

This is the list we came up with in class:

- Achievement gap
- Not much flexibility
- Lack of resources
- Distribution of resources (local taxes vs. state)
- Top down approaches to education
- Student motivation
- Family support and values
- Standardized testing
- Textbooks customized for Texas
- Low teacher pay
- Teacher tenure
- Not teaching what should be taught
- Course availability at many schools (advanced courses/variability)
- Lack of applicability knowledge
- Unqualified teachers
- Communication across subjects or grades
- Societal problems - drugs, violence
- Resistance for change (new methods), for teachers and school administration
- Cost of higher education
- Discipline issues (uniformity)
- Expectations of post-secondary education
- Teacher motivation
- High school diploma devaluation
- Arts, electives, and vocational classes overlooked
- Underfunding electives
- High teacher turnover
- Students stuck in a track
- Lack of student motivation (if not going to college)
- Teachers devalue non-college bound students
- Not good placement for non-college bound
- Reliance on parents for life skills (school should provide)
- Some schools too competitive
- Reliance on technology for homework
- Lack of professional development
- Teachers forced to use technology (cost of unused tech)
- Drop out rates
- Lunch nutrition, time
- Sport requirements too low
- Overemphasis on sports

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