



ACE State Summary – Texas

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Key Academic Findings

- **A higher rate of ACE scholars are proficient at reading and math** – a higher proportion of ACE scholars are proficient in reading at the third grade level and at math in the 8th grade compared to their public school peers. The proportion of ACE third graders proficient in reading is 20 percentage points higher than all Texas public school third graders, and over 35 points higher than their low-income peers attending a public school. Similarly, the proportion of ACE eighth graders who are proficient in math is 22 points higher than the proficiency rate of their low-income peers.
- **ACE schools report higher college matriculation rates than the state of Texas** – More students at ACE-affiliated schools went onto college (97%) approximately 47.4 points higher than the matriculation rate for the entire state of Texas.

Key Findings from Parents

- **Academics and safety are driving factors for choice** – most ACE parents choose private schools due to the better academics (87.2%), the faith-based curriculum (84.6%), and the safer environment (82.1%).
- **Median households income for ACE households is lower** – Median income for ACE households is approximately 44% that of Texas households with school-aged children.

ACE-affiliated Building Findings

- **ACE-affiliated schools are at 76.1% capacity** – Approximately ten thousand (9711) seats at ACE-affiliated Texas schools are available for new enrollees. This amounts to nearly one-fourth of all seats at these schools.
- **Teachers and principals have more experience when compared to their public-school peers** – on average, a teacher at an ACE school as 9.3 years of experience – 2.6 more years of experience teaching compared to public school teachers. Further, ACE principals have 16.4 years of experience in education. This is on average more than 10 years than the average public-school principal.