



SPOTLIGHTING COLLEGESPRING'S PROGRAM PILOT IN DALLAS AND HOUSTON

CollegeSpring is a 501(c)(3), mission-driven nonprofit that helps students who are impacted by poverty demonstrate their full potential on college and career readiness assessments to unlock better opportunities after high school. Since 2008, CollegeSpring has helped level the playing field for more than 40,000 students by partnering with schools and educators to provide equitable test preparation during the school day.

THE OPTIMAL ZONE

CollegeSpring maximizes its impact by partnering with schools, districts, and nonprofits that meet the following criteria:

- 50%+ free and reduced-price lunch eligibility
- Average SAT scores under 1000
- A junior class of at least 75 students



WHY TEXAS?

More than 108,000 Texas students meet CollegeSpring's Optimal Zone criteria.

- In Texas, the SAT, ACT, and TSIA2 are key measures for Texas' 60x30TX plan, which aims for 60% of young Texans to hold a postsecondary credential by 2030.
- These exams are crucial to college, career, and military readiness (CCMR), and strong test scores help Texas students gain admission to college, access more financial aid, and test out of remedial coursework.
- Texas districts and schools receive up to \$5,000 from 2019 House Bill 3 legislation for each economically disadvantaged student who achieves specific CCMR benchmarks.



CollegeSpring can create the path for schools to access significant funds and create better opportunities for students.

The pilot program focused on building relationships across sites, training teachers, and supporting students.

DALLAS

1,463

students served

13

school partners

CollegeSpring launched the pilot of its SAT test prep curriculum with 13 schools across Dallas Independent School District (DISD) in Spring 2022.



The share of students who reported feeling prepared to take the official SAT increased from **68% at the beginning of the pilot to 82% at the end of the pilot.**

HOUSTON

326

students served

4

school partners

CollegeSpring launched the pilot of its SAT curriculum with four schools, including both public and charter, across Houston in Spring 2022.



The share of students who reported feeling prepared to take the official SAT increased from **48% at the beginning of the pilot to 88% at the end of the pilot.**

100% of teachers who completed the training survey reported being satisfied or highly satisfied with CollegeSpring's training.

“As a teacher, we’ve seen a lot of improvement across the board in our work with the junior class, and it’s been really cool to see their confidence level go up... thank you for making this program possible.”

— Adam Calabrese, Teacher in Houston

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 The flexibility of CollegeSpring's program provides teachers with the ability to reinforce content throughout different classes.
- 2 CollegeSpring's unique ability to adjust pacing guidelines based on student data supports teachers' efforts in the classroom.
- 3 AVID courses align strongly with CollegeSpring's curriculum and goals for implementation.
- 4 Implementation of programming varies by campus, but students still improve across the board. Various implementation methods between cities, districts, and types of schools affect the level of teacher engagement, and ultimately, the success of the program.

WHAT'S NEXT?

CollegeSpring is expanding with partners across Texas and developing its TSIA2, ACT, and Digital SAT curricula to provide schools with a suite of products and more strongly align with the state's CCMR standards. CollegeSpring is eager to build on its proven track record in successfully serving Texas students by raising their test scores, increasing their confidence to take the test and attend college, and growing Texas teachers' capacity to support postsecondary readiness for all students.

As a result of our successful pilots in Dallas and Houston, CollegeSpring expanded its program in the following academic year.