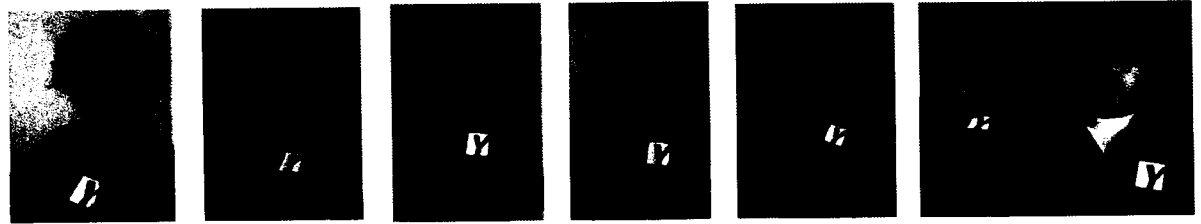




YES Prep Public Schools



WHO ARE WE?

Our Mission

YES Prep exists to increase the number of low-income Houstonians who graduate from a four-year college prepared to compete in the global marketplace and committed to improving disadvantaged communities.

Our Schools

Founded in 1998, YES Prep is a free, open-enrollment public school system that prepares low-income students for college graduation. YES's comprehensive 6th-12th grade academic model includes a longer school day and a mandatory Saturday school and summer school program. In addition, the YES charter mandates that students must be accepted to a four-year college in order to receive their high school diploma. There are currently four YES campuses in the greater Houston area that serve 1,500 low-income students:

- ★ 80% of YES students are economically-disadvantaged
- ★ 95% are Hispanic or African-American
- ★ 86% are first-generation college-bound
- ★ Most students enter YES one grade level behind in math and English

Our Results

YES Prep's ultimate goal is to become the public school system in greater Houston that prepares the **most** low-income students for college graduation:

- ★ 100% of YES students in six graduating classes have been accepted to college
- ★ YES graduates have been accepted to 190 schools nationwide, including: Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Yale, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Rice, University of Texas, and Texas A&M
- ★ Collectively, YES students have earned over \$13 million in scholarships & financial aid
- ★ 78% of YES alumni have graduated or are still enrolled in a four-year college (compared to the national retention average of 50% for all ethnic groups and 22% for low-income students)

What Makes YES Different

Commitment to Excellence: Every year parents, teachers, and students sign a contract that says they will do "Whatever It Takes" to pursue the YES mission of college graduation.

Building Positive Relationships: YES has developed a unique student support model that includes small faculty advising groups, social services, tutoring sessions, and a college counseling department that begins working with students in ninth grade. In addition, all staff are given school-sponsored cell phones to be accessible to their students after school hours.

Creating Opportunities: Students participate in week-long spring college research trips, monthly field lessons and exciting summer programs.

Achieving Social Justice: YES means "Youth Engaged in Service". Students complete monthly service projects in the local community and log hundreds of volunteer hours over their seven years at YES. These experiences ensure they become future leaders who understand the importance of civic responsibility and are committed to improving disadvantaged communities.

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Top 100 High Schools in America

- Newsweek, May 2006



College Acceptance List: 2001-2006

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- YES graduates have been accepted to 191 colleges and universities nationwide
- Students have received scholarships, grants, and financial aid awards totaling \$13.1 million dollars
- 87% of the graduates are first generation college-bound students

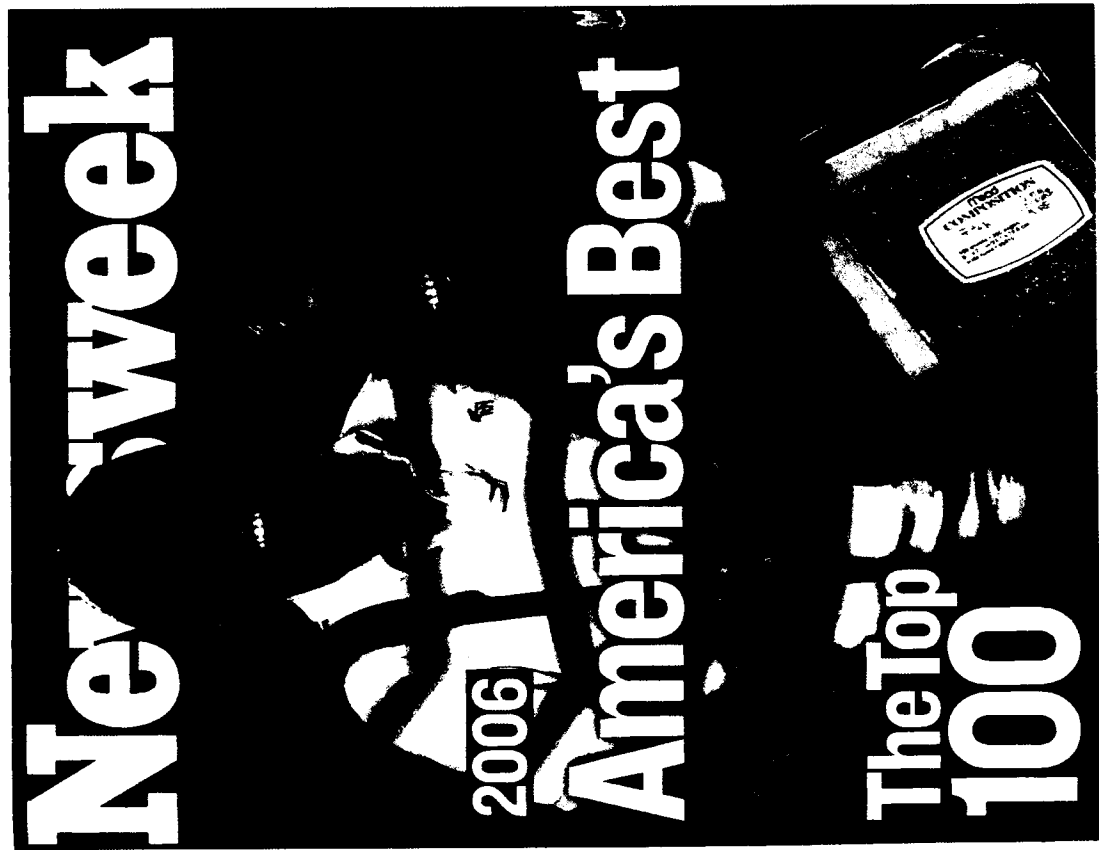
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Concordia University
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Dallas Baptist University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Elizabeth City State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Eugene Lang College – New School
University
Evergreen State University
Fairfield University
Fayetteville State University
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Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Franklin Pierce College
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YES College Prep: Only Houston School Ranked in Newsweek's Top 100 High School List



The Best of The Bunch

NEWSEWEEK's list of America's top high schools honors those institutions that do the most to help regular kids prepare for college work. This year

• • • their children. Identical yearnings at the other end of the economic spectrum have brought an AP emphasis to low-income students at public charter schools like the southeast Houston campus of the YES College Preparatory Schools. At YES, nobody gets a diploma without taking at least one AP course and being accepted by at least one four-year college. Simi-

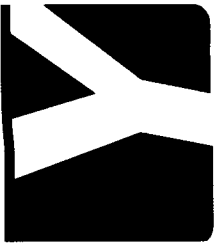
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Why AP Matters
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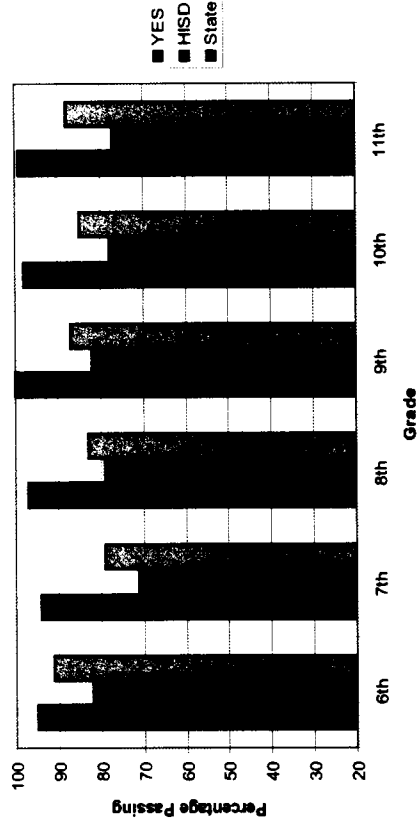
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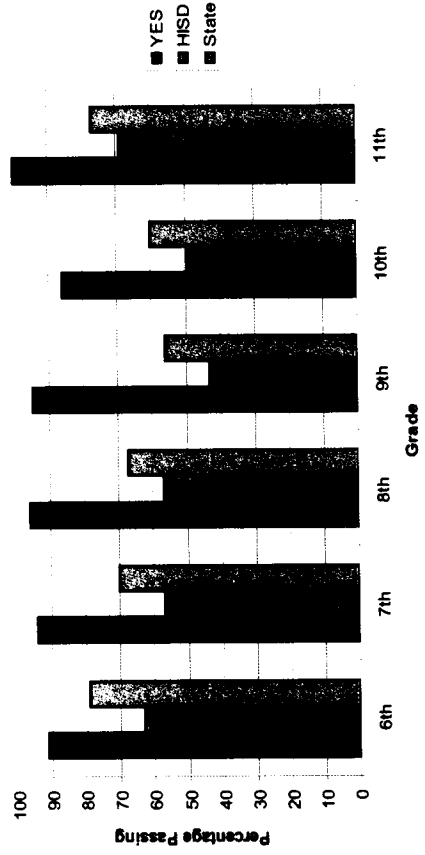
Comparison of TAKS Results

Achievement

TAKS Reading Scores



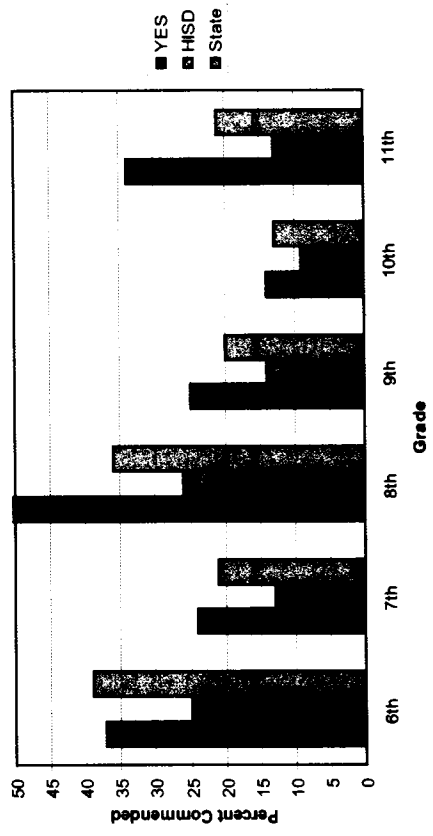
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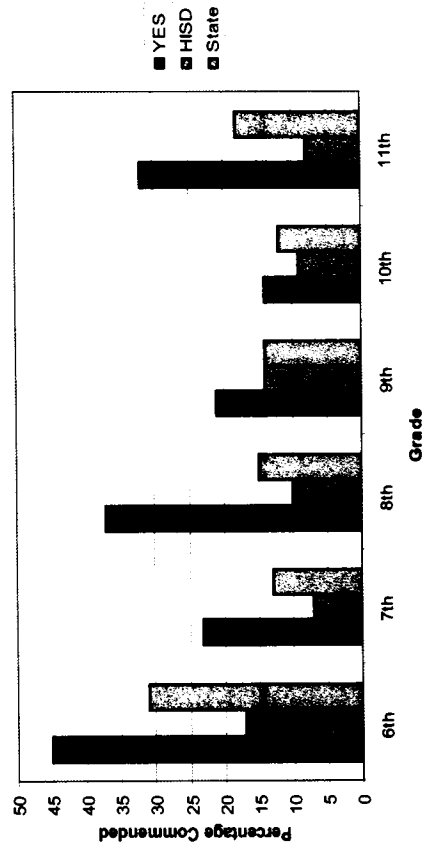
Commended Performance

Commended Performance is the designation used by the Texas Education Agency for students who answer 90 percent or more of the questions on a given test correctly.

Reading TAKS Commended Scores



Math TAKS Commended Scores





YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS: OVERVIEW

OUR MISSION

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BACKGROUND

YES College Preparatory Schools has evolved from a small charter school project that began in 1995 at an elementary school in one of Houston's poorest communities. Today, YES is a network of free, open-enrollment, public schools that prepare low-income students for collegiate success. In 2006, YES will serve 1,500 students on four campuses in the greater Houston area. YES's unique model sets high expectations for its students by requiring every student to secure acceptance into a four-year college in order to graduate from high school. The comprehensive 6th-12th grade model includes a longer school day, Saturday and summer school sessions, access to special enrichment experiences, and an intensive college counseling and alumni program.

As an open-enrollment public school system, YES cannot "skim" its student body from the independent school districts; instead, students for each campus are chosen through YES's random lottery system. To ensure access for all students, YES provides free transportation for any student who requires bussing. The current student profile is as follows:

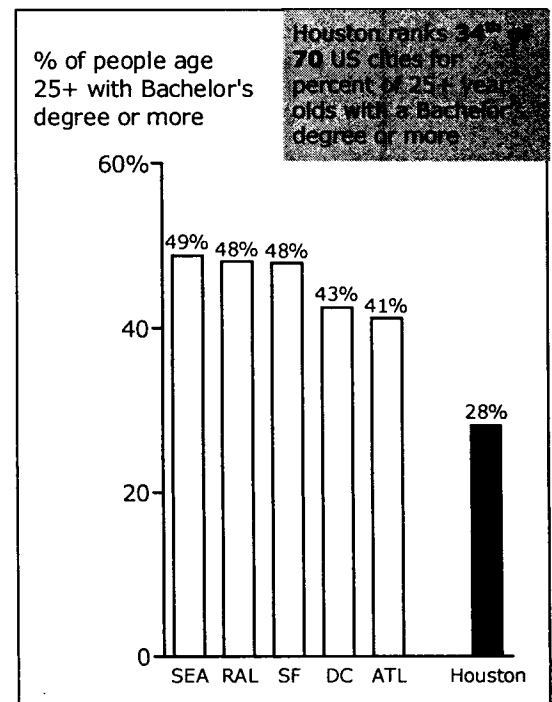
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- 86% are first-generation college-bound
- Most students enter YES at least one grade level behind in math and reading

NEED IN HOUSTON

The graph to the right illustrates that Houston lags behind other U.S. cities in the educational attainment of its residents. Houston's low-income communities, in particular, suffer from a profound dearth of college-educated residents. Children in these communities desperately need access to educational opportunities that provide them with opportunities to improve their individual quality of life while also contributing to Houston's overall economic sustainability.

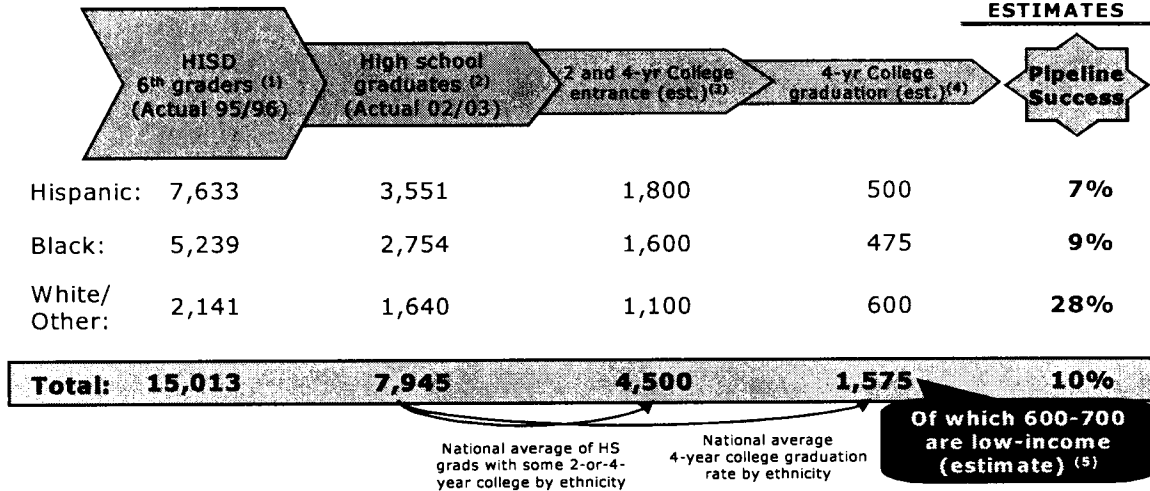
To date, Houston's educational system has failed to provide the means for these students to obtain a 4-year college education and use it as a lever to strengthen the entire community.

Approximately 12,000 of the 15,000 sixth graders in HISD come from low-income families. As the "pipeline slide" on the next page indicates, the average low-income sixth grade student has an 8% chance of graduating from a four-year college. Annually, Houston's 33 public high schools only produce 1,575 students who will graduate from a four-year college, and only 600 of these graduates are from low-income families:



Educational Odds for a Low-Income Student in Houston

CONFIDENTIAL
ESTIMATES



YES RESULTS

YES has proven that it is possible to radically change the educational odds for Houston's low-income student population:

- 100% of the graduating seniors (six classes) have been accepted to a four-year college
- YES seniors have been accepted to 190 schools nationwide, including Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Yale, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Rice, Texas A&M, and University of Texas-Austin
- YES graduates have earned over \$13 million in scholarships and financial aid
- 78% of YES alumni are still enrolled in college (compared to the national retention average of 50% for all ethnic groups and 22% for low-income students)

In addition to collegiate results, YES has achieved recognition at the local and national level:

- YES is the only charter school system in Texas to earn the two highest Texas Education Agency ratings of *Exemplary* or *Recognized* for eight consecutive years.
- In May, *Newsweek* ranked YES as one of the top 100 public high schools in the nation. This annual list represents the top 1% of all public schools nationwide and YES was the only school in Houston to be included on the list.
- In March 2006, the *Houston Press* ranked YES as the best open-enrollment public high school in Houston (out of 116 area schools).
- In 2003, YES was one of twenty schools nationwide to receive the U.S. Department of Education's *Dispelling the Myth* award for educational excellence in low-income communities

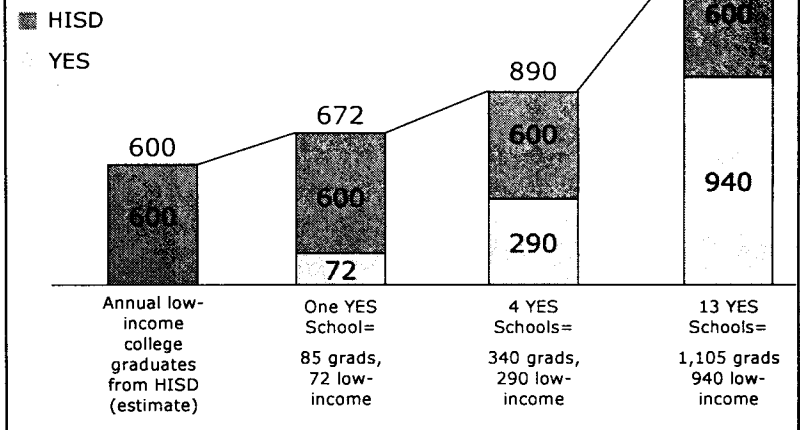
THE YES MODEL: PLANS FOR GROWTH

YES's long-term goal is to improve the quality of life in Houston by dramatically increasing the number of low-income students who graduate from college. YES has embarked on a strategic plan to build the infrastructure it needs to ultimately allow YES to open a total of 13 schools in the greater Houston area and annually serve over 9,000 students. Even with just four schools in operation, **over 30% of Houston's low-income students attending college will be graduates of YES.**

	1998-2003	Capital Campaign	Future Growth
Campuses	1	4	up to 13 total
Students	550	2,800	5,100
College-Bound HS Graduates	30	400	1,300
Annual College Graduates (assumes 85% of HS graduates finish)	6	340	1,105

YES will dramatically increase the number of college graduates from Houston's low-income communities

85% of YES's college graduates are low-income:



As a state charter school, YES receives operating funds from the Texas Education Agency and federal title programs. While state and federal funding provides operating revenue, YES must raise additional support from the philanthropic community, corporations, and individuals to provide its complete educational model. Currently, YES receives no state funding for its capital expenses. Thus, YES has to stretch its operating dollars and raise additional philanthropic support to cover both its comprehensive academic program and also fund its ongoing capital needs.

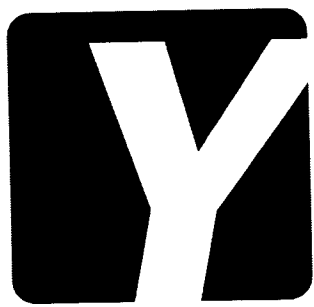
Within the last eighteen months, YES has secured large multi-year grants to help fund this current phase of expansion. This operational funding has come from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (through the Texas High School Project), the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, Bridgeway Capital Management, Charter Fund, Marathon Oil, and Duke Energy.

This support also provides YES with an ideal window of opportunity to initiate a \$15 million capital campaign that will result in a long-term facility solution for its three existing campuses and establish a fourth school. Since launching the campaign in the summer of 2005, more than \$6.2 million has been raised to date from the Board of Trustees and early major donors, including a recent \$3 million grant from the Brown Foundation. YES hopes to complete the campaign within the next three years. An extensive list of named gift opportunities has been developed to recognize donors at all levels of support.

CONTACT INFORMATION

YES Prep aims for nothing less than a transformation of Houston's low-income neighborhoods. YES looks forward to partnering with the philanthropic community to ensure more of the city's disadvantaged students can pursue their dreams of collegiate success.

For more information about YES, please visit our website at www.yesprep.org or contact the Director of Development, Ryan Dolibois, by phone at 713-574-7595 and by e-mail at rdolibois@yesprep.org.



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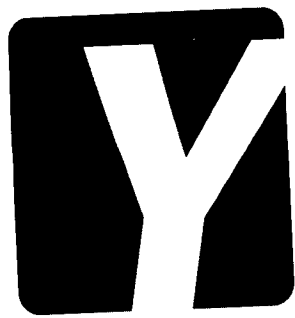
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