



Community College  
Association of Texas Trustees

# Trustee Handbook



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# Texas Education Code

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- *Texas public junior colleges shall be two-year institutions primarily serving their local taxing districts and service areas in Texas and offering vocational, technical, and academic courses for certification or associate degrees. Continuing education, remedial and compensatory education consistent with open-admission policies, and programs of counseling and guidance shall be provided. Each institution shall insist on excellence in all academic areas-- instruction, research, and public service. Faculty research, using the facilities provided for and consistent with the primary function of each institution, is encouraged. Funding for research should be from private sources, competitively acquired sources, local taxes, and other local revenue. (Texas Education code 3.g.130.0011)*





# Community College Enrollment

What percentage of Texas freshmen and Sophomores in higher education are enrolled in community colleges? (fall 2021)

- A. 33%
- B. 52%
- C. 68%
- D. 73%



# Completion

What percentage of career and technical degrees and certificates are awarded by community colleges?

- A. 52%
- B. 64%
- C. 79%
- D. 93%

## Bachelor's Degrees

In Texas, what percent of bachelor's degree completers have community college hours on their transcript?

- A. 25%
- B. 37%
- C. 62%
- D. 70%





TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS TRUSTEES

## TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES SERVE THE STATE AT SCALE



**43%**

of all Texas postsecondary students are enrolled in a community college

\* includes graduate students. Data will be updated when Fall 2021 enrollments are certified

Institution Type	Fall 2020 Enrollment	% of Enrollment
COMMUNITY COLLEGES	650,499	43%
Texas State Technical College	13,756	1%
Lamar State Colleges	9,350	1%
Public Universities	667,046	45%
Public Medical Institutions	27,034	2%
Private Institutions	128,877	9%

**68%**

of all Texas Freshmen and Sophomores



**93%**



Of All Career & Technical Education Degrees & Certificates

**92%**



Of All Dual Credit Enrollments

(statewide enrollment 183,726 students)

## Community Colleges Reach a **DIVERSE** and **UNDER-SERVED** Population

Enrollments Reflect the **DIVERSITY** of Texas



**44%**

Of Texas Credentials Awarded to **ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED** Students

**70%**

Of **ALL MINORITY** Freshmen & Sophomores in Higher Education

Community Colleges Serve Students of **ALL AGES**



## Community colleges meet the needs of a **GROWING** Texas

### Total Certificates & Degrees Awarded



Since 2011, **degrees and certificates earned increased by 61%**

- 29% growth in CTE credentials
- 103% growth in academic credentials

Texas Community Colleges Provide a **PATHWAY** to Universities

**70%**

Of All FY2019 bachelor's degree graduates had **some transfer credits** from a two-year college

**34%**

Of All FY2019 bachelor's degree graduates had **more than 30** transfer credit hours from a two-year college

## **ACCESS** to Higher Education Is Our Mission

### Texas ranks top 5 in **AFFORDABILITY**

Average Tuition & Fees  
Public, two-year, 30 SCH

Rank	State	\$\$\$
1	California	\$1,271
2	New Mexico	\$1,705
3	Arizona	\$2,161
4	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>\$2,259</b>
5	North Carolina	\$2,504
	**National Avg.	\$3,313

### Graduates finish with **LESS DEBT**

Texas Average Graduate Debt

Institution	% of students with debt	Average debt
<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGES</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>\$15,625</b>
Public University	56%	\$25,101

### Texas remains **ACCESSIBLE**

Debt as % of First-Year Wages for Graduates

Institution	Percent
<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGES</b>	<b>37%</b>
Public Universities	58%

INFOGRAPHIC DATA SOURCE: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Almanac 2021

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TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS



# STUDENT FINANCIAL WELLNESS SURVEY RESULTS

FALL 2020

Understanding the connection between student finances and student success is essential to supporting the 21st century student.



**68%** of students  
**WORRY ABOUT HAVING  
ENOUGH MONEY**  
to pay for school

**50%** of students have  
**RUN OUT OF MONEY**  
3 or more times  
in the past year **x3**



**48%**

of students show  
**SIGNS OF HOUSING INSECURITY**  
(struggling to pay rent/utilities or the need to move frequently)



**54%**

of students indicate that  
it is important to them to  
**SUPPORT THEIR FAMILY FINANCIALLY** while in school



**58%**

of students said their  
**FAMILY'S FINANCES HAVE WORSENERD**  
since before the COVID-19 pandemic



**23%**

of students show signs of  
**VERY LOW FOOD SECURITY**  
according to the USDA scale  
(skipping meals, eating less or less nutritious food)



**72%** of **STUDENTS ARE**  
**LESS THAN CONFIDENT**  
they will be able to **pay off the debt**  
they acquired while in school

**84%** of students reported that the  
**COVID-19 PANDEMIC ADDED**  
**TO THEIR LEVELS OF STRESS,**  
**ANXIETY, OR DEPRESSION**





**A few more  
details about  
TX  
community  
colleges...**

- 50 districts with over 90 campuses
- Districts range in enrollment from 1,400 to 72,000 (SCH)
- Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- Open door admissions
- Semester credit hour tuition range from \$57 to \$139 per SCH for in-district
- On semester system with associate degrees being capped at 60 SCH
  - Other data [THECB Almanac](#)
- Offer Adult education and Literacy (AEL), Continuing Education, Certificates, Associate Degrees, and limited bachelor's degrees

# Regions of Texas Community Colleges



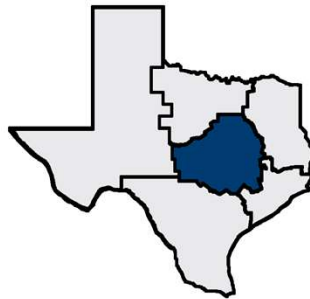
## West

Amarillo  
Clarendon  
El Paso  
Frank Phillips  
Howard  
Midland  
Odessa  
South Plains  
Western Texas



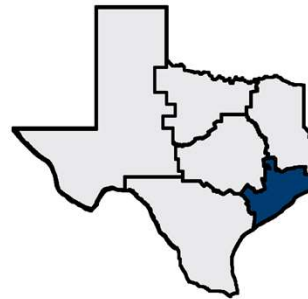
## South

Alamo  
Coastal Bend  
Del Mar  
Laredo  
South Texas  
Southwest Texas  
Texas Southmost  
Victoria



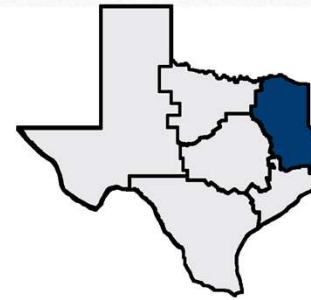
## Central

Austin  
Blinn  
Central Texas  
Hill  
McLennan  
Navarro  
Temple



## Southeast

Alvin  
Brazosport  
College of the Mainland  
Galveston  
Houston  
Lee  
Lone Star  
San Jacinto  
Wharton



## East

Angelina  
Kilgore  
Northeast Texas  
Panola  
Paris  
Texarkana  
Trinity Valley  
Tyler



## North

Cisco  
Collin  
Dallas  
Grayson  
North Central  
Ranger  
Tarrant County  
Weatherford  
Vernon



# Governance

- Fifty independent districts governed by elected Boards of Trustees
  - 5 to 14 members
  - 6-year rotating terms
  - At-large and single-member districts
  - Committees and full board—executive session
  - Follow open-meetings law with required training in 90 days of term
  - CEO reports to the Board

# Service Areas & Taxing Districts

## Community College District Service Areas

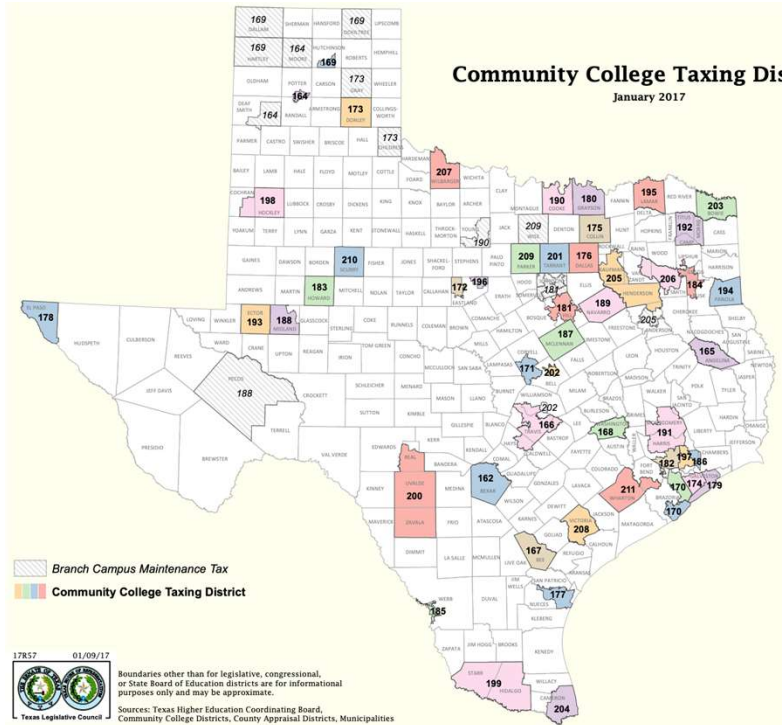
As Amended by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015

### Community College Districts\*

- 162 - Alamo Colleges
- 163 - Alvin Community College
- 164 - Amarillo College
- 165 - Angelina College
- 166 - Austin Community College District
- 167 - Coastal Bend College
- 168 - Blinn College
- 169 - Frank Phillips College
- 170 - Brazosport College
- 171 - Central Texas College
- 172 - Cisco College
- 173 - Clarendon College
- 174 - College of the Mainland
- 175 - Collin College
- 176 - Dallas County Community College District
- 177 - Del Mar College
- 178 - El Paso Community College
- 179 - Galveston College
- 180 - Grayson College
- 181 - Hill College
- 182 - Houston Community College
- 183 - Howard College
- 184 - Kilgore College
- 185 - Laredo Community College
- 186 - Lee College
- 187 - McLennan Community College
- 188 - Midland College
- 189 - Navarro College
- 190 - North Central Texas College
- 191 - Lone Star College System
- 192 - Northeast Texas Community College
- 193 - Odessa College
- 194 - Panola College
- 195 - Paris Junior College
- 196 - Ranger College
- 197 - San Jacinto College
- 198 - South Plains College
- 199 - South Texas College
- 200 - Southwest Texas Junior College
- 201 - Tarrant County College
- 202 - Temple College
- 203 - Texarkana College
- 204 - Texas Southmost College
- 205 - Trinity Valley Community College
- 206 - Tyler Junior College
- 207 - Vernon College
- 208 - Victoria College
- 209 - Weatherford College
- 210 - Western Texas College
- 211 - Wharton County Junior College

## Community College Taxing Districts

January 2017





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# Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

- 60x30 Texas and Building a Talent Strong Texas
- Coordination, data collection and rulemaking for legislation
- Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM)
- Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM)

# Texas Legislature

- Meets every other year from January–May
- Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and Community Colleges Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT) advocacy for Texas community colleges
- Funding is on a biennium because of legislative cycle



# Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT)

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- The collective voice representing the community college trustees and regents in Texas, with the mission to foster student success and ensure excellence in governance.
- Advocacy
- Professional Development

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Jay will cover this in his welcoming comments

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# The Challenge

- Challenges with 'Texas' socioeconomic **upward mobility** and economic prosperity.
- The increasingly critical need for an educated and **trained workforce**.
- Community colleges have a strong track record of providing open access but, while improving, still have a need to increase their student credential/ graduation rates.
- The impact of Trustees, as the governing authority for community colleges, is **critical** to student success.



**AACC:** *The American Dream is imperiled!*



## Fall First Time College Students: 1,260



= 10 students



Completed Fall Successfully: 1,069 (85%)



= 10 students

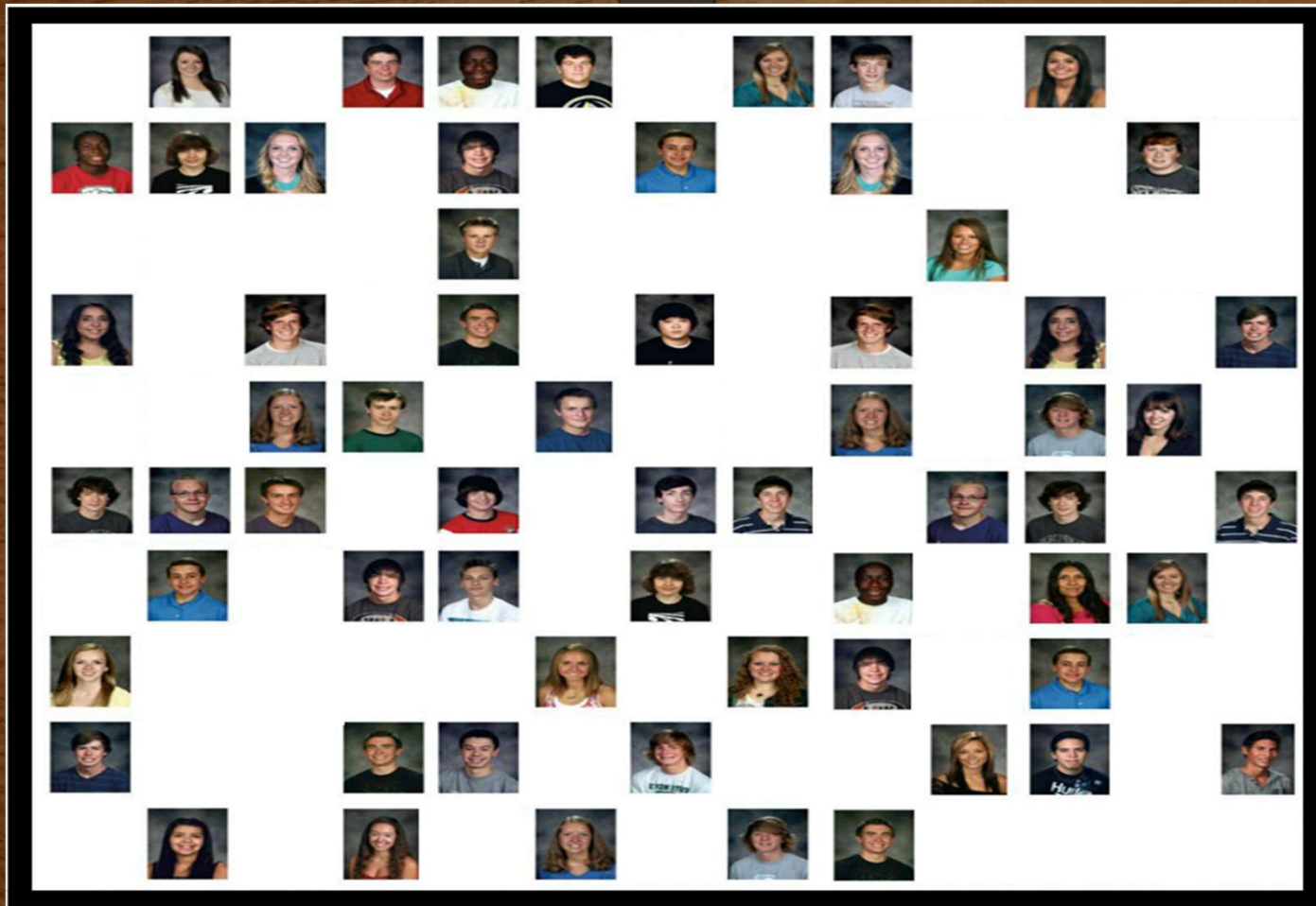


Returned Spring : 957 (76%)



= 10 students

Returned Fall: 614 (49%)



= 10 students



Graduated in 3 years: 251 (20%)



= 10 graduates

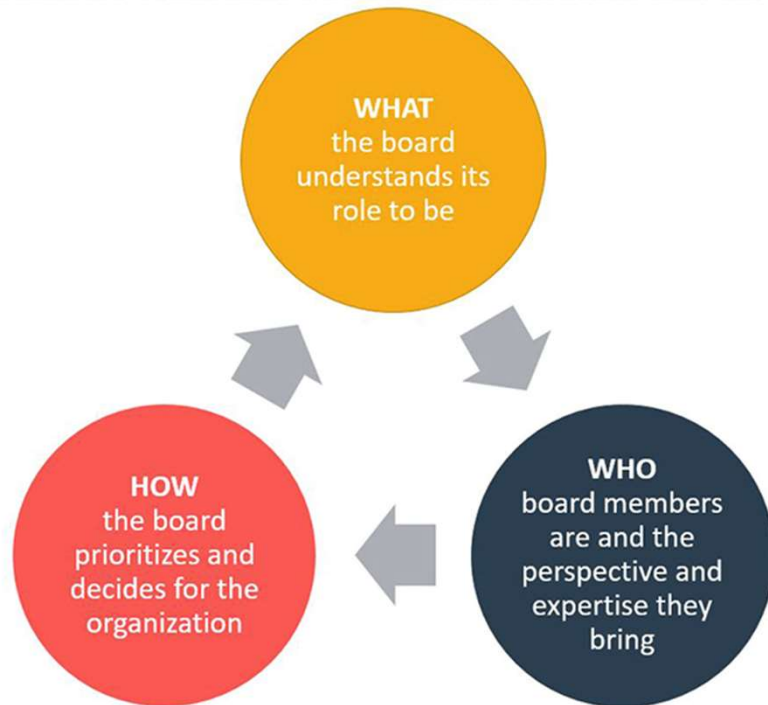
# Board Responsibility

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- Set the Strategic Direction for Student Success
- Monitor What Matters
- Create the Culture for Transformation



# Purpose Driven Governance



Mission of the college

Civil Servants who care  
about students and the  
community

Community has entrusted  
the college to the Board

Partnership with CEO



# President/CEO Relationship

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- President provides you with the information you need to govern effectively
- President operationalizes the direction, funding, and policies that are approved by the Board
- The board hires, evaluates, and partners with the CEO to set annual priorities to accomplish the vision, mission, and direction for the college