Texas Education Code

- 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%
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.
- **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 worsened since before the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **23%** of students show signs of very low food security (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
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)

• 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
Jay will cover this in his welcoming comments
Nicole Eversmann, 2023-01-24T20:07:13.807
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
Completed Fall Successfully: 1,069 (85%)
Returned Spring: 957 (76%)
Returned Fall: 614 (49%)
Graduated in 3 years: 251 (20%)
Board Responsibility

• 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

WHAT the board understands its role to be
HOW the board prioritizes and decides for the organization
WHO board members are and the perspective and expertise they bring

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President/CEO Relationship

- 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