



Texas Community Colleges Funding Request for 2018-19 Biennium

Impact

State: Texas Community Colleges are vital to the economic well-being of the State of Texas. Individually and in aggregate, Texas Community Colleges will play a central role in advancing the key strategies of the new Texas Strategic Plan for Higher Education, 60X30TX.

Regional and Local: Each of the 50 Community College Districts serves as a central partner with school districts, universities, business, and industry to build successful pathways from public schools to postsecondary education to workforce for their respective communities.

Funding

In order for the State of Texas to meet its higher education goals as put forth by the 60X30TX plan, community colleges will be asked to do much of the heavy lifting. Community colleges are the starting point for the overwhelming majority of Texans entering higher education or enhancing their workforce readiness. Because of this vital role, increasing the state's investment in community colleges is essential in the upcoming Legislative Session. With this in mind, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Formula Advisory Committee recommended \$1.94 billion in General Revenue for community colleges over the next biennium. However, given slowdowns in some sectors of the Texas economy, difficult decisions will have to be made to balance the state's budget and maintain the fiscal responsibility that has kept our state strong. Accordingly, Texas Community Colleges respectfully request **\$1.83 billion** in General Revenue to fund Core Operations, Student Success, and Instruction across the 50 districts in the following funding amounts:

Core Operations: \$75,000,000
All 50 college districts have basic operating costs. The \$500,000 per district per year level of funding was established by the 83 rd Legislature. Increasing the core by \$250,000 per district per year will help support all institutions, especially small and rural institutions.
Performance Funding/Student Success Points: \$186,881,648
Texas Community Colleges continue to advance programs and strategies that improve student success on multiple metrics. In order for the Student Success Points system to effectively reward institutions for improvements in student success, the points need to be funded at a minimum of \$185 per point.
Contact Hour/Instruction: \$1,566,866,566
The largest portion of state revenue provides community colleges with funds for instruction. The ability of community colleges to meet workforce skills demands, increase dual credit courses, and expand educational opportunities for all students is directly tied to instructional funding appropriated by the Legislature.

Summary of Community College Request and Priorities for 2018-19 Biennium

	SB1/HB1	TACC ASK	\$ Request
Core Operations	\$50,000,000	\$75,000,000	\$25,000,000
Performance Funding/Student Success Pts.	\$168,515,089	\$186,881,648	\$18,366,559
Contact Hour/Instruction	\$1,516,635,804	\$1,566,866,566	\$50,250,762