



Proven Cohort Graduation Rates Rise, Promotion Rates Increase, and Semester Exam Pass Rates Improve Years 1 and 2

Dallas Independent School District

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percent of students completing coursework and advancing to the next grade level

72.4

2013/14 Before Apex Learning

80.1+

2014/15 After Using Apex Learning



Summary

After five years of using NovaNet, the Dallas ISD Reconnection Center switched to Apex Learning® Comprehensive Courses and Tutorials to provide their students with a more rigorous and engaging learning experience. The primary goal of the Reconnection Center Program (Reconnect) is to keep students on track to advance to the next grade and to graduate with their cohort. In the 2014-2015 school year, Reconnect implemented Apex Learning Comprehensive Courses and Tutorials across all Dallas ISD high schools.

Using summary data published by Dallas ISD, Apex Learning compared the academic outcomes of students using Apex Learning digital curriculum during the 2014-2015 school year to the outcomes of students using NovaNet the year prior. Three outcomes were examined:

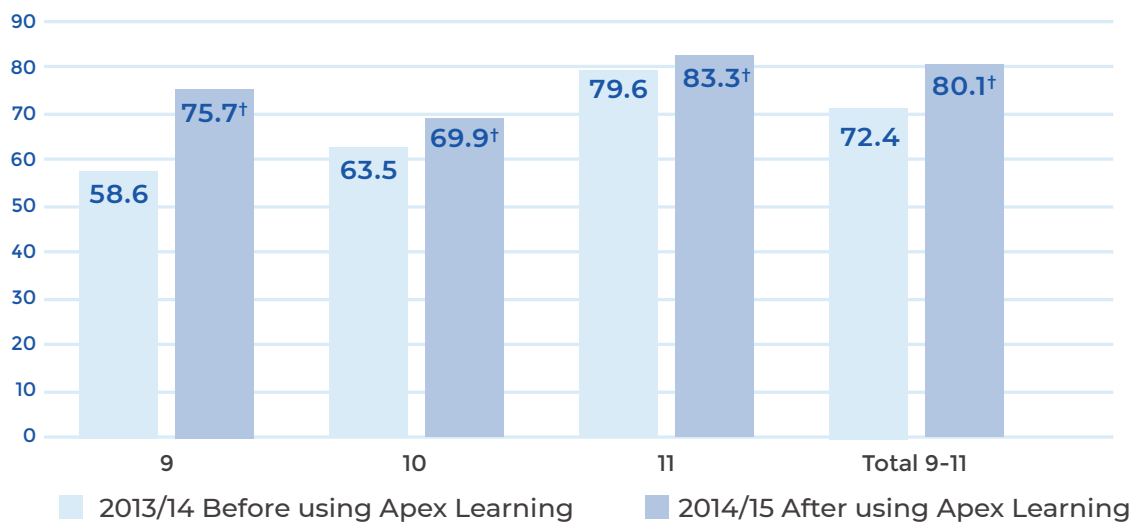
- Percent of students in grades 9-11 promoted to the next grade level
- Pass rates on the Assessment of Course Performance (ACP) semester exams
- Percent of seniors graduating with their cohort

Results

The percent of students completing coursework and advancing to the next grade level increased significantly after switching to Apex Learning.

Figure 1

Percent Promoted by Grade Level and School Year

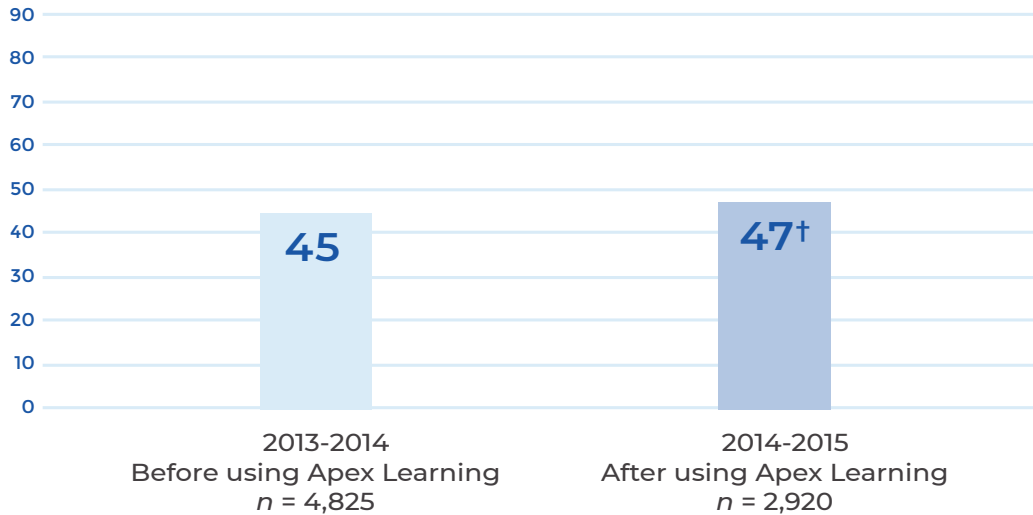


Group sizes range from 140 to 1,379

† Statistically significant difference $p < .05$.

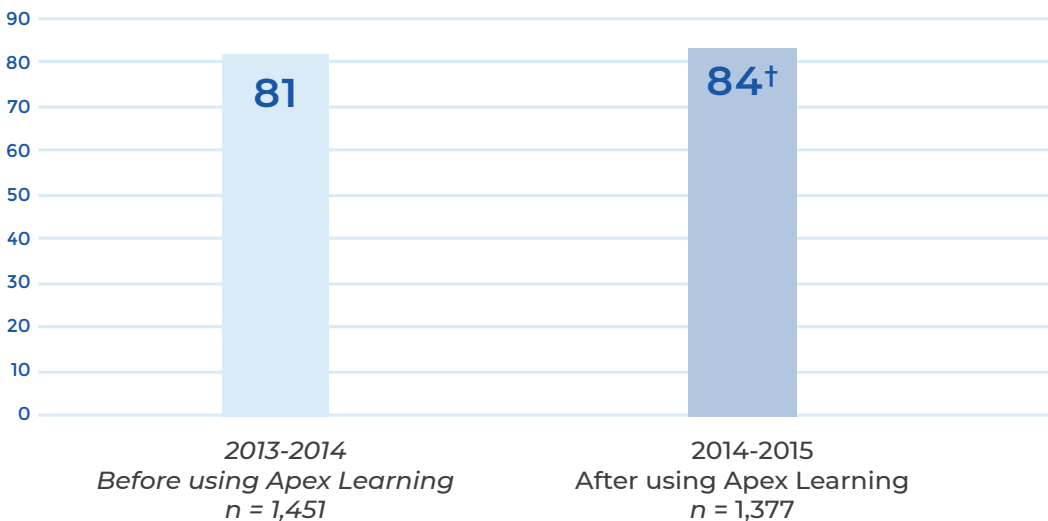
A higher percent of students passed the ACP semester exam using Apex Learning.

Figure 2
Percent Passing ACP Exam by School Year



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Figure 3
Percent of 12th Grade Students Graduating on Time



† Statistically significant difference $p < .05$.

The Apex Learning Solution

During the first year of using Apex Learning digital curriculum, the Dallas Reconnect Center has achieved impressive results. This study supports that students were more engaged in their learning after Dallas ISD switched to Apex Learning. Not only did they complete their coursework and advance to the next grade at greater rates after adopting Apex Learning digital curriculum, a greater percent passed the district semester exams. Earning course credit and passing semester exams also led to a larger share of seniors graduating with their cohort. Now that's the definition of a successful solution.

To view the complete study, visit <https://cdn.apexlearning.com/al/dallas-credit-recovery-yr1-efficacy-study.pdf>



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