# Building Brighter Futures for Latinx Students through Dual Credit

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### Outline

- About South Texas College
- Dual Credit Snapshot
- Partnerships and Collaborations
- Development of Success Metrics & Targets
- Best Practices: Communication & Improvement Strategies

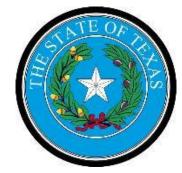


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### South Texas College

Our History



Texas Senate Bill 251 in 1993



Signed by Governor Ann Richards



South Texas
Community College (STCC)



2004 Name Change to South Texas College

### **About South Texas College**

- 6 Campuses (includes online campus)
- Over 127 Programs
  - ✓ **36** Programs 100% Online
  - ✓ **5** Bachelor Degrees
- Over 40,000 Enrollment
  - √ 27,996 Credit Students
  - √ 12,972 Non-Credit Students
- Over 10,000 Dual Credit Students
  - ✓ 21 School Districts and 70 High School Sites



**95%**Hispanic
Enrollment

**60%**First in Family to Attend College

**61%**Students
on Pell Grant

**31%**Full-Time
Enrollment

#### **South Texas College**

### 10 Meta-Majors

Program Clusters Categorized by Division



**Guided Pathways** 

### **Meta-Majors by Division**

**Business, Public Safety & Technology Division** 

**Business** 

**Public Safety** 

**Technology** 

**Liberal Arts Division** 

**Fine & Performing Arts** 

**Humanities** 

Math, Science, Information Technology & Bachelor Programs Division

Computer & Information Technology

**Math, Science & Engineering** 

**Nursing & Allied Health Division** 

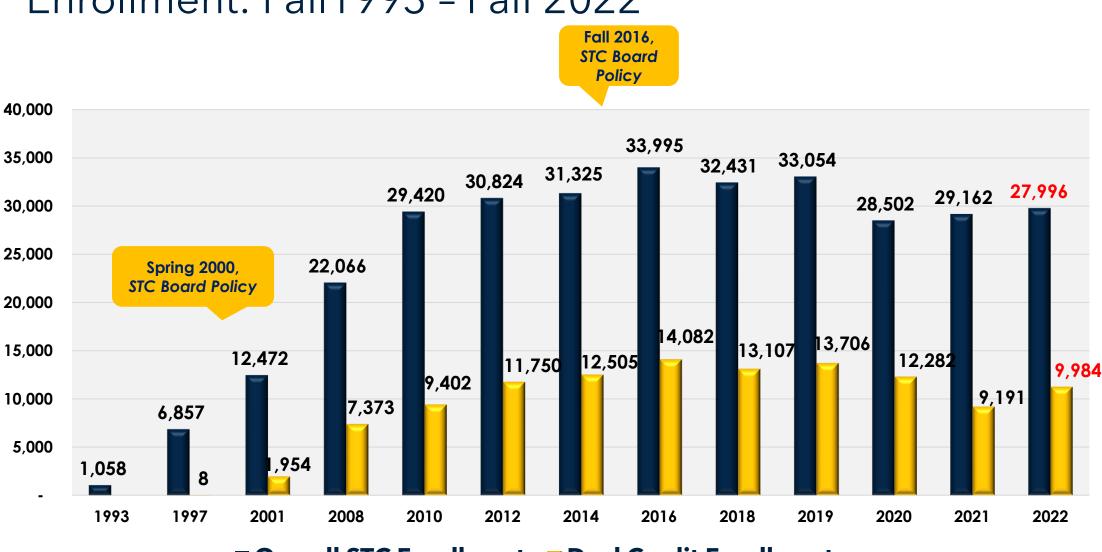
**Health Sciences** 

**Social & Behavioral Sciences Division** 

**Education & Kinesiology** 

**Social & Behavioral Sciences** 

### **South Texas College** Enrollment: Fall 1993 - Fall 2022 40,000 35,000 31,325 30,824 29,420 30,000

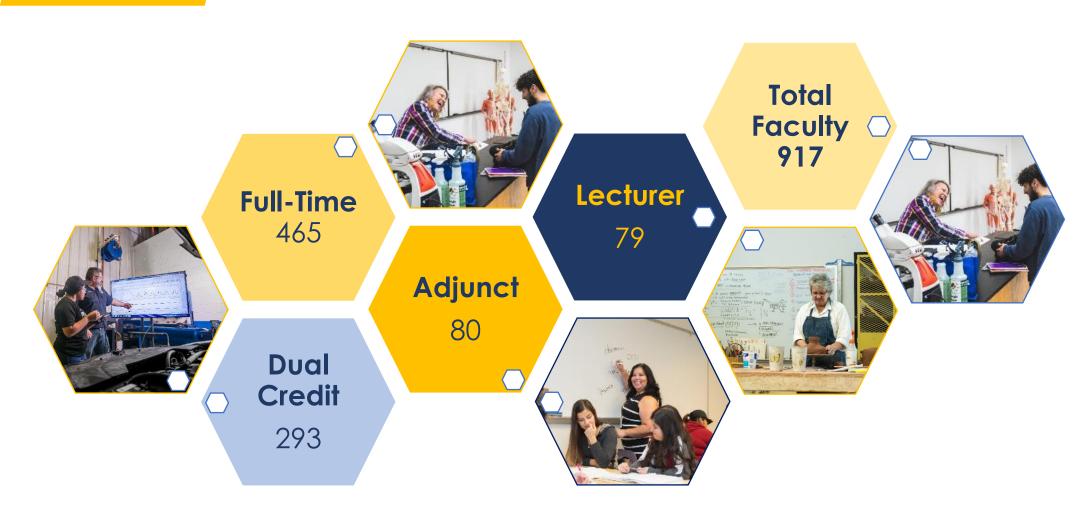


■ Overall STC Enrollment
■ Dual Credit Enrollment



### **South Texas College Faculty**

Fall 2022





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### solid REPUTATION





Over 20 years of exceptional student success

### our BLUEPRINT

21 School Districts 70 High School **Partners** 

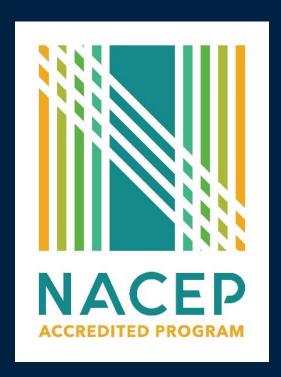


12,000+ Students Enrolled



550+ Qualified Instructors





to receive
National
Accreditation
by NACEP

### **Commitment to Excellence**

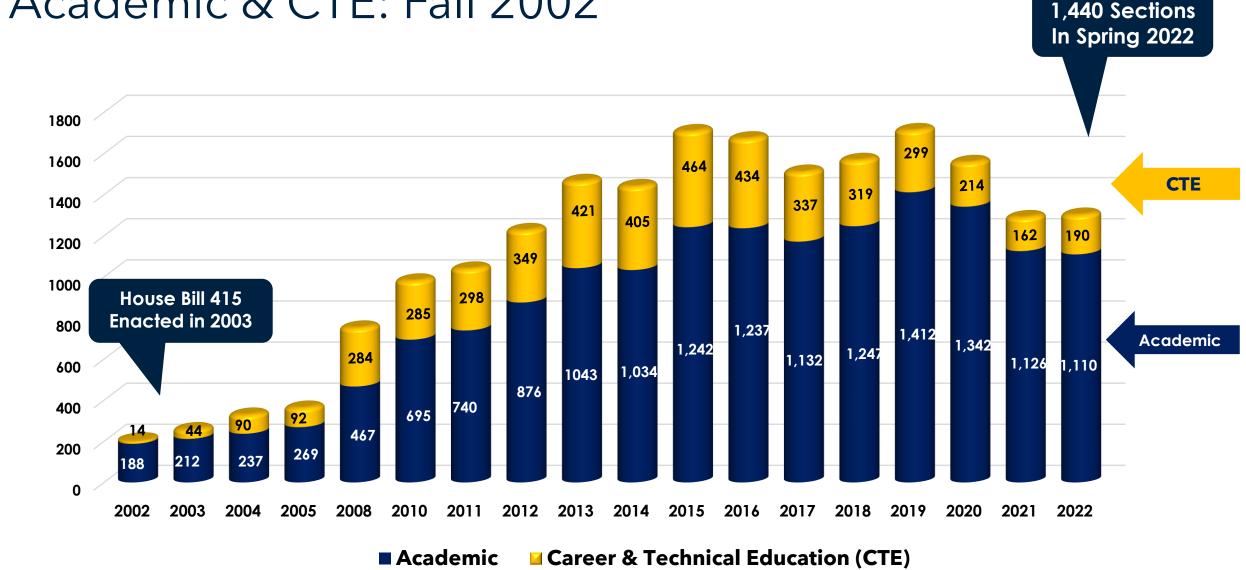
- South Texas College first in Texas to receive national accreditation from National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)
- NACEP requires a close monitoring of quality and rigor of instruction in college courses offered at partner high schools





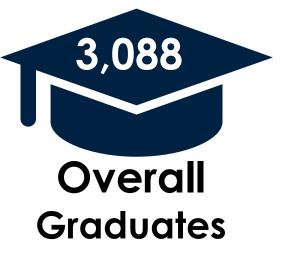
### **Dual Credit Sections**

Academic & CTE: Fall 2002



### **South Texas College**

Graduates: Spring 2022



**2,233**Associate
Degrees

**713** Certificates

**142**Bachelor
Degrees



**1,043**Associate
Degrees

**312**Certificates

### South Texas College

### **Dual Credit Programs Options**



Dual Credit
Courses



Earn College Credit hours towards STC Core curriculum courses (Basics)







Earn a Certificate and/or an Associate degree in high demand technical careers.



Designated High Schools



Earn college credit hours up to an Associate degree. (ECHS, T-STEM, P-TECH)







Earn an Associate degree in the STEM, Business, or Criminal Justice field



### College & Student Resources

**JagNet** 

College Student Portal



**Starfish Early Alert System** 

**Counseling & Advising Center** 

**Library Services** 

**Center for Learning Excellence** *Tutoring Center* 

**Transfer Center & University Relations** 



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### Interlocal Agreement

### Texas Administrative Code Requirements

- 1. Eligible Courses
- 2. Student Eligibility
- 3. Location of Class
- 4. Student Composition of Class
- 5. Faculty Selection, Supervision, and Evaluation
- 6. Course Curriculum, Instruction, and Grading
- 7. Academic Policies and Student Support Services
- 8. Transcripting of Credit
- 9. Funding
- 10. Defined sequences of courses, where applicable



The Interlocal
Agreement between
South Texas College
and our ISD partners
was developed based
on requirements set
forth in the

### Texas Administrative Code

Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Rule 4.84

### **Strengthening Partnership** *through Collaboration*



- Superintendents Summit
- Dual Credit Leadership Summit
- CTE Summit
- Grant Collaboration Trainings
- Counselor's Updates
- Summer Leadership Institute
- College Advising Training
- Librarian Trainings

- CTE Advisory Committee
- Traditional Advisory Committee
- Dual Credit Program Taskforce



### DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS MANUALS & REFERENCE GUIDES

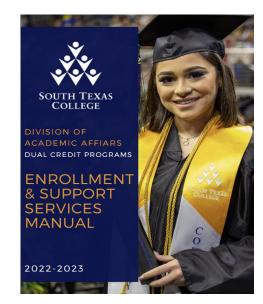


Dual Credit Programs

Instructional and Quality

Standards (IQS) Manual:

Academic Affairs Division



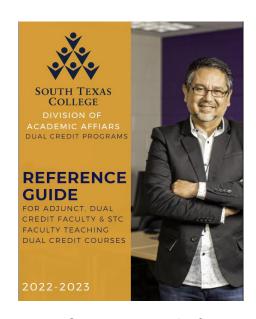
Dual Credit Programs

Enrollment and Support

Services Manual: Student

Affairs and Enrollment

Management Division



Reference Guide for Adjunct Dual Credit Faculty & STC Faculty Teaching Dual Credit Courses



South Texas College Faculty Handbook



Chief Academic Officer



### Monitoring and Assessment Dual Credit Student Performance

South Texas College has developed success metrics to provide the opportunity for School Districts and the College to **continuously monitor the progress of dual credit students** from partnering school districts.

**✓ School District-level** 

✓ College-level

### **Dual Credit Programs Success Metrics**

#### School District and College Levels

#### **School District-Level**

- 1. Academic Probation and Suspension
- 2. Number of Withdrawals
- Unsatisfactory Academic Progress (Financial Aid Status)
- 4. Average Earned/Attempted Hours Ratio
- 5. Average GPA

#### **College-Level**

- Matriculation of Dual Credit Graduated
   Seniors to Higher Education
- Core Completion at South TexasCollege
- 3. Persistence Data



### **Performance Indicators**

that Impact Student

N E G A T I V E

- Minimize failures
- Minimize withdrawals
- Minimize repeats
- Prevent academic probation/suspension
- Prevent financial aid problems
- Minimize excess hours

P O S I T V

- Maintain a good GPA
- Earn a credential
- Matriculate: ContinueEducation

### Recommendation for Improvement

- Monitor Dual Credit Programs Success Metrics
- Develop Targeted or Comprehensive Interventions to improve district's dual credit student performance

Indicator		Target/Status	tatus Recommended Action	
Green		Acceptable	Continue to <b>monitor student academic</b>	
			performance	
Yellow		Warning	Develop targeted interventions to	
			improve this metric	
Red		Unacceptable	Initiate comprehensive interventions to	
			improve this metric	





### **Success Metrics Targets**

Targets for each Success Metric are based on determined thresholds of acceptable level of achievement

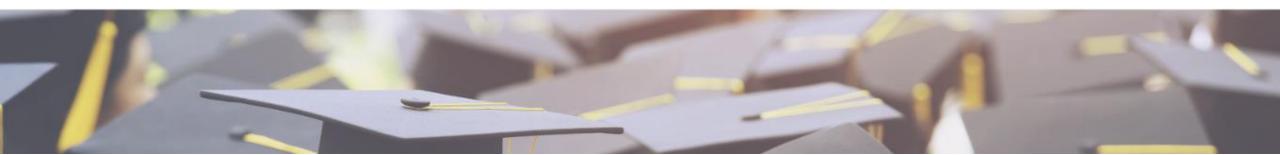
Recommended Targets						
Color Indicator	Status	% Academic Probation/ Suspension	% Unsatisfactory Academic Progress	Average Cumulative GPA	% Average Earned/ Attempted Hours Ratio	% of Withdrawals All Grades
Green	Acceptable	<=8%	<=10%	>=2.50	>=90%	<=8%
Yellow	Warning	>8% to <=10%	>10% to <=12%	>=2.00 to <2.5	>=88% to <90%	>8% to <=10%
Red	Unacceptable	>10%	>12%	<2.00	<88%	>10%

Source: South Texas College Research and Analytical Services

### South Texas College Dual Credit Programs Success Indicators for Participating Dual Credit ISDs

Fall 2016 - Fall 2021

Fall Semester	# of Students	% Academic Probation/Suspensio n	% Unsatisfactory Academic Progress	Average Cumulative GPA	% Average Earned/Attempted Hours Ratio	% of Withdrawals All Grades
2021	9,194	7.1%	22.2%	2.85	85.0%	7.1%
2020	12,251	15.1%	23.2%	2.76	87.2%	9.5%
2019	13,708	9.6%	14.5%	2.84	92.2%	5.5%
2018	13,131	8.9%	13.9%	2.93	92%	5.01%
2017	11,911	7.2%	12%	2.98	92.9%	3.8%
2016	14,011	7.8%	13.9%	2.93	92.5%	4.7%



### **Monitoring and Improving**

Student Success

**Since 2016,** in addition to other success strategies, South Texas College has been reviewing and revising Dual Credit related policies to increase student success.

Year Enacted or Amended	Policy	Policy Title
2016	3320	<u>Academic Progress Standards</u> - clarified that <b>all students</b> , <b>including dual credit students</b> , are expected to meet academic standards for coursework
2017	3322	Student Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) – SAP standards are the same for all students, including dual credit students; in order to be eligible for financial aid, all students are required to maintain SAP.
2019	3232	Dual Credit Student Eligibility Requirements

### **Monitoring and Improving**

Student Success - Board Policy 3232

Dual Credit students are limited to college-level courses leading to a certificate or associate degree

#### **Policy Title - Dual Credit Student Eligibility Requirements**

- Limited to courses within declared major and corresponding degree plan
- May attempt a maximum of 68 credit hours

<b>Dual Credit Students</b>	Eligible Semesters	Eligible Dual Credit Courses
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Spring	2 dual credit courses from approved list
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Fall & Spring	2 dual credit courses
11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Fall & Spring	4 dual credit courses
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Summer Terms	2 dual credit courses

### **Dual Credit Student**

### Performance Status Report

- The College prepares an Annual Status Report for each participating school district to assist them in monitoring dual credit student performance in college-level courses.
- Status Report Includes
  - Dual Credit Student Performance **Expectations**
  - Program Success Standards for **Metrics and Targets**
  - **Definition** of Success Metrics and Targets
  - Core Curriculum Completion Status
  - Matriculation to South Texas College
  - Persistence at South Texas College







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### **Outcomes - New Strategies**

To Improve Student Success

#### **Dual Credit Student Advising**

- Established in 2019
- Creation of Student Advising Module via Blackboard for all first-time dual credit students

#### **Dual Credit Workshops**

- Established in 2020
- Creation of Virtual and In-Person Workshop options focused on topics specific for student success

### **Starfish Early Alert System for Dual Credit Students**

- Established in 2020
- The College implemented the Early Alert System for all dual credit students
- All STC faculty who teach dual credit courses participate in the program and submit information about students who may need assistance
- The College generates reports that are shared with ISD's to provide necessary interventions



### Success Metrics Workshops

- The College offers Student Success Metrics
   Workshops for interested ISDs throughout the
   year.
- The goal is to collaborate with ISD partners to develop targeted or comprehensive interventions to improve districts' dual credit student performance in college-level courses.





## **Dual Credit Student Performance**

### Student Success is the foundation of all South Texas College Dual Credit Programs Goals

- South Texas College developed success metrics to monitor and assess student success.
- These metrics provide the opportunity to continuously monitor the progress of dual credit students.



