

Access to comparable, valid, and reliable local education data can help you—and your community—more effectively engage in your city’s education landscape. Data can illuminate what your schools are doing well and where there are opportunities for improvement. Data can inform thoughtful comparison to other cities, districts, and states that paves the way for sharing and replicating best practices.

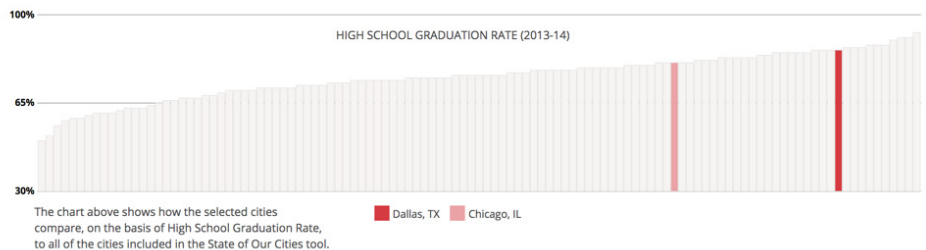
Aligning Data to Policy and Practice: An Example

The College and Career Pathways data on your city’s profile can help you to understand your city’s progress in equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and experience required to succeed in college or career. Supported pathways to higher education are especially important given the increasing importance of a postsecondary credential as a minimum qualification for employment and the path to a living wage career.

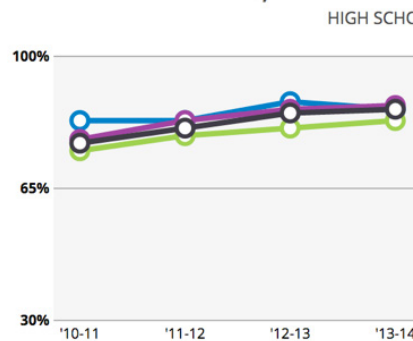
Start by reviewing the four year graduation rate in your city.

Key questions to ask include:

- How are students performing in your city relative to other, similar cities?
- Does my city have graduation rate gaps among different student population groups?
- How does our graduation rate match up to our student assessment scores?
- Are our graduation requirements rigorous enough to set up students for success?
- What policies are in place to ensure that students stay in school?
- In what ways does your community help students support and plan education and career paths?
- What areas need a policy focus and resources? Where are we doing well?



DALLAS, TX



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

