
Texas Commission on Virtual Education

— Mayor Mattie Parker —

June 29, 2022

Organizational Overview

The Mayor's Council for Education and Workforce Development will exist to provide educational opportunities of the **highest quality** for all children in Fort Worth Public Schools to **prepare them for success** in their chosen careers, including careers that will meet the **current and future needs** of business and industry in North Texas.

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Overview

Summer 2022

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Most Tarrant County jobs require some type of postsecondary credential...



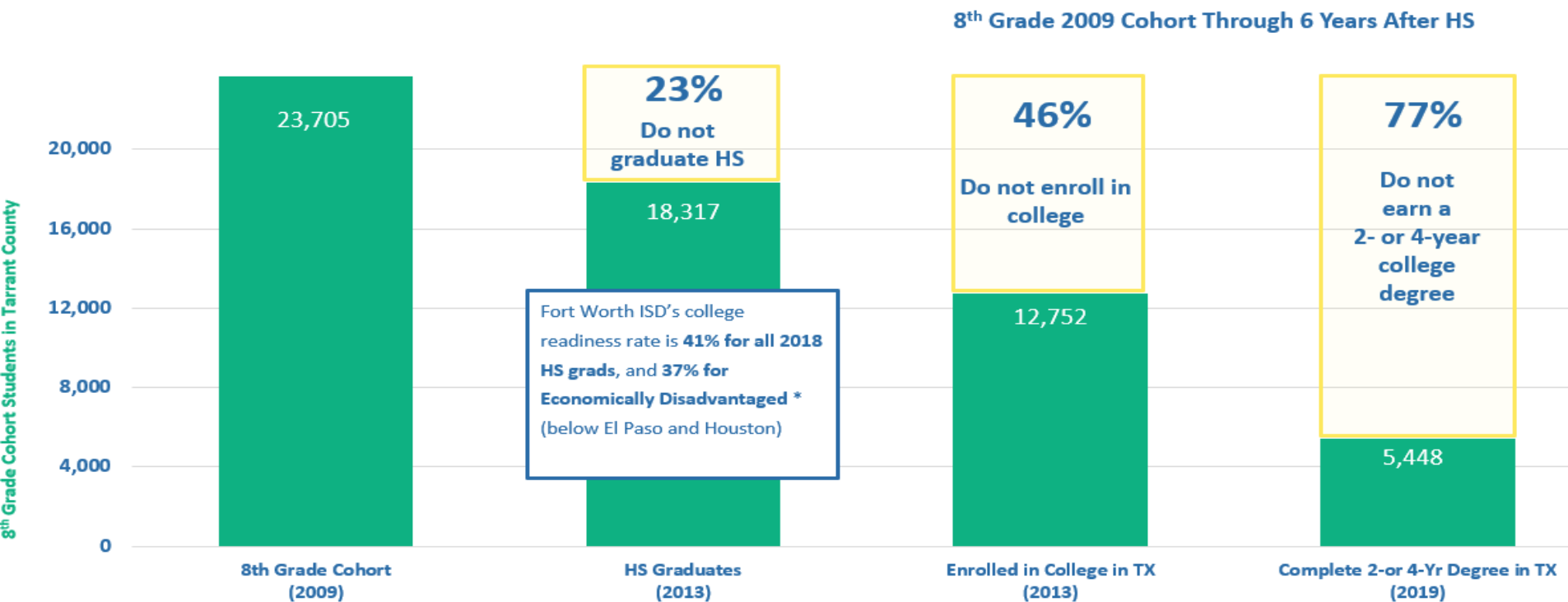
Workforce Alignment

Employers report **challenges filling high-demand positions** and finding applicants with the **right mix of technical ability and workforce readiness skills**

In healthcare, for example, many **middle-skill jobs** are taking up to **50% longer to fill** than the regional average duration for open positions

67% of job openings are in **healthcare and computers/math**

Only 23% of Tarrant County Students in the 8th Grade Cohort Complete a Postsecondary Credential Within 6 Years of High School Graduation

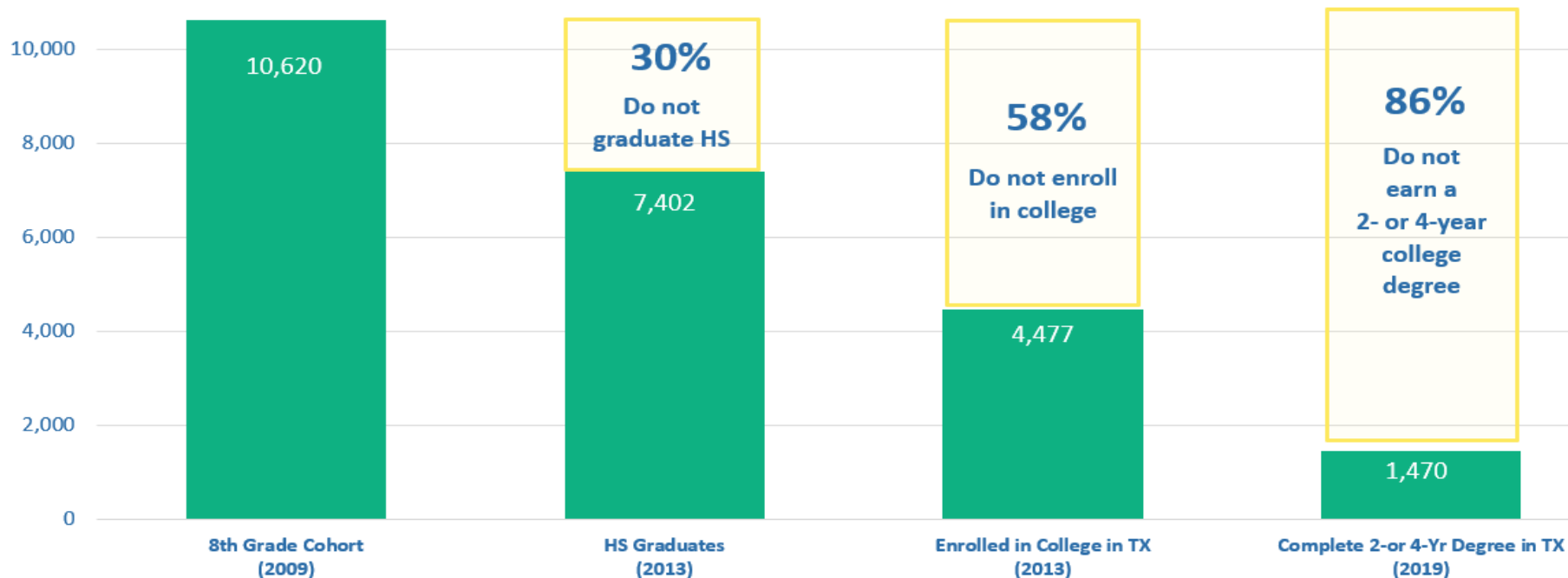


Source: THECB 2020 8th Grade Cohort report. Note: College enrollment and completion data are for Texas public higher education institutions only.



The Trend Intensifies for Economically Disadvantaged Students / Only About 14% Earn a Postsecondary Credential

8th Grade 2009 Cohort Through 6 Years After HS



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A group of Tarrant County leaders came together **to ensure more students in Tarrant County obtain a postsecondary credential &** that each student has the training and skills they need to thrive in today's workforce.

Working to Close the Gap

T3 is addressing 4 key gaps that hinder students from being prepared for, enrolling in, and finishing postsecondary pathways.



K-12 Students & Families >>>>>>>>> Postsecondary Pathways

1

Closing the Information Gap.

2

Closing the Expectations Gap.

3

Closing the Guidance Gap.

4

Closing the Financial Aid Gap.

T3 Partnership | Program Components

Providing a decade of support for students & families.



PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- 6 Course Parent Pledge
- Startup Scholarship Funding
- Targeted Communication
- Parent Ambassador

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

- College & Career Navigation
- Pledge Campaign
- Parent & Family Education
- Middle School CCMR Efforts
- Professional Learning Communities

MENTOR PROGRAM & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

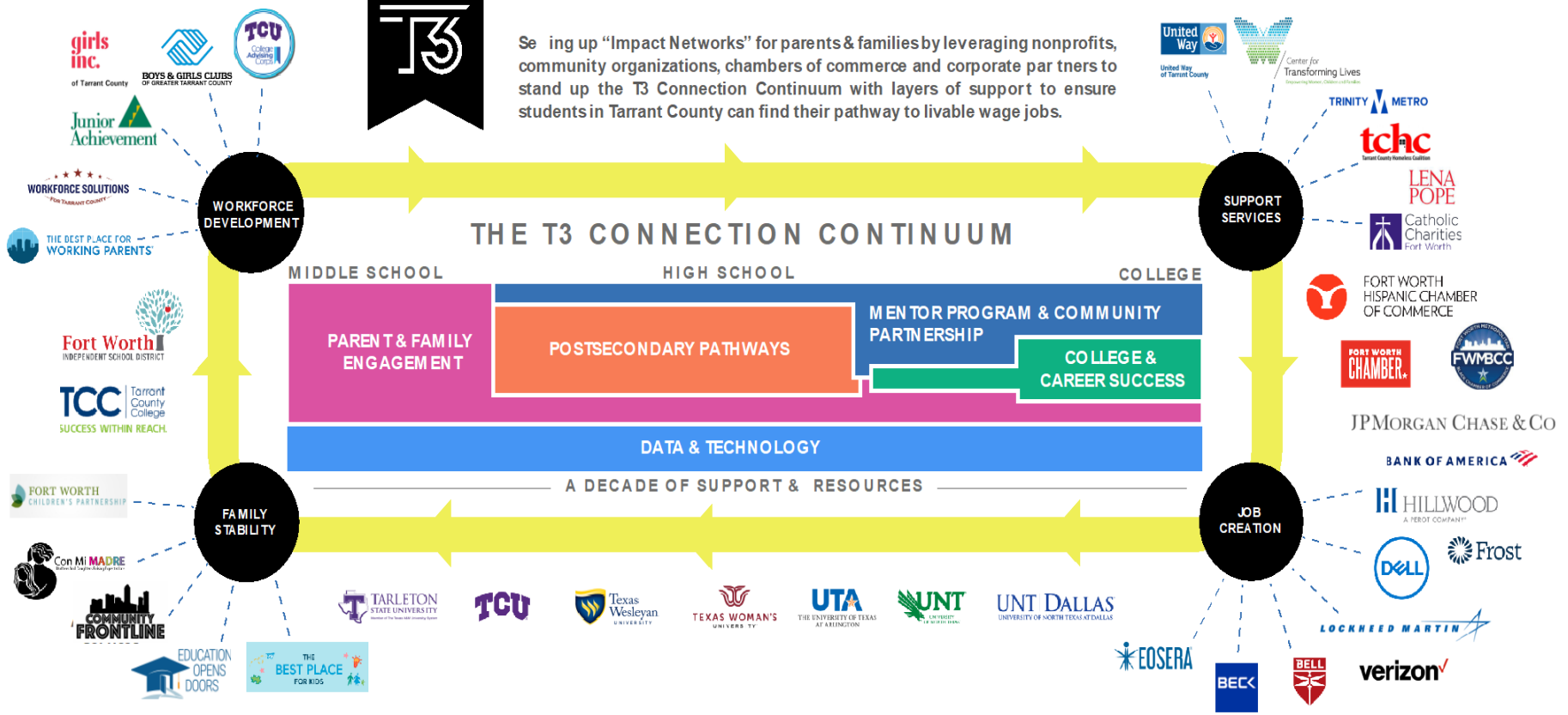
- T3 Mentorship Program
- Job Shadowing & Internships
- Community Service Guidance + Support

COLLEGE & CAREER SUCCESS

- Scholarships
- Bridge Programming
- College Persistence Coaching & Resources
- Transfer Support



Setting up "Impact Networks" for parents & families by leveraging nonprofits, community organizations, chambers of commerce and corporate partners to stand up the T3 Connection Continuum with layers of support to ensure students in Tarrant County can find their pathway to livable wage jobs.



High Schools in Fort Worth



10,000 annual high school graduates

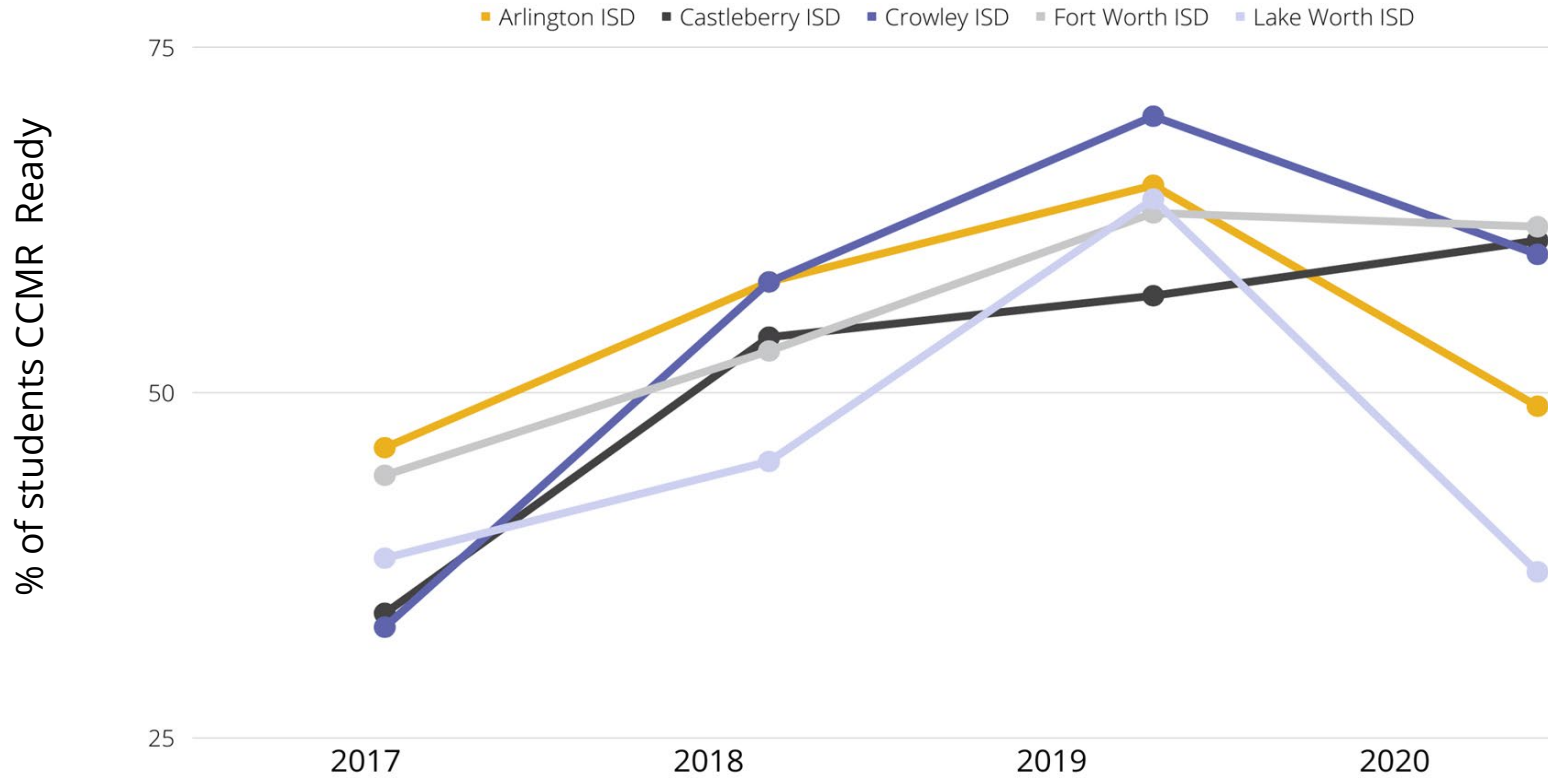


14 school districts



3 of the top 4 highest-performing schools of any type Fort Worth were ECHSs

CCMR Trends

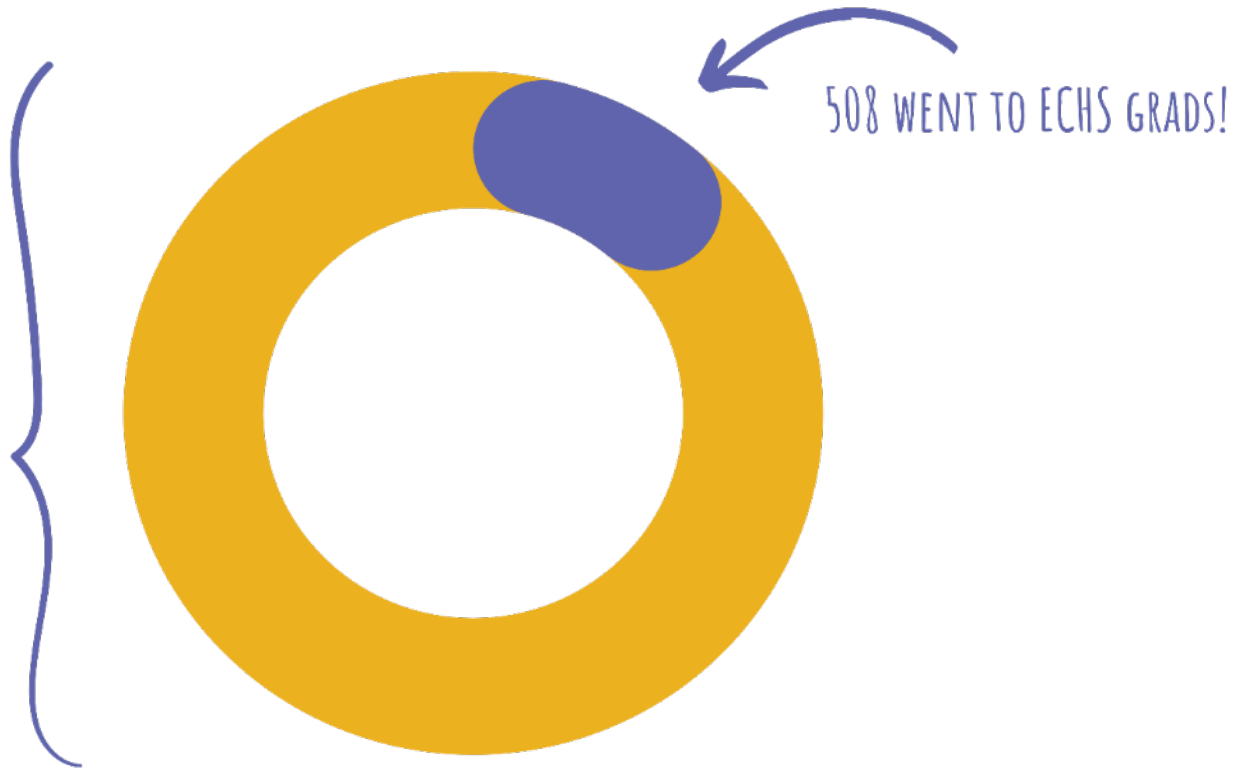


The Impact of Early College High Schools

OUR
ECHS GRADS
ARE 

- ✓ 3x more likely to earn an associate degree or bachelor's degree
- ✓ Considered more "college-ready" by the State
- ✓ On average, score higher in the classroom and on the ACT/SAT
- ✓ Saved \$30K+ and drastically increased lifetime earning potential

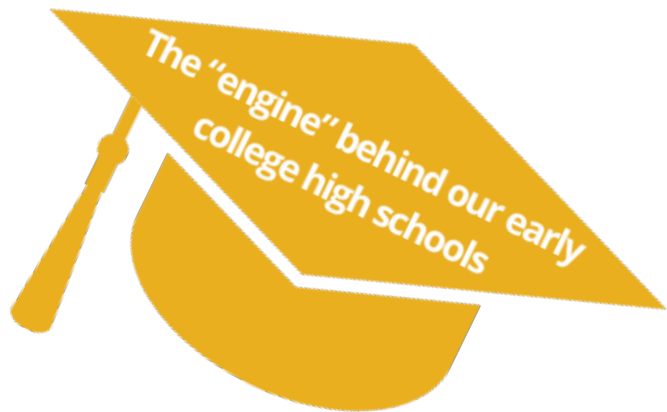
OF THE APPROXIMATELY 3,282
DEGREES & CERTIFICATES FROM TCC
IN SPRING 2022



Tarrant County College (TCC)

- TCC Connect

- 29,000 online students
- 90% from Tarrant County
- 37 fully online programs (13 degrees and 24 certificates)
- 190 accredited courses



72.1% | eLearning
Success Rate

71.4% | Weekend College
Success Rate







The keys to success in education

Opportunity

Choice

Flexibility

Partnership