

Looking Back, Moving Forward

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Today's Conversation

LOOKING BACK

- 2025-26 Milestones at a Glance
- Research & Data Tools Released

MOVING FORWARD

- Research Collaboratives: Progress Toward Fall Release
- Three New Topic Areas: Research Agendas Take Shape
- Upcoming CONNECT Virtual Sessions - and How to Propose Your Own
- Upcoming LONESTARP3 LIVE! Conversations
- LONESTARP3 Data Council: What's Ahead



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Looking Back

What We Accomplished Together



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A Year of Growth and Action

\$1M+

invested to in four Pathways Research Collaboratives

4

Research Collaboratives, spanning multiple institutions across the state, design and investigated Pathways research questions

3

new landscape analyses released - Teacher Workforce, Education Finance, Early Childhood Education – to lay the foundation for future research pursuits

100+

average CONNECT Virtual attendance (up from 30 two years ago)

800+

subscribers to the VOICES newsletter with a 40% open rate

350+

LinkedIn followers secured in less than one year



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Research & Data Tools Released



Texas Teacher Workforce

[Landscape Analysis \(Nov 2025\)](#)

[Research Framework](#)



Texas Public Education
Finance

[Landscape Analysis \(Jan 2026\)](#)

[Research Framework](#)



Early Childhood Education in
Texas

[Landscape Analysis \(Apr 2026\)](#)

[Research Framework](#)



Texas Credential to Career
Crosswalk

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What's one decision or shift in your work that looked different
because of your engagement
with the network?

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Moving Forward

Priorities for the Year Ahead



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Research Collaboratives

Academic & Career
Advising

Dual Credit Academic &
Workforce Education

Workforce-Aligned
Instruction

Postsecondary Pursuits



STATUS

- August: Collaboratives submitted technical working papers with analysis and findings from their investigations
- September: Collaboratives completed a Translation Products Writing Retreat, drafting findings with policy and practice partner feedback
- October: Content for translation products submitted to LONESTAR**RP3** for review and design
- Fall 2026: Findings and translation products released through LONESTAR**RP3** website, virtual sessions and Success Summit



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New Topic Areas Take Shape



Texas Teacher Workforce

Building and sustaining a strong teacher pipeline for Texas classrooms



Texas Public Education Finance

How state investments translate into student and institutional outcomes



Early Childhood Education

Expanding access to and understanding of quality of pre-K programs across Texas

Stay tuned – Full research agendas with priority research questions coming soon.



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Texas Teacher Workforce

Building the Teacher Workforce

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- How do different pathways into teaching prepare aspiring teachers and connect them with school staffing needs?
- Which factors help aspiring teachers enter and complete pathways into teaching - and which act as barriers?
- How do districts anticipate staffing needs and use strategic approaches to build a sustainable workforce?

Sustaining a Strong Teacher Workforce

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What factors influence teachers' decisions to stay in the profession, and how do they differ by career stage?
- What strategies help retain teachers, and how do they vary across geography and teacher characteristics?





Texas Public Education Finance

Return on State Investments

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What outcomes are associated with investments in CTE and CCMR-bonus funding?
- How do outcomes vary across demographic, geographic, economic, and institutional contexts?
- What institutional capacity is required to effectively implement these investments?

Adaptation in Changing Fiscal Conditions

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- How have enrollment patterns in K-12 and community colleges shifted across regions and sectors?
- How are institutions adapting instruction, staffing, and services to enrollment and funding conditions?
- What strategies are most effective for sustaining educational opportunity amid fiscal uncertainty?





Early Childhood Education

Access & Enrollment

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- How do pre-K eligibility and enrollment patterns compare across regions, communities, and populations?
- Why do some eligible families enroll their children in pre-K while others do not?

Quality & Outcomes

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What developmental and educational outcomes are associated with pre-K participation?
- What program characteristics contribute to positive, lasting outcomes for children?

Data & Measurement

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What early childhood data exist in Texas, and how are they used to inform decisions?
- How well do current screening and assessment tools capture children's development and needs?



Upcoming CONNECT Virtual Sessions

OCT 22

Data on Display

Explore new tools that make Texas education data easier to analyze and understand.

NOV 12

Research Collaboratives, Insights to Action

What our Pathways Research Collaboratives have learned about advising, dual credit, industry-based education, and postsecondary pursuits.

JAN 21

Insights on the 90th Legislative Session

An early look at the emerging legislative landscape and what it means for education leaders.

FEB 25

Community College Connections

Community college leaders share the priorities and challenges facing their institutions.

MAR 25

New Research Collaboratives

Meet our newest Research Collaboratives and the questions guiding their work.

APR 22

Data in Action

See how practice and policy partners are putting LONESTAR^{RP3} findings to work.



Have Research or Insights to Share?

**Propose a breakout session for an upcoming
CONNECT Virtual.**

- Share a new study
- Work through a research design challenge
- Seek collaborators
- Bring a policy or practice question to the network

Submit a Virtual Breakout Session Request

→ app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01a01100551173c4881c2de4b6b9af1c



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OCTOBER 28, 2026 | 12:00-1:00 PM

Connecting Education to Texas' Evolving Workforce

How stronger cross-sector partnerships can help Texas prepare students for emerging jobs and build the talent pipeline the economy needs.



Ben Magill

Executive Director
Texas Talent Accelerator

MAY 27, 2027 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Building a Stronger Early Childhood System in Texas

How can Texas turn new pre-K investments into stronger outcomes for children and families?



Ambar Calvillo-Rivera

Founding Executive Director
Early Matters El Paso



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Student ID (SSN / id2)

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first

First Name

✓ First Name

last

Last Name

✓ Last Name

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Report year

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Student ID (SSN / id2)

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Award year (gradyear)

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CBM0C1 / CBM001 — student census (optional, strongly recommended)

CBM0C1 as exported. Reads ID, stucip (declared major), stuacaddis, stuecodis, stuage, stusem, stuyear. Adds declared major tracking and per-student HB 8 weights. Paste multiple semesters; the latest record per student wins.

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000001002	Jessica	Rodriguez	1	003580	F	2	1	201	000001	24010200	00	A	1	2024	0
000001003	Angela	Rodriguez	1	003580	M	2	2	201	000001	24010200	00	A	2	2026	0
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Degree Completion and HB8 Funding Tool

- Connects student level-data to the funding it generates
- Calculates by outcome, by weight category (academic/economic disadvantage, adult learner), and against the official model totals
- Includes a dashboard, funding calculator, and reconciliation tab

Status. Prototype of community college tool developed and out for pilot testing at four community colleges. Testers include institutional researchers, registrars, and advisers.

Goal: any college can download it, upload one degree plan spreadsheet, paste its CBM reports, and see near completers and unfilled awards in HB 8 dollars.



Coming Soon: Texas Public Data Access Inventory



Texas Public Data Access Inventory: where to go for publicly available education and workforce data			
LONESTAR P3 Data Council homework. Columns A to G are seeded from prior inventories and desk research; every link was checked in August 2026. Work in the year			
Category	Data source	Steward	What you can get
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)	Texas Education Agency	Campus, district, and state performance: STAAR results, graduation and attendance, discipline, demographics, and staff (STAF) tables with teacher experience, turnover, and FTE counts.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	TXschools.gov	Texas Education Agency	A-F accountability ratings and domain scores (Student Achievement, School Progress, Closing the Gaps) with campus comparison tools.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	Texas Performance Reporting System (TPRS)	Texas Education Agency	The most detailed public accountability data for College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) and postsecondary outcome indicators.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	Texas Assessment Research Portal	Texas Education Agency	STAAR research files: item-level analysis, performance distributions, and downloadable assessment data.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	PEIMS Standard Reports and Data Downloads	Texas Education Agency	Standard reports built from PEIMS: enrollment, graduates, staff and superintendent counts, discipline data products, and geographic listings.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	TEA Reports and Data hub (Annual Report and special reports)	Texas Education Agency	Agency reports including the TEA Annual Report, Consecutive D and F campuses report, Industry-Based Certification (IBC) reports, and legislative reports.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	Educator Reports and Data (certification, new hires, employed teachers)	Texas Education Agency	Dashboards and reports on newly certified teachers, new teacher hires, district-level certification rates, and educator preparation program (EPP) performance; EPP data dashboards are linked from this page.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	AskTED (Texas Education Directory)	Texas Education Agency	Directory of schools, districts, and education service centers: contacts, school types, grade spans, and geographic identifiers for merging.
Texas: K-12 (TEA)	Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) public site and funding map	Texas Education Agency	TIA adoption status, designated teacher counts, and allotment funding by district.

Degree plans at scale. Collect FY27 catalogs from every Texas community college, draft templates, and provide to colleges with tool. Determine sustainability plan beyond year 1 that accounts for colleges' changes to course catalogues and degree plans.

Publicly available data inventory. Members have compiled list of commonly used education data in Texas. Inventory will outline where to go, what it is good for, and what to watch out for.

ERC rule changes. Track what rules the THECB adopts regarding the ERCs.

Stay tuned – details at our CONNECT Virtual in October.



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or explore to inform in your work?

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