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Diploma Programme

All high schools are IB® DP authorized

24K
scholars served in the network

45
primary, middle & high schools

20
locations across the Dallas and Fort Worth metroplex

ABOUT OUR NETWORK

Uplift's mission is to create and sustain public schools of excellence that empower scholars to reach their highest potential in college and the global marketplace. We strive to inspire a life-long love of learning, achievement, and service to positively change our world.
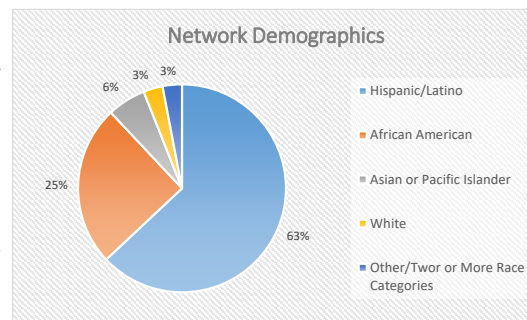
Established in 1996, we are the largest public charter school network in North Texas. Our campuses are open-enrollment, and we provide a free, college-preparatory education to every scholar we serve.

The Road to College and Career (RTCC) program at Uplift Education supports scholars and families as they prepare to reach their full potential in the global marketplace. The RTCC program has two primary goals:

Network Demographics

- Hispanic/Latino — 63%
- African American — 25%
- Asian or Pacific Islander — 6%
- White — 3%
- Other/Two or More Race Categories — 3%
- (3%)

1) 70% of Uplift graduates will earn a college degree within six years of graduation. We aggressively pursue this goal by working to close the opportunity gap for our scholars, regardless of their ethnic or socioeconomic background, ensuring that 100% of our scholars graduate and have the opportunity to pursue their best-fit post-secondary pathway.

2) 90% of Uplift graduates will earn an economically viable post-secondary credential and career pathway. We strive to achieve this by embedding career exploration and meaningful experiences within the middle and high school journey. Sustained career services for alumni ensure that graduates are supported well beyond high school.

Currently, 73% of Uplift graduates are enrolled in college or have already earned a bachelor's degree. Additionally, 90% of alumni who used Uplift Career Services reported that the support they received helped them secure a job or internship.

IB® IN ACTION

Currently, 100% of our eligible primary, middle and high schools are authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate® program, making us one of the top five IB districts in the nation.
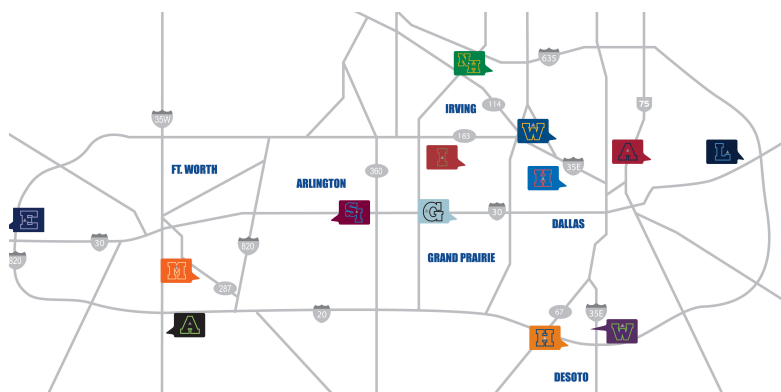
As IB continuum schools, our high schools are authorized to offer both the Middle Years Programme (MYP) for grades 6-10 and the Diploma Programme (DP) for grades 11-12. Uplift is a DP For ALL network and is committed to making sure that all scholars, regardless of their background or educational need, have access to participate in the Diploma Programme.

Beginning with the Class of 2020, all scholars have had the opportunity to pursue the full Diploma Programme. Our scholars are also required to participate in the DP Core by taking a Theory of Knowledge course, completing a Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) project, and writing the Extended Essay.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:

The Road to College and Career team is committed to deepening our relationships with families and provide the information and tools needed to support their high school education and college and career choices. We do this by partnering with families to navigate various elements on the Road to College and Career, such as an IB education, connecting college to career and how a college education provides social and economic mobility.
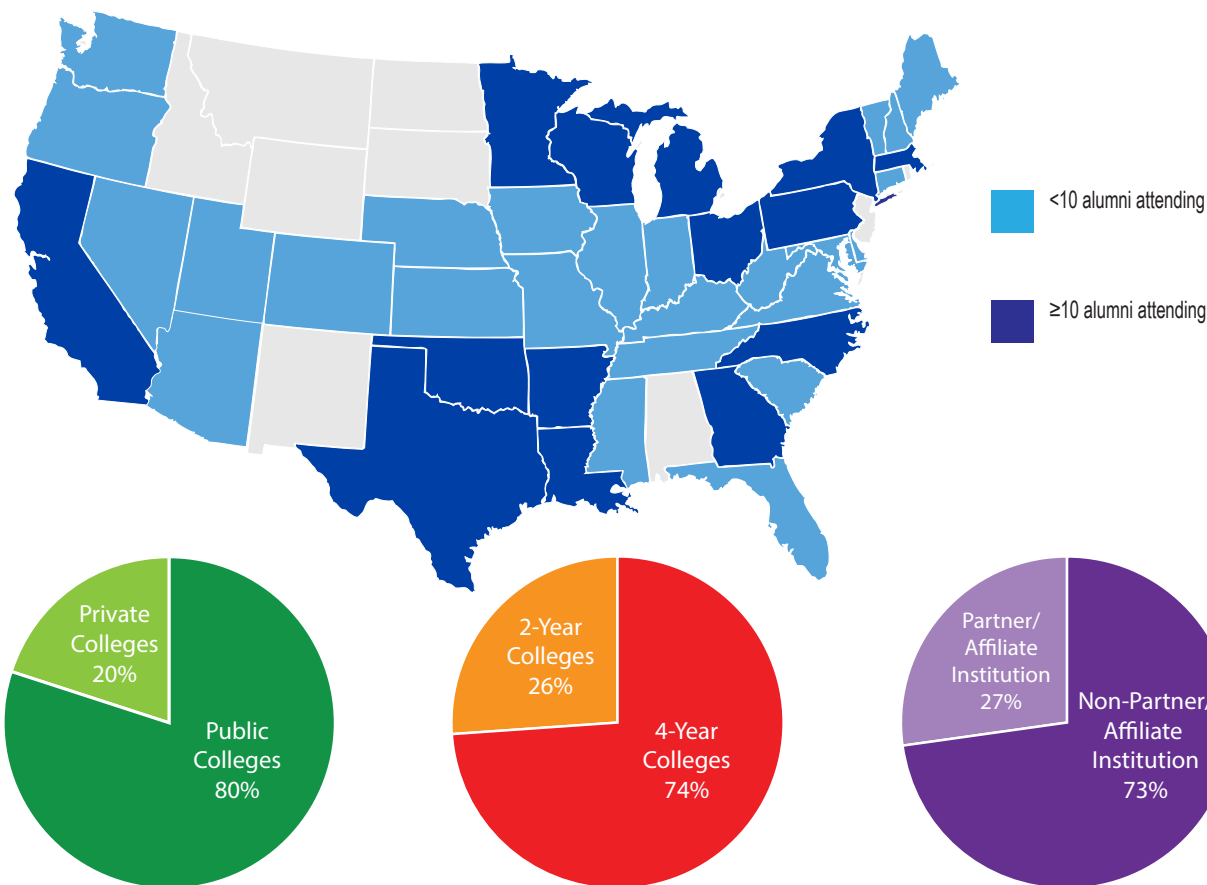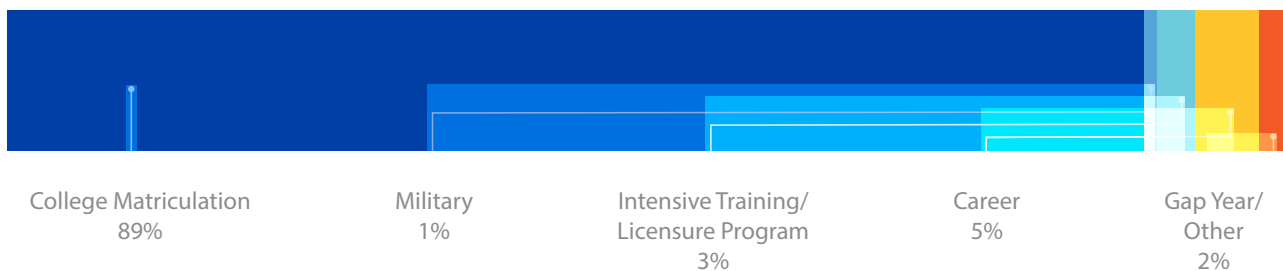
OUR HIGH SCHOOLS

100%
of eligible high schools are ranked among the top 20% of high schools in the nation by U.S. New & World Report

BEST HIGH SCHOOLS
U.S.News & WORLD REPORT
NATIONAL 2025-2026

CURRENT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT FOR UPLIFT ALUMNI

■ <10 alumni attending

■ ≥10 alumni attending

Private Colleges 20%
Public Colleges 80%

2-Year Colleges 26%
4-Year Colleges 74%

Partner/ Affiliate Institution 27%
Non-Partner/ Affiliate Institution 73%

POST GRADUATION DECISIONS FOR UPLIFT ALUMNI

College Matriculation 89%

Military 1%

Intensive Training/ Licensure Program 3%

Career 5%

Gap Year/ Other 2%

CLASS OF 2025

1,087 graduating seniors submitted over **15,920** applications and were accepted to over **423** different colleges and universities, earning a grand total of **$126M** in scholarships and grants.

76% free/reduced lunch

76% first generation

100% college acceptance

82% college matriculation

CLASS OF 2026

1,137 current seniors

70% free/reduced lunch

78% first generation

BECOME A PARTNER

Uplift Education is dedicated to providing equitable access to college and post-secondary education pathways. To learn more about how to become a Partner school with Uplift Education, contact Rose Zei at kzei@uplifteducation.org.

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