



## 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 were proficient in third-grade reading and eighth grade math. The largest difference is in reading, where third-grade ACE scholars' proficiency is 28.7 to 36.7 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%, which is notably higher than the graduation rate for FRL-eligible students at the five select 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%), which is 37.2 to 50.3 points higher than the college matriculation rate at any of the select 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%), the better academics at these schools (87.7%), and the safer environment (85.4%).
- **ACE students live in close to the poverty line** – The average ACE household has a median income of \$30,818 and a household size of 5.6 individuals. This translates to a *per capita* of a little more than \$5500.00 per person.

### ACE-affiliated Building Findings

- **ACE-affiliated schools are at 80.1% capacity** – 3215 seats at ACE-affiliated Dallas schools are empty.