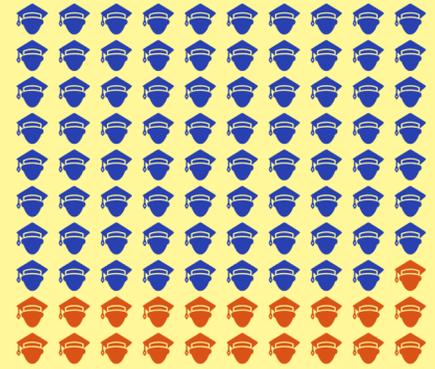
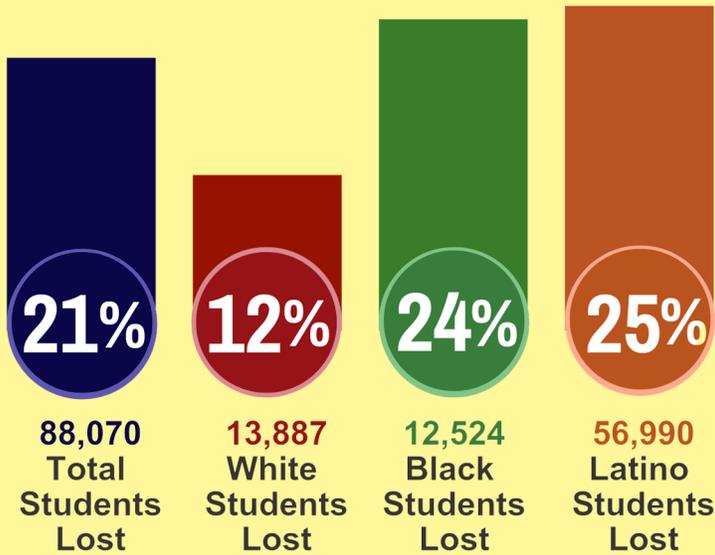


Texas public schools lost 1 out of 5 students



It has taken Texas over 34 years to improve by 12 percentage points: from 33% to 21%.



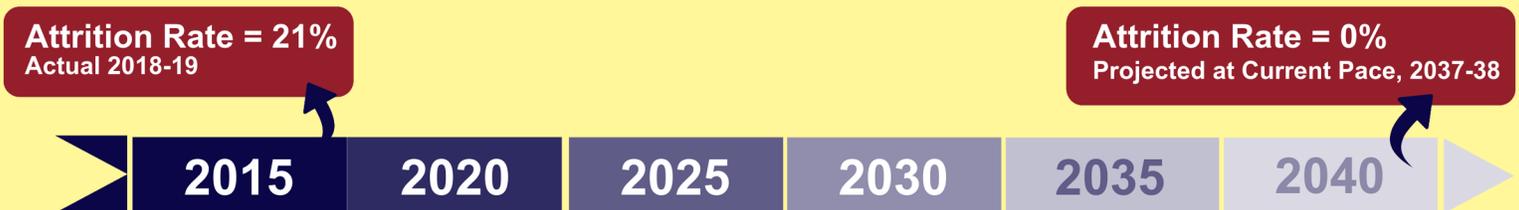
We're losing **10** students per hour

Schools are about **twice** as likely to lose Latino students and Black students before they graduate.

Schools are still losing 1 in 4 Black students and more than 1 in 4 Latino students.

Universal high school graduation is two decades away

Texas has lost 3.9 million students since 1986. We stand to lose another 2.1 million students.



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Taking Action to Hold on to Students

Communities and their neighborhood public schools can turn the tide. We can and must guarantee that every child graduates from high school ready for college and the world of work. Strategic action to address school holding power has two key elements:

Community based action that reclaims neighborhood public schools, strengthens schools through school-community partnerships and holds schools and stakeholders accountable for student success.

Statewide systems change to strengthen school holding power so all schools ensure that all children succeed and graduate. Each strategy must be informed by quality data about student outcomes and the factors that make up effective schools.

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Get connected

Create a **community-school action team** to examine the factors that must be addressed to strengthen your school's holding power – its ability to hold on to students through to graduation. Use IDRA's Quality Schools Action Framework™.

IDRA's book, **Courage to Connect: A Quality Schools Action Framework™** shows how communities and schools can work together to be successful with all of their students. The book's web page (<https://www.idra.org/couragetocconnect>) has an excerpt, related podcasts, images of the framework and other resources.

Get results

See what happens when a school district raises expectations for students. **College Bound and Determined** shows how the Pharr-San Juan Alamo school district in south Texas transformed itself from low achievement and low expectations to planning for all students to graduate from high school and college. College Bound & Determined is available from IDRA for \$15 and is free online at: <https://idra.news/CollegeBoundw>

