



ACE City Summary – Dallas

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Key Academic Findings

- **A higher rate of ACE scholars are proficient at reading and math** – A higher proportion of ACE students are proficient in third-grade reading and eighth-grade math than their public-school peers. The largest difference is in reading, where third-grade ACE scholars' proficiency is 28.7 to 36.7 percentage points higher than the performance of their FRL-eligible peers.
- **ACE students graduate from high school at a higher rate** – The graduation rate for ACE scholars was 95.1 percent, which is notably higher than the graduation rate for FRL-eligible students enrolled in the five comparison school districts in Dallas.
- **ACE schools report higher college matriculation rates than Dallas school districts** – Nearly all students at ACE-affiliated schools went on to attend college (94.6 percent), which is 37.2 to 50.3 percentage points higher than the college matriculation rate at any of the comparison school districts in the Dallas area.

Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics and safety are driving factors for choice** – Most ACE parents choose private schools due to the faith-based curriculum (88.8 percent), better academics (87.7 percent), and the safer environment (85.4 percent).
- **ACE families' average income is close to the poverty line** – The average ACE household of 5.6 individuals has a median income of \$30,818. This translates to a *per capita* income of a little more than \$5,500.00 per person.

ACE-affiliated Building Findings

- **ACE-affiliated schools are at 80.1 percent capacity** – 3,215 seats at ACE-affiliated Dallas private schools are empty.