



The member colleges of Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) have designed a new legislative approach to community college support. BAHEP endorses the five-point program of recommendations to best support students, colleges, communities, and Texas.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Our messages:

- Student success is the highest priority of every community college in Texas.
- The state's community colleges are driving rapid and expansive improvements in public education to meet current and anticipated workforce needs.
- Community colleges are economic and cultural engines in every part of the state, vital to their communities and key to advancing the individual aspirations of students.

THE 5-POINT CAMPAIGN

1. Workforce and Skills Alignment
2. Measuring and Funding Success
3. College Readiness
4. Transfer and Articulation
5. Texans in Community Colleges

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Community colleges provide essential workforce development opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Texans, all over the state, preparing them for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

point 1

WORKFORCE AND SKILLS ALIGNMENT

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Reform the Skills Development Fund to enhance the ability of community colleges to better serve students and workforce needs
- Define clear pathways between high school career and technical education and community college career and technical programs

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Community colleges are developing accountability measures that ensure students are making progress and communities are getting return on their investment.

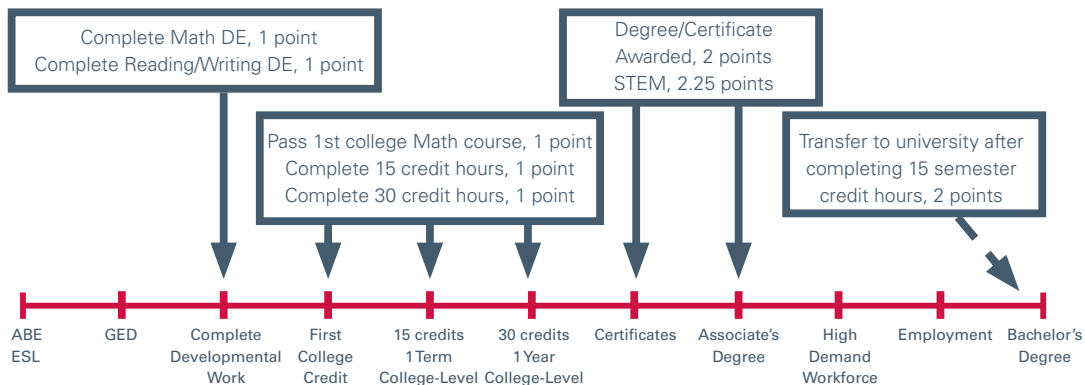
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MEASURING AND FUNDING SUCCESS

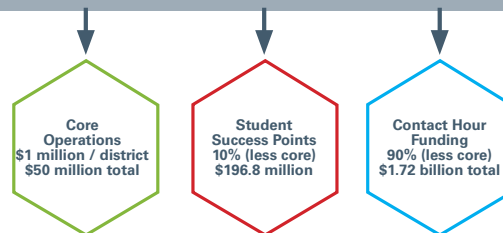
CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A new and innovative funding model:
 - Core College Operations
 - Contact Hours
 - Student Success Points
- Restore employee health insurance state funding over the next two biennia

STUDENTS SUCCESS POINTS MODEL



\$1.968 Billion Student Success Appropriations Request



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Community colleges provide an essential gateway to higher education for hundreds of thousands of Texans, with innovative approaches and easy access all over the state.

point 3

COLLEGE READINESS

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement the New Mathways Project by supporting the University of Texas at Austin Dana Center
- Develop and require a Student Success course for all entering students eligible for state funding.
- Support STARLINK in order to provide professional development for faculty to engage in Student Success initiatives

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Community colleges are developing easily transferable coursework and common curriculum standards and measures of student progress.

point 4

TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Define a universal pathway to an Associate Degree and further degree programs through a statewide-adopted common core curricula.
- Incent Associates Degree completion for students, reward community colleges and universities commensurately.

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Community colleges meet multiple needs: higher education, job readiness, adult basic education, skills building, and lifelong learning and enrichment.

point 5

TEXANS IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Fund ABE sufficiently
- Transfer oversight of Adult Based Education (ABE) from the Texas Education Agency to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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