

Project GRAD

Each summer, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) hosts high school students who have been identified as being at risk for not completing high school, but who have expressed an interest in science. The program aims to lower their fears about taking science courses and raise enthusiasm for biology through course work and laboratory experience. Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) works with five Houston Independent School District high schools to identify about 30 students each year for the program.



Students learn about the anatomy of the eye before dissecting a cow eye



Students dissect a cow eye with help from a GSBS student

Project GRAD follows up with these students and shares their findings with the Graduate School every two years. It is estimated that 80% of these students go on to take AP biology and pass with at least a C, and the majority make A's and B's.

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