

Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) | 2023-2024 Participation

To better understand how Texas community colleges are implementing the new provisions of House Bill 8, the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) surveyed its institutional members in early November. The survey focused on understanding the multiple factors a college considered when determining whether or not to participate in the new dual credit program, FAST.

A total of 39 institutions participated representing a variety of peer groups and geographical regions. Below is a synopsis of the TACC survey findings and an overview of total participation by public institutions of higher education according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).



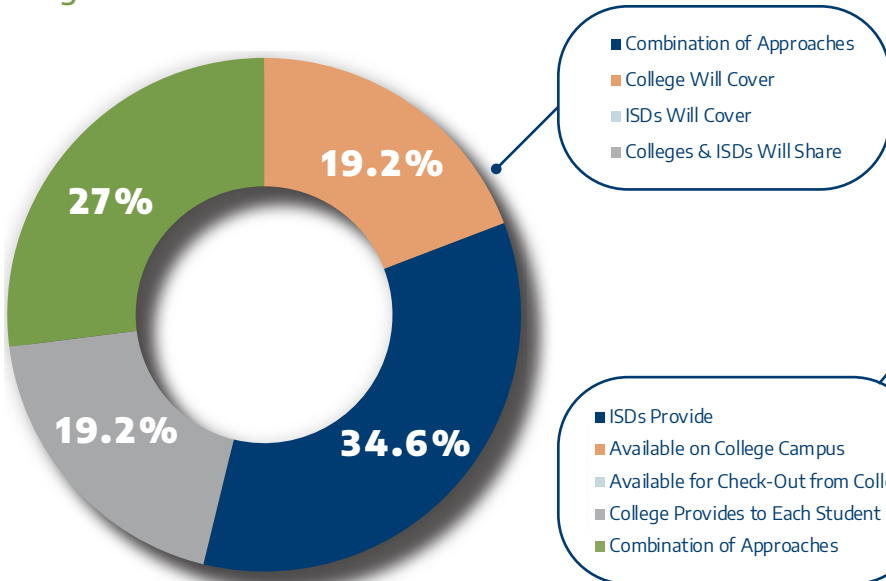
- FALL 2023**
- 30** COMMUNITY COLLEGES
- 9** PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
- 4** STATE & TECHNICAL COLLEGES



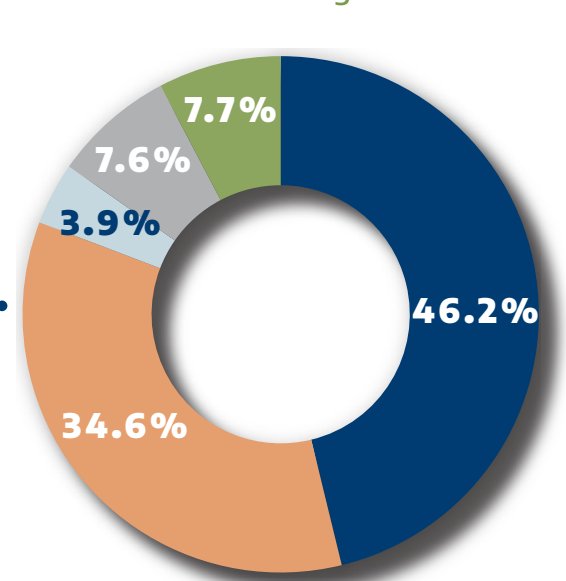
79.3%* of all dual credit students in the state will be served by the Fall participating community colleges.

FAST participating community colleges who responded to the TACC survey indicated how they are...

...covering fees, supplies, & books for FAST eligible students.



...covering access to internet & computers for FAST eligible students.



(* Based on Fall 2022 dual credit enrollments.)





FAST Tuition

The FAST tuition rate adopted by the THECB for FY 2024 is **\$55 per semester credit hour (or equivalent)**.

Participating institutions may not charge a tuition rate more than the FAST tuition rate set by THECB to any student who is eligible and taking a dual credit course offered by the participating institution. However, institutions may choose to charge a lower rate for any or all dual credit coursework.

77%

of participating community colleges plan to use the **same tuition and fees for non-FAST eligible dual credit students**, regardless of whether these students are in-district or out-of-district.

ISD Partnership

More than half (55.3%) of responding community colleges agreed or strongly agreed that **ISD partner interest was an important factor** for their decision on whether or not to participate in the new program.



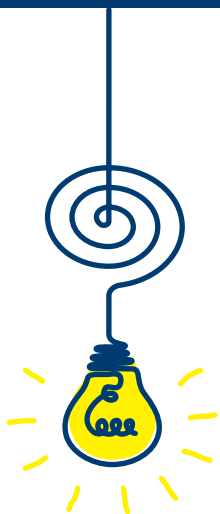
SPRING 2024

For the Spring 2024 semester an additional 7 community colleges have indicated they plan to participate in FAST. **Public institutions will have until March 15, 2024 to opt-in.** Below are the anticipated participants:

37 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

12 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

4 STATE & TECHNICAL COLLEGES



To view the full findings of this survey, visit the TACC website or email Senior Director of Strategy & Policy Analysis, Elizabeth Chivers at echivers@tacc.org.