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## The State of American High School Graduates: What States Know (and Don't) About Student Performance

Achieve's annual report on college and career readiness - consisting of [51 individual state profiles](#) and a cross-state comparison report - is now available online. It shows that far too few states report data on indicators of college and career readiness - making it difficult for states to make good policy and practice decisions, and ultimately to improve student performance. Some states have made progress since last year in their public reporting, but there are still widespread disparities across states that are applicable to nearly all college and career readiness indicators.

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### *Destination Known: Valuing College AND Career Readiness in State Accountability Systems*

A new report from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Education Strategy Group details a set of recommendations intended to support states as they develop accountability systems that value college and career readiness. The report recommends that states consider including in their accountability systems progress



toward post-high school credential; co-curricular learning and leadership experiences; assessment of readiness; and transitions beyond high school.

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## *Ambitious Leadership: How Principals Lead Schools to College and Career Readiness*

A recent report from New Leaders examines the role that principals play in leading progress in moving students toward college and career readiness. The report also companion materials for principals, policy guidance for government officials, and six in-depth case studies.



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## *New Texas Tool Connects Coursework to Careers*

A [new resource](#) from the Texas Workforce Commission helps connect students' coursework in high school to potential careers. By solving puzzles on the website, students gain access to job information and explanations of the education requirements needed for the position, the potential salary, and the endorsement/course sequences needed in high school.



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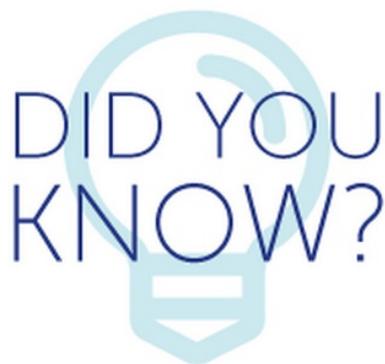
*#ClassesCount*

Throughout the month of February, Achieve encouraged high school students to sign up for more challenging classes in order to be better prepared for life after graduation through a social media campaign.



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Achieve's new annual report on the college and career readiness of U.S. high school grads found that just

# 3 states

publicly report data on how many students, broken down by subgroup, are on track to graduate.

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*All students should graduate from high school ready for college, careers, and citizenship.*

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