Innovation: Educate Texas has made strong inroads to improving the paths for historically underserved students. To build on this success, Educate Texas and its coalition of leaders are committed to accelerating opportunities for all students to earn a postsecondary credential that leads to gainful employment.

Since 2003, Educate Texas has been a trusted education reform leader building a portfolio of evidence-based strategies that impact the 5.5 million K-12 students and 1.6 million higher education students across the state. Educate Texas is working to strengthen the public and higher education system by developing strategic partnerships, leading innovative strategies, and scaling successful evidence-based practices focused on college and career readiness, effective teaching, higher education, and regional collaboration. The hallmark of the initiative’s public-philanthropic collaboration has been the development and expansion of innovative secondary school strategies and models, specifically the Early College High Schools and Texas STEM Academies. To date, Educate Texas has collectively established a robust, statewide portfolio of nearly 260 schools in more than 125 districts that serve more than 100,000 students annually of which approximately 80 percent are low-income and historically underrepresented. These students are outperforming the state average on key measures including college readiness, dual credit attainment, high school graduation, immediate college enrollment, and college freshman to sophomore persistence.