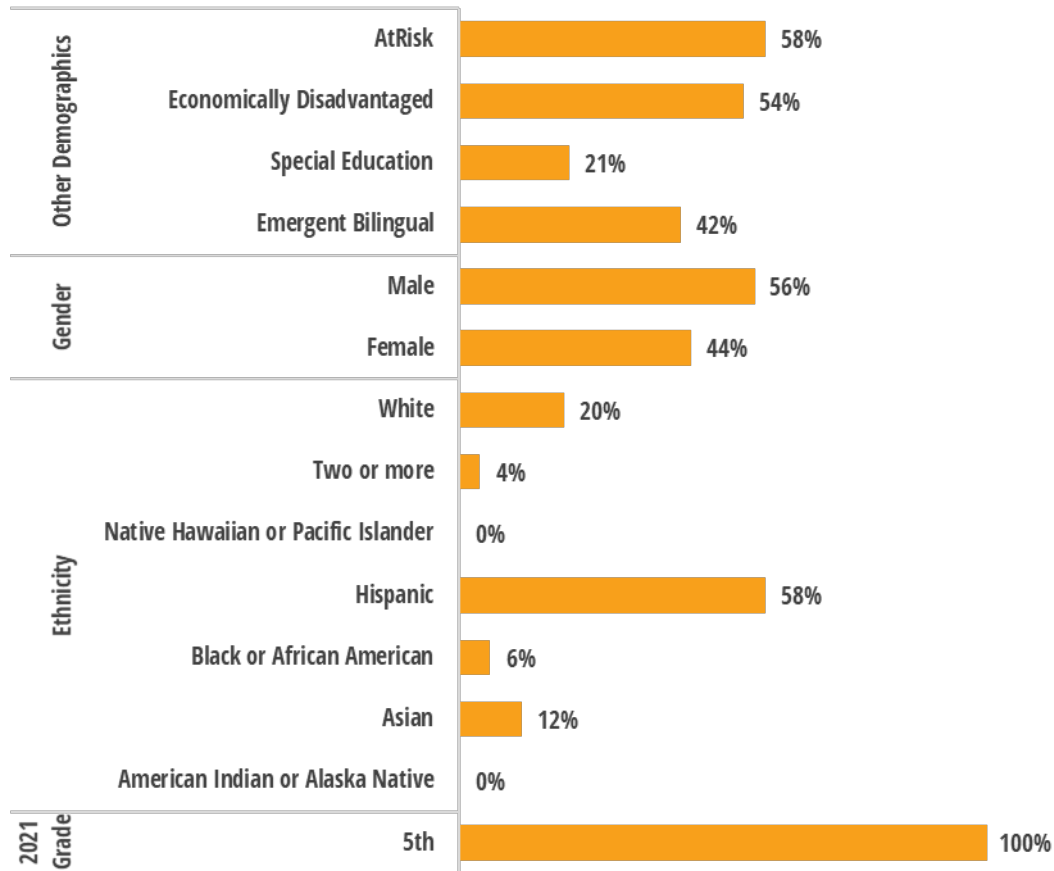
Summer program leaders recommended staff, students, and parents have training in the AISD BLEND learning system so they would be more familiar with it. Another recommendation made was to send out students’ class schedules ahead of time to parents and students so they would be more prepared before summer classes start. One challenge faced during the summer program was staff not being able to access district student data systems on Fridays, a district-initiated process, although the summer programs were held every day including Fridays. Thus, staff would like to have access to all student data systems on each day of the summer program. In addition, after the new school year rollover in the student data system (to load new school year data), teachers had some difficulty knowing where to put students’ final grades and enter progress monitoring data.

While many of these recommendations were implemented in 2021, student attendance and grades were not recorded in the official student data system.

Figure 2.

Summer 5th-Grade Transition Program Participation

More than half of the 413 students served were low income.

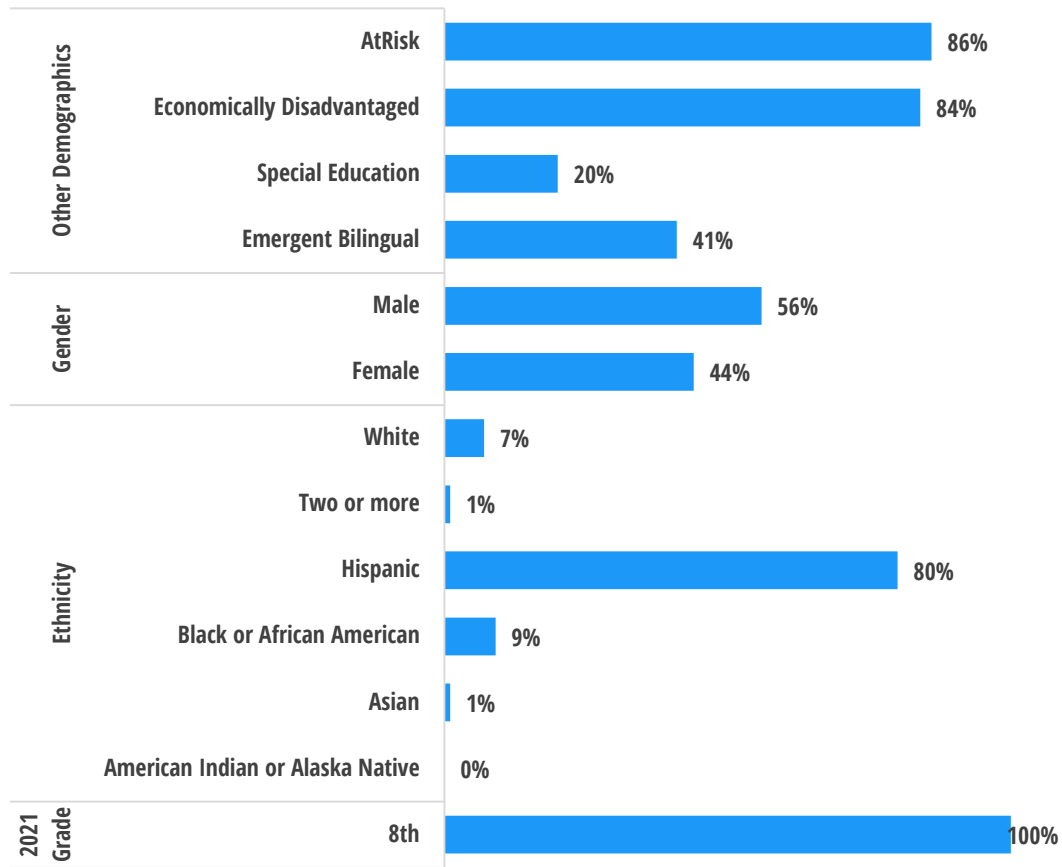


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Figure 3.

Summer 8th-Grade Transition Program Participation

The majority of the 705 students served were low income.

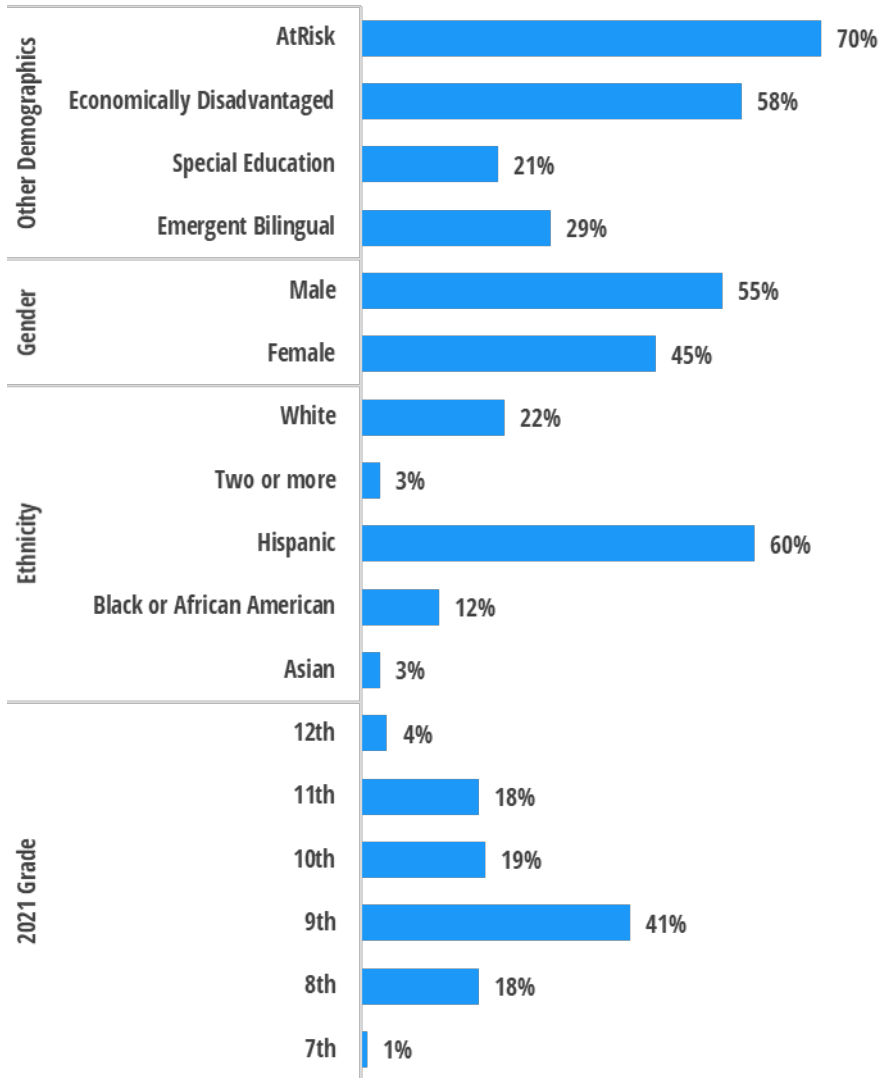


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Figure 4.

Summer EOC Test Preparation and 12th Grade Credit Recovery Participation

More than half of the 622 students served were low income.



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Note. Students in the twelfth-grade credit recovery and the end-of -course test preparation camp are combined in analyses.

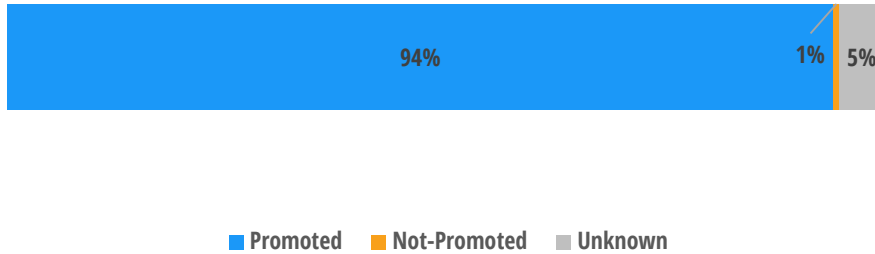
Student Outcomes

Matriculation

Figure 5.

Summer Pre-Kindergarten Program Matriculation

94% of students served matriculated to the next grade.



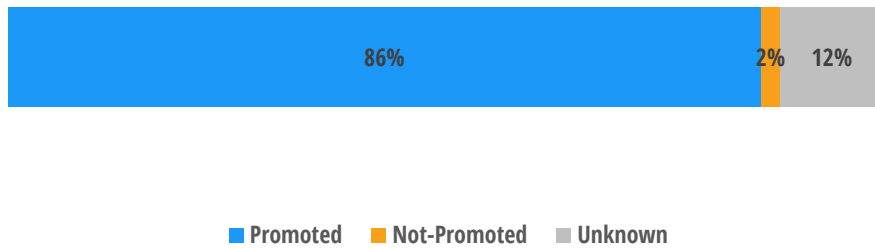
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Note. Students in the Unknown category were not enrolled in AISD in the 2021-2022 school year.

Figure 6.

Summer 5th-Grade Transition Program Matriculation

86% of students served matriculated to the next grade.



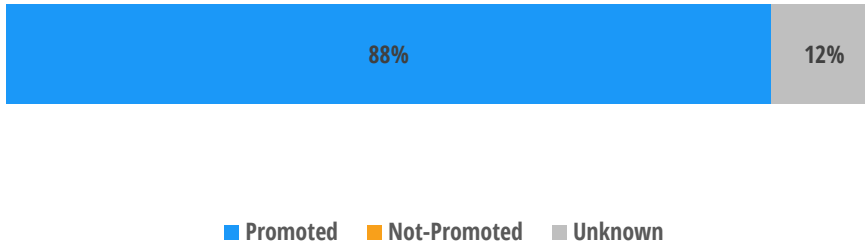
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Figure 7.

Summer 8th-Grade Transition Program Matriculation

88% of students served matriculated to the next grade.



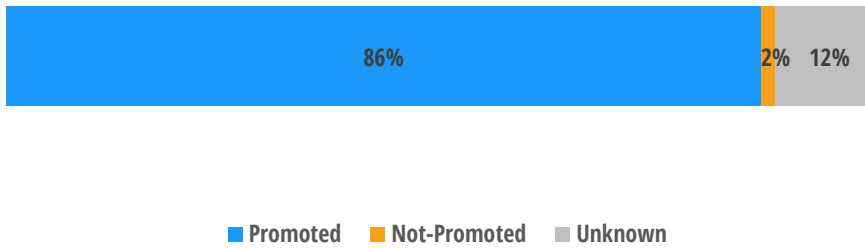
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Figure 8.

Summer Secondary EOC Prep and Credit Recovery Program Matriculation

86% of students served matriculated to the next grade.



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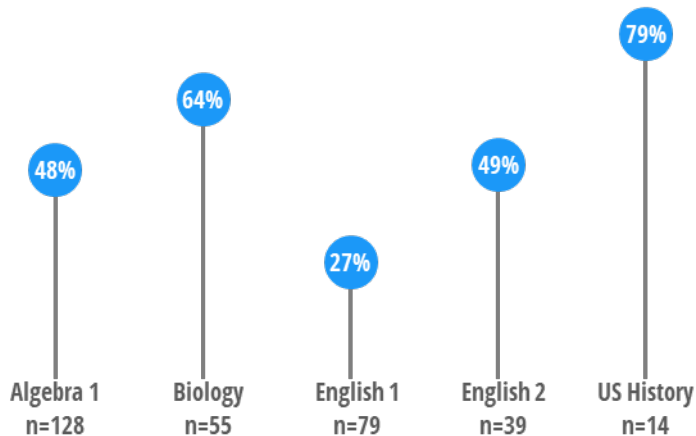
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End-of Course.

Figure 9.

Summer Secondary EOC Prep and Credit Recovery Program EOC Results

Two hundred and thirty-seven distinct students took 315 tests. Out of 315 EOC tests taken, the standard was met on 147. U.S. history had the highest number of test-takers as well as the highest percentage of students meeting the standard.



Source. Austin ISD Student Data Systems

Summary of Findings

- Programs served a high percentage of at-risk, economically disadvantaged, and Hispanic students.
- Over 86% of students in each program matriculated to the next grade in the fall of 2021.
- Three hundred and fifteen EOC tests were taken by 237 students in the following areas: English I and II, algebra I, biology, and U. S. history. The standard was met on 147 tests and it is likely that the students taking the tests had already failed at least once.



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