

P-16 COLLEGE READINESS AND SUCCESS STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

GOAL

To ensure that every Texas student is prepared by their P-12 education to be college-ready when exiting high school and has the skills to successfully compete in a global economy.

OBJECTIVES

Texas leaders recognize that over 90 percent of new jobs that will be available to students in the 21st century require some postsecondary education¹ and we cannot afford to have any student unprepared for this reality. The following objectives are aimed at ensuring that all students are academically prepared for postsecondary opportunities in the new millennium. It is imperative that stakeholders from all levels of education and the workforce collaborate to address the challenges that exist in public and higher education in Texas, so that all students are ready for college and ready for work, ensuring their readiness for life.

OBJECTIVE 1

Define standards and expectations for college readiness for the state that address what students must know and be able to do to succeed in entry-level college/university courses and in the skilled workforce.

OBJECTIVE 2

Align exit-level assessments of public education with entry-level expectations of higher education and the skilled workforce.

OBJECTIVE 3

Infuse pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school curricula with appropriate rigor to academically prepare students, including those with special needs, for success in college/university courses and career pursuits.

OBJECTIVE 4

Establish sound accountability measures for college readiness in public education and for persistence and timely graduation in higher education.

OBJECTIVE 5

Create a college-going culture in every public pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school in Texas.

OBJECTIVE 6

Prepare education professionals in public and higher education, from P through 16, to assist students, including those with special needs, in meeting college readiness and skilled workforce expectations and standards.

¹ U.S. Department of Education, *A Test of Leadership: Charting the Future of U.S. Higher Education*. Washington, D.C., 2006.

OBJECTIVE 7

Coordinate college readiness and success plan objectives with strategies for persistence and timely graduation included in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's "Closing the Gaps" plan.

OBJECTIVE 8

Provide greater access to student academic preparation programs, including challenging advanced academic courses and programs, in all public high schools in Texas.