Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in LSCS. A portion of these benefits accrues to state and local taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.

**LSCS INCREASES TAX REVENUE**

- Approximately 98% of LSCS’s students remain in Texas upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.

  - Over the students’ working lives, state and local government in Texas will collect a present value of $627.8 MILLION in the form of higher tax receipts.

**LSCS REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS**

- LSCS students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.

  - The improved lifestyles of students result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further,
increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.

- As a result, taxpayers in the state of Texas will see a present value of **$23.5 MILLION** in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

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**LSCS IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS**

- In FY 2012-13, state and local taxpayers in Texas paid **$83.9 MILLION** to support the operations of LSCS.

- For every $1 of public money spent in LSCS, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of **$7.80** over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.

- Taxpayers see an annual return of **15.8%** on their investment in LSCS. This return compares favorably with the 1.1% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

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**COMPARING TAXPAYER RATE OF RETURN TO DISCOUNT RATE**

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