

Stafford ISD

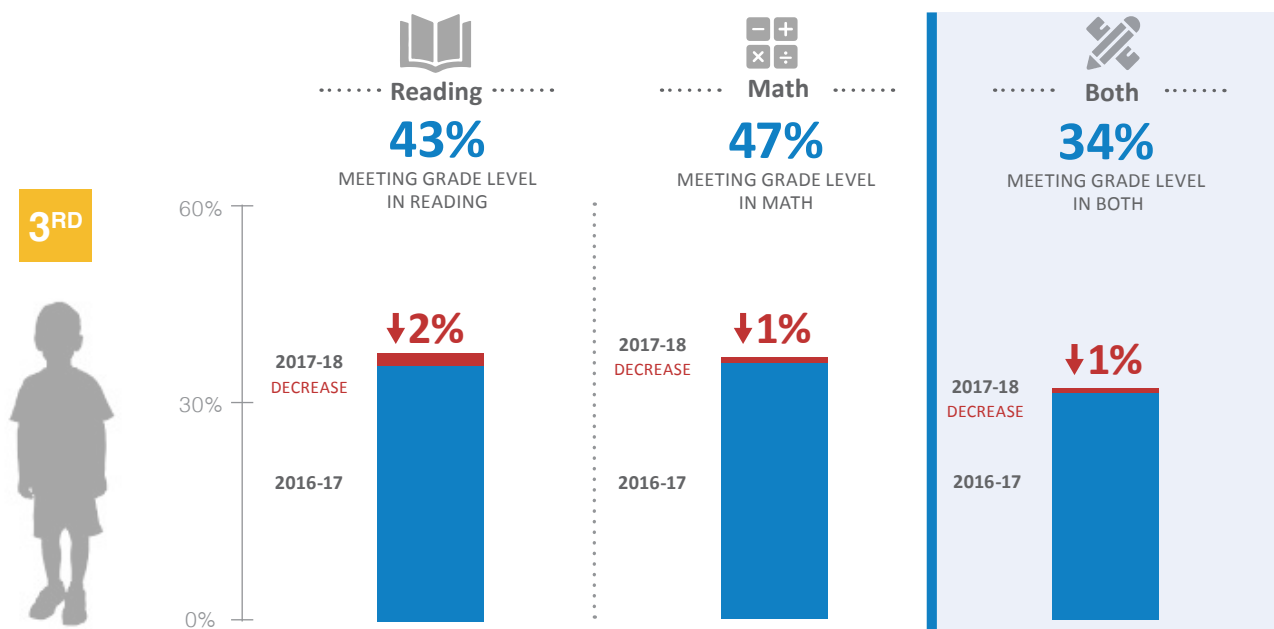
WHY THIS MATTERS

Assuring every child is prepared for success in college, a career or the military means every child must first have a solid foundation in reading and mathematics. These two subject areas are not only critical to success in school at every grade, they are essential elements for success in life, regardless of the path taken after high school. One study reveals that if students are not reading on grade level by the third grade, they are four times more likely to drop out of school.¹⁹ TEA is committed to providing effective support for our students to succeed.

MEETING GRADE LEVEL IN READING & MATH

Set by the State Board of Education, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are the statewide curriculum standards that outline what students should know and be able to do at every grade level in every subject. Beginning in third grade, the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) provides information on how our students are performing against the reading and math TEKS at the end of the school year. Students meeting grade level expectations on the STAAR are likely to succeed in the next school year. Those reaching this performance level by the end of high school have been shown to have a greater than 60% chance of passing freshman level college courses.²⁰

3RD GRADE STUDENTS - SPRING 2018



Over the past year, the state has seen slight declines in the percentage of third grade students on grade level in reading (down two percentage points from 2016-2017), math (down one percentage point) and for students meeting grade level in both subjects (down one percentage point).²¹

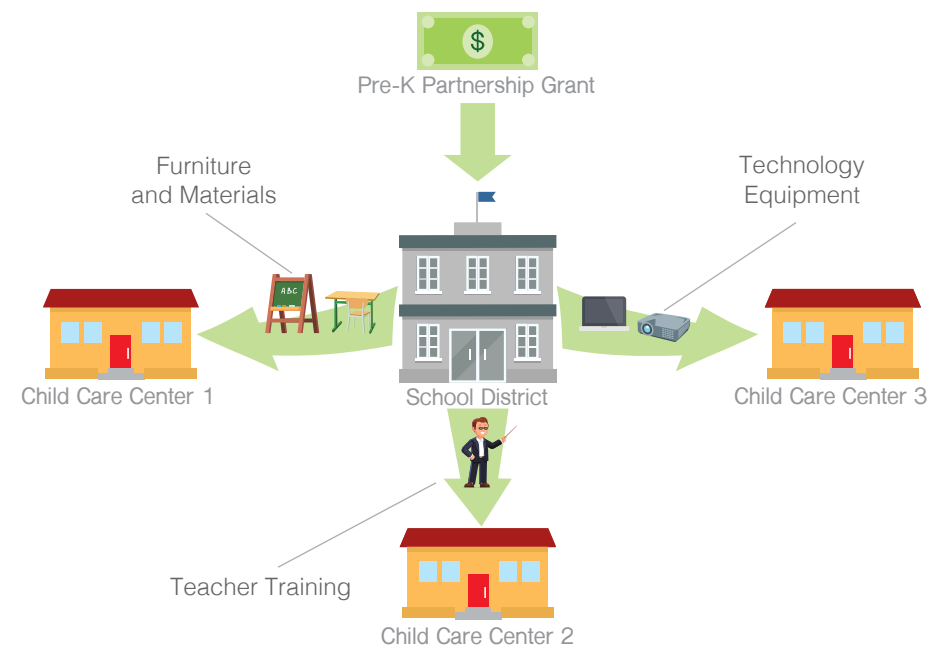


PRE-K PARTNERSHIPS



Prekindergarten partnerships are agreements between school systems and private child care providers. These agreements allow school systems and private providers to work together to serve eligible 3- and 4-year-old children. Partnerships provide resources to private providers, expand access to pre-k, and increase options for families. Grant funds provided by the Texas Workforce Commission support the launch of these partnerships.

LAUNCHING A PRE-K PARTNERSHIP



PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD

The Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District began partnering with 12 local child care centers in 2014. Today, there are 49 centers that are able to select from a menu of services including training, curriculum, certified teachers, quality review and improvement assistance, and pass-through funding. The Pre-K Partnership Grant awarded to Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD was instrumental in accelerating the expansion and quality of these partnerships by providing two centers with much needed furniture, technology related hardware, a full time certified teacher, and other resources not previously available. This initiative has enhanced the school readiness culture and provided a seamless transition to district schools..

ALIEF ISD

Alief Independent School District works collaboratively with 24 local private child care centers to ensure kindergarten readiness through high-quality pre-k programs. The collaboration ensures children receive high-quality instruction regardless of setting. Child care centers benefit from the partnership because they receive professional development and coaching for pre-k teachers, at no extra cost, as well as curriculum and instructional materials for classrooms. Early data indicates that students who were in a classroom that received grant funding through this local partnership are outperforming those students who were not.

AUSTIN ISD

With Austin Independent School District's ongoing commitment to increasing high-quality pre-k opportunities for Austin families, partnerships began with seven local child development centers in 2015. In 2017, partnerships expanded through the implementation of the TEA Pre-K Partnership Grant, adding nine additional partnership sites. Children and their families benefit from being co-enrolled in AISD and their local child care center. They receive the benefits of high-quality Austin ISD pre-k while the child care centers provide care for the children beyond regular campus hours, a helpful option for families.