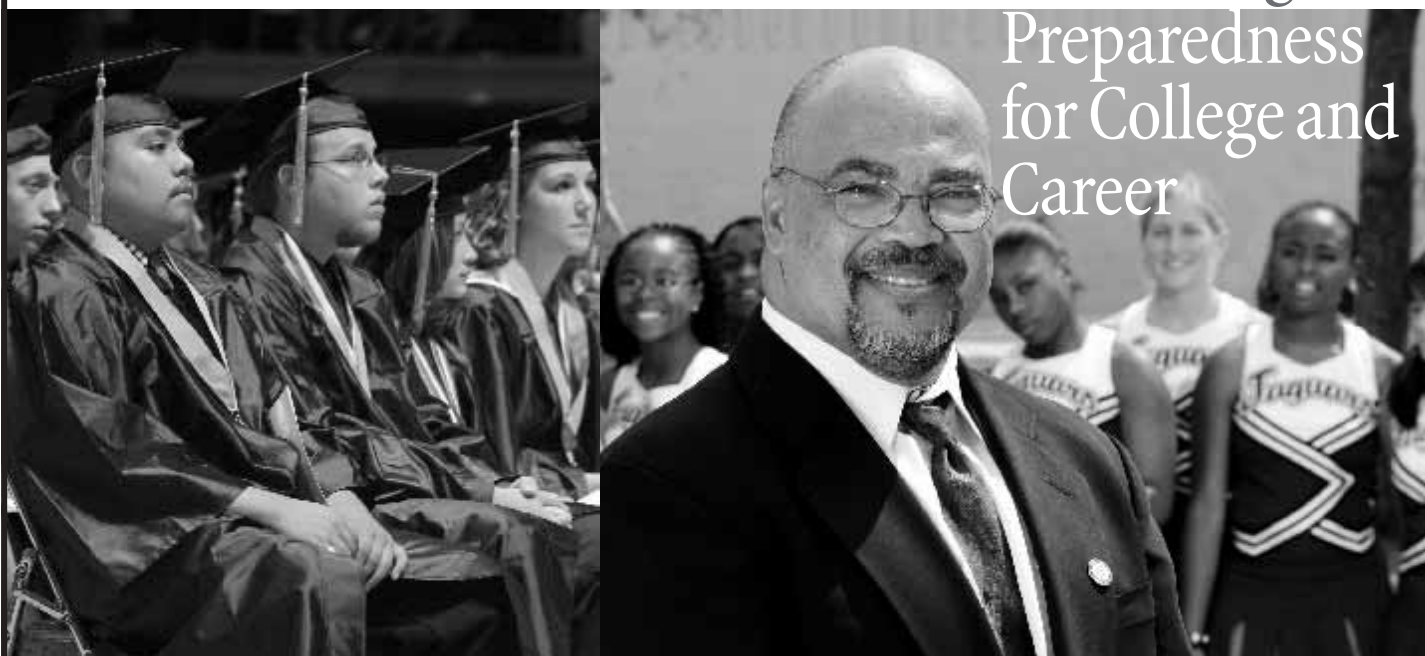


**I Am AISD.** I've committed my entire career to the students of Austin. My work and the relationships I've built over the years have been very rich and rewarding. I couldn't have written a better script for a career, and I want every student in AISD to have that same opportunity.  
**Patrick Patterson, Principal**  
**LBJ High School**

## Enhancing Preparedness for College and Career



*"All students will demonstrate and understand the skills, knowledge, work habits, attitude, leadership and teamwork required by employers for success in the global 21st century workplace."*

—(Board of Trustees 'Results-3')

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**A**ISD is committed to preparing all students for college and careers. Building and implementing a comprehensive educational plan for all students based on high standards, teaching a curriculum aligned with those standards, and upholding principles to guide every classroom will help achieve this goal. In addition, programs such as AVID, GEAR UP, and Project ADVANCE are designed to increase participation of all students in post-secondary education.

Plans for pursuing post-secondary college and career options were reported on the *2004 High School Exit Survey* (82 percent of seniors responded).

- 89 percent of responding seniors reported that they planned to continue their education within a year of graduation from high school.
- 68 percent reported that they intend to attend a college in Texas for a postsecondary degree within the next year.
- 11 percent reported that they intend to attend an out-of-state college, and 12.4 percent intend to pursue

postsecondary education at a business, trade, technical, or vocational school within one year.

### Recommended High School Plan

Many of the District's initiatives focus on the goal of increasing the number of students who graduate on the State of Texas' *Recommended High School Plan*. The District requires all students, beginning with ninth graders in 2002-03, to follow this more rigorous college preparatory plan as the standard graduation plan. AISD instituted this requirement two years earlier than the state mandate. The percentage of seniors graduating under the *Recommended High School Plan* has increased from 24 percent in 2000 to almost 70 percent (69.3 percent) in 2004.

### College Scholarships

The Guidance and Counseling Team at each high school aggressively helps students identify and successfully apply for scholarships that best suit their college and career goals.

- The Class of 2004 earned a record \$38.9 million in college scholarships (compared to \$35.2 million in 2003 and \$22.7 million in 2002.)

- In 2004 839 students garnered these valuable financial recognitions.

### College and Career Preparatory Program

In 2003, a new college and career preparatory program, managed in collaboration with Austin Community College, was established to provide students at all high schools with more opportunities to experience a wide range of career options. The most comprehensive programs are available through the two career institutes: the Institute of Hospitality and Culinary Arts at Travis High School, and the Health Professions Institute at Lanier High School.

In October 2004, Austin School Trustees received recommendations from the Southern Regional Education Board, and the University of Texas Education