

City of San Antonio Education Policy Statement

Our Commitment

The City of San Antonio is committed to the educational success of all residents as part of our mission to achieve San Antonio's vision of prosperity for our diverse, vibrant, and historic community. As one of the most important factors shaping the well-being of future generations, providing quality education is a key interest of the City's work. Educated residents benefit the community by creating a competitive workforce that attracts investment and greater employment opportunities. In turn, the economic gains of education increase tax revenues, reduce the need for social services, and decrease crime rates.

As the largest municipal corporation for the area, the City of San Antonio is in a unique position to work with local schools, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to build and enhance educational services to the community. Through partnerships and direct services the City is able to coordinate resources to foster an environment that promotes educational excellence, in line with community priorities.

Our Community Vision

The City promotes the goals identified by residents through the SA2020 community visioning process. Out of this effort, a number of indicators were developed to measure our progress toward providing the quality of education that our community wants and deserves. The SA2020 indicators guide our focus in the areas of:

- Kindergarten Readiness
- 3rd Grade Reading
- High School Graduation Rates
- STEM Graduates
- College Readiness/Enrollment/Persistence
- Adults with College Degrees
- Professional Certifications

By tracking our progress toward these goals, we maintain a focus on the top priorities for developing the education system our community needs.

Our Strategies

- Collaborate with area schools, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, and other groups
- Use a portion of the City's sales tax revenue to operate the Pre-K 4 SA program, providing free or low-cost full-day pre-kindergarten
- Administer the federal Head Start program in areas with the highest concentration of poverty
- Fund education-related nonprofit and school district programs, which address SA2020 education indicators
- Support college access through the establishment and ongoing support of cafécollege and provide continued funding for college scholarships
- Provide internal City programs that support the SA2020 vision for education
- Ensure accountability of educational programs and align funding decisions through evaluation of performance measures for programs the City supports
- Operate a comprehensive public library system that promotes learning by residents of all ages
- Promote efforts to increase literacy rates among adult residents