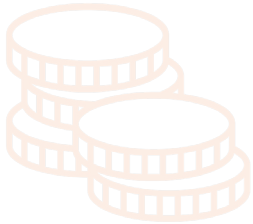




2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Texas community colleges commit to delivering affordable, high-quality education that prepares students for in-demand jobs and careers that lead to economic mobility. To continue meeting these goals and train the next-generation workforce, TACC member institutions request support for the following legislative priorities:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST



Advocate for a supplemental appropriations request for the current biennium (FY 2024-2025), fully supporting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's final recommendation. This funding will:

- Reinforce the outcomes-based funding model established by House Bill 8, granting more Texans the opportunity to earn credentials of value.
- Enable institutions to sustain real-time progress and deliver measurable results that drives economic growth.

FORMULA FUNDING FOR FY 2026-2027



Support the formula funding recommendation made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges for the next biennium. This critical investment will:

- Empower institutions to adapt to the evolving needs of students and alignment with the state's expanding workforce.
- Solidify Texas community colleges as statewide leaders in affordable, high-quality education.

INCLUSION OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN PERFORMANCE TIER



Amend the State Funding Performance Tier of House Bill 8 to include students who transfer to one of Texas' private or independent institutions of higher education after completing 15 semester credit hours at a public junior college. This adjustment will:

- Ensure the outcomes-based funding model reflects and recognizes multiple student success pathways.
- Foster stronger transfer pathways, expanding opportunities for students to seamlessly continue their education across all types of higher education institutions.

BY THE NUMBERS

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

are the **LARGEST SECTOR** of higher education, serving as the primary gateway to opportunity and workforce development across the state.

As hubs of innovation, they prepare students for in-demand careers, driving economic growth and meeting the evolving needs of Texas industries.

With a commitment to **BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKFORCE**, community colleges play a pivotal role in shaping Texas' future.

SERVING MORE THAN

700,000
STUDENTS



IN 2023, AWARDED

125,215
CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

PROVIDING

96%

OF ALL CAREER & TECHNICAL
EDUCATION CERTIFICATES AND
DEGREES



HOUSE BILL 8 IN ACTION

Statewide Data on the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Program



1.46M

semester credit hours of dual credit have been provided **at no cost to students.**



22%

increase in dual credit enrollment compared to 2022.



260K

students with financial need have been served by this program.



\$79.6M

in funding has been **disbursed to institutions** participating in FAST.