

# Financial Aid and Apply Texas Results

## District and Campus Summary

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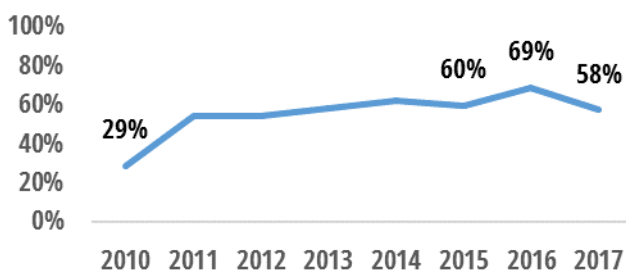
**What are the FAFSA and TASFA?** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an application that can be completed annually by current and anticipating college students and their parents to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid and to defray the personal costs of enrolling in postsecondary education. The state of Texas permits immigrant students to qualify as state of Texas residents. As a Texas resident, a student may complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and qualify for state financial aid while in college.

### What percentage of AISD’s seniors completed the FAFSA in 2017?

At the time of this report, 58% percent of seniors submitted a FAFSA (Figure 1), and 54% completed the application process in 2017 (Table 1). Considering additional TASFA submissions, 60% of seniors submitted an application for financial aid (Table 1). Financial aid data for the 2017 seniors will be finalized in October 2017.

Figure 1.

As of July 2017, the AISD senior FAFSA submission rate declined in 2017 compared with 2016 submissions.



*Source.* FAFSA filing records from USDE’s Office of Federal Student Aid and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and TASFA submission documentation provided by campus staff 2017, prepared by AISD DRE staff, as of July 17, 2017.

Table 1.

All AISD high schools had at least 50% of seniors submit a financial aid application in 2017.

| School          | # of Seniors | FAFSA Submitted | FAFSA Completed | TASFA Submitted | Any Financial Aid Submitted |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Atkins HS       | 543          | 65.6%           | 58.6%           | 5.3%            | 70.9%                       |
| Anderson HS     | 495          | 60.2%           | 57.8%           | 0.8%            | 61.0%                       |
| Austin HS       | 455          | 51.9%           | 48.6%           | 0.7%            | 52.5%                       |
| Bowie HS        | 647          | 64.6%           | 56.4%           | 0.0%            | 64.6%                       |
| Crockett HS     | 317          | 52.1%           | 48.9%           | 2.8%            | 54.9%                       |
| Eastside HS     | 131          | 67.9%           | 64.9%           | 6.1%            | 74.0%                       |
| Garza HS        | 66           | 60.6%           | 22.7%           | 0.0%            | 60.6%                       |
| Lanier HS       | 283          | 37.5%           | 34.3%           | 16.3%           | 53.7%                       |
| LASA HS         | 245          | 79.6%           | 70.2%           | 0.0%            | 79.6%                       |
| LBJ HS          | 170          | 65.9%           | 52.4%           | 0.0%            | 65.9%                       |
| McCallum HS     | 360          | 63.1%           | 60.6%           | 0.0%            | 63.1%                       |
| Reagan HS       | 233          | 48.5%           | 42.5%           | 1.7%            | 50.2%                       |
| Richards HS     | 47           | 93.6%           | 87.2%           | 0.0%            | 93.6%                       |
| Travis HS       | 269          | 53.2%           | 48.0%           | 4.5%            | 57.6%                       |
| <b>District</b> | <b>4,261</b> | <b>57.7%</b>    | <b>53.7%</b>    | <b>2.7%</b>     | <b>60.4%</b>                |

*Source.* FAFSA filing records from USDE’s Office of FSA and the THECB, and TASFA submission documentation provided by campus staff 2017, prepared by AISD DRE staff, as of July 17, 2017.

## Student Financial Aid Data

In 2017, Austin Independent School District (AISD) accessed students’ FAFSA submission data through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the U.S. Department of Education’s (USDE) Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA). The FSA provided web-based reports with aggregated counts of students submitting and completing the FAFSA. Following a strict security protocol, the THECB provided student-level FAFSA completion data back to the district via the Apply Texas Counselors’ Suite, based on the high school of enrollment confirmed by the student. Some school staff also assisted students in completing the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) and provided related documentation.

Discrepancies existed between sources. Counts provided by FSA included all students who indicated they were enrolled in an AISD high school. Counts provided through THECB were further filtered, because the THECB only shared FAFSA submission data if students “confirmed” their high school of enrollment in their online application. Because of differences in reporting, the overall FAFSA results in this report were based on the source that produced the greatest count.

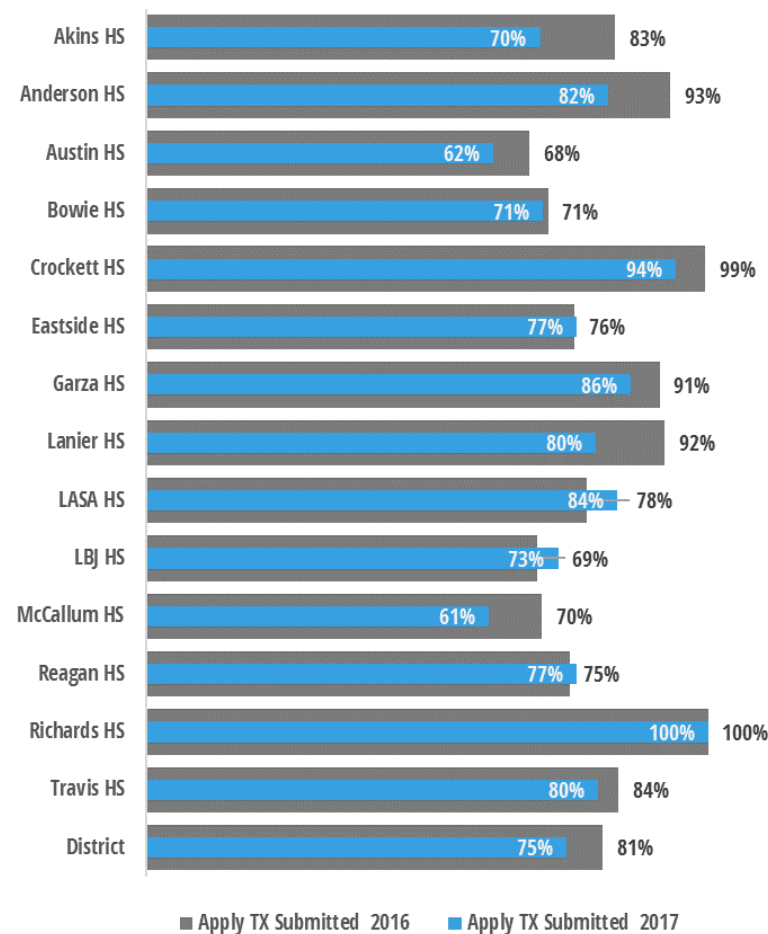
**What is Apply Texas?** The Apply Texas Application is an online application that allows for both Texas and non-Texas students to apply to the many postsecondary institutions available in the state. Applicants can apply to any Texas public university, as well as to participating community and private colleges. Additionally, students can view both general and specific information about the postsecondary institutions and apply for scholarships.

### What percentage of AISD’s seniors completed the Apply Texas application in 2017?

Seventy percent of seniors submitted a Apply Texas application (Figure 2). Eleven of the fourteen high schools in AISD had a Apply Texas submission rate higher than 70 percent.

Figure 2.

**As of July 2017, the AISD senior Apply Texas submission rate declined in 2017 compared with 2016 submissions.**



Source. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, ApplyTexas Administrative & Counselor Reporting Suite. Retrieved from <https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/>

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