

College Response to FAST Opportunity

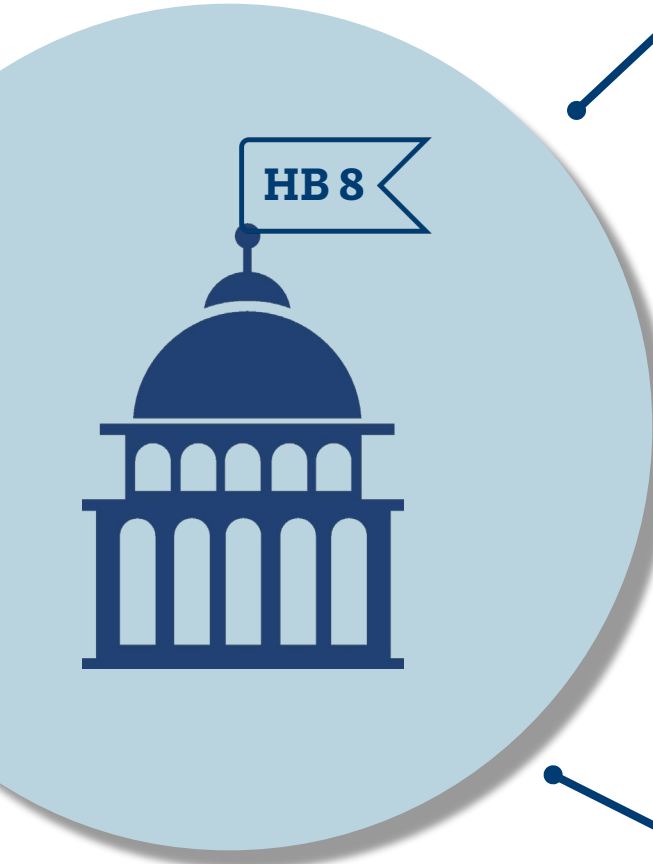
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Key Components of House Bill 8



Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST)

A new financial aid program that would allow “educationally disadvantaged” students to enroll in dual credit classes at no cost to them.



Shared Services

Encourages public junior colleges to participate in institutional collaborations that help students afford college, complete credentials, and transfer.



Performance Tier

The funding level that constitutes the majority of state funding and is comprised of measurable outcomes.



Base Tier

The funding level that ensures each public junior college has access to a defined level of funding for instruction and operations.



Community College Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

A group of community college leaders that will provide advice and counsel to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board during implementation.

Financial Aid for Swift Transfer

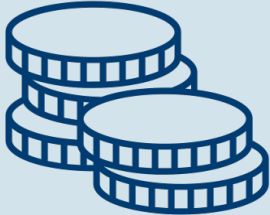


- **Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST)** – funding allocation from the Foundation School Program for participating colleges to cover tuition for all **economically disadvantaged students who enroll in dual credit courses** with participating Texas public school districts, charters, and colleges.
- This new targeted financial aid for dual credit **will be administered by THECB**, with support from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

TACC 2023-2024 FAST Participation Survey

- 39 Member College Participated
- 77% implementing or considering implementing FAST during the 2023-2024 academic year
- More than half of institutions agreed high school partner interest & flexibility in budgets were important to decision-making
- 87% indicated they are developing or have created
 - cost analysis tools
 - guidance for addressing potential overpayment

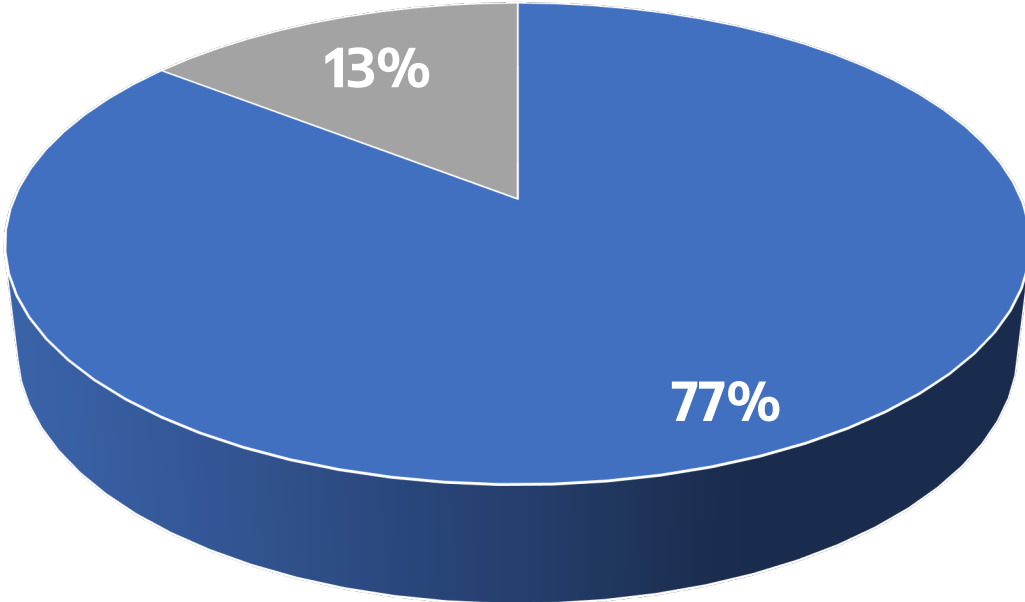
FAST Tuition & Fees



Under FAST, **\$0 Tuition** for free & reduced lunch students

\$55 per SCH per eligible students in state funding for participating colleges

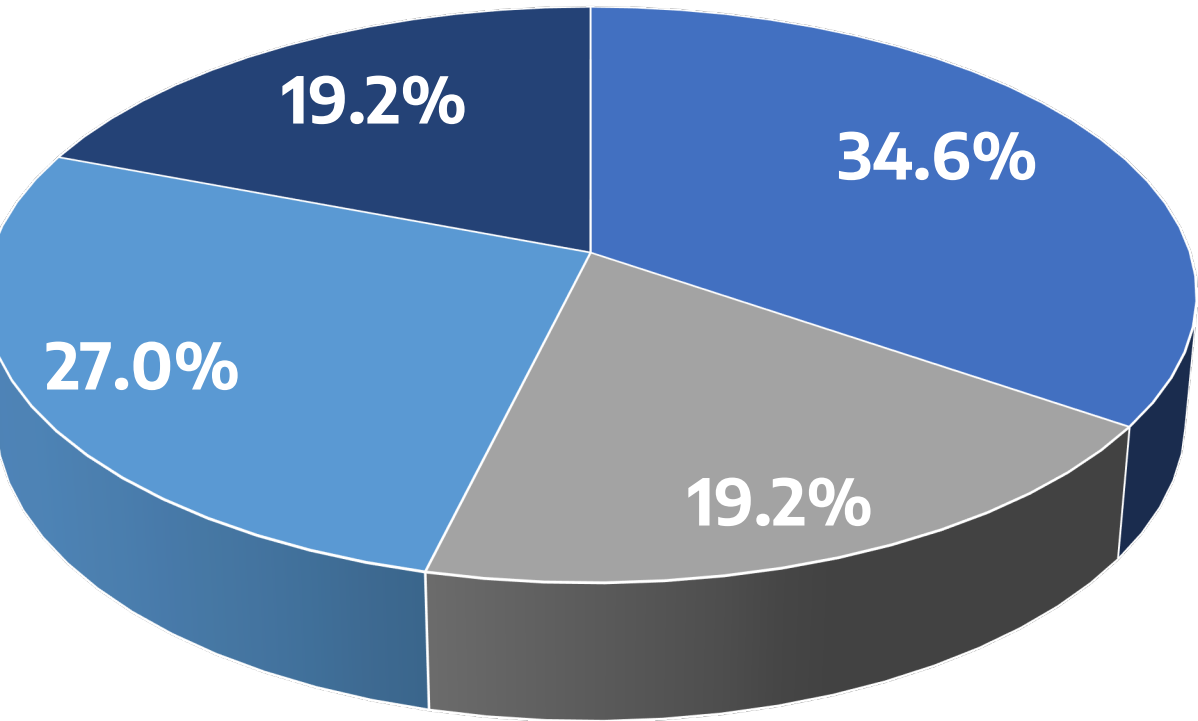
Non-FAST Eligible In-District and Out-of-District



■ Same Tuition & Fees ■ Different Tuition & Fees

“Non-FAST Eligible In-District and Out-of-District” N=26, colleges responding with planned start Fall 2023 or Spring 2024

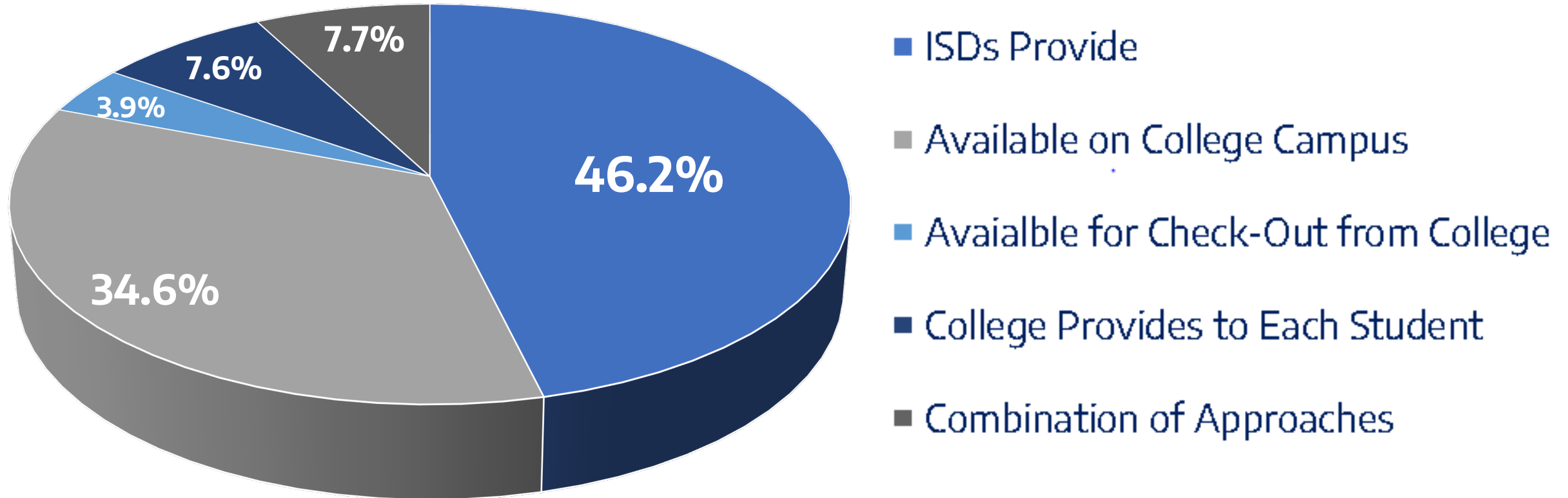
Covering, Fees, Supplies, & Books for FAST Eligible Students



- College Will Cover
- ISDS Will Cover
- Colleges & ISDs Will Share
- Combination of Approaches Including Foundation Scholarships

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Access to Internet & Computers for FAST Eligible Students



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Recommendations & Insights

46.2% of respondents flagged items or offered insights related to

- student eligibility, identification, and internal tracking
- communication, collaboration, and strong relationships with ISD partners

Overall strong emphasis on

- improving understanding and clarity
- collaboration and communication
- continuous learning

Thank you



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