

**Follow Up to August 6, 2019 Board Workshop Question
From Board Member Trustee Jim Orr**

Re: Success Point Funding

Question:

Trustee Orr requested information on Success Point Funding

Answer:

Success Points are used by the Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to implement performance funding for Texas public community colleges.

In 2013, the Legislature initiated community college performance funding by withholding 10% of enrollment funding as seed money for a performance funding system based on recommendations from the THECB and the Texas Association for Community Colleges.

Under the current performance funding system, students generate success points when they attain specific educational milestones during a given fiscal year. They can generate multiple points per year.

- Students identified as unprepared for college- level work at the time of their first postsecondary enrollment generate success points by becoming college- ready as follows.
 - Mathematics: 1 point
 - Reading: 0.5 point
 - Writing: 0.5 point
- Students who successfully complete first college- level gateway courses generate success points as follows.
 - Mathematics: 1 point
 - Reading: 0.5 point
 - Writing: 0.5 point
- Students who successfully accumulate earned credits generate success points as follows.
 - Successful completion of 15 college- level semester credit hours: 1 point
 - Successful completion of 30 college- level semester credit hours: 1 point
- Students who successfully complete an award (degree, certificate, or general education core curriculum) during a given fiscal year generate success points as follows. (Note: Students completing more than one award during the year qualify for success points associated with only one award during that year at the highest rate for which they qualify.)
 - General education core curriculum: 2 points
 - Workforce education certificate: 2 points
 - AA, AAT, AS, or AAS degree: 2 points
 - Degree or certificate in a designated “critical field”: 2.25 points

- Students who transfer to a four-year institution after having successfully completed at least 15 semester credit hours generate 2 points

Success points are averaged over three years to determine the number of success points funded for a given community college. For the most recent biennium, success points were funded at about \$172 per point. Over the past three fiscal years, Collin College has generated success points as follows.

- FY2016: 45,672
- FY2017: 49,244
- FY2018: 51,622
- FY2016-FY2018 three-year average: 48,846
- 2018-2019 Biennium: Collin performance funding based on 43,544 points (3-year average for FY2014-FY2016) generated \$7,470,255 in funding (or \$3,735,128 for each year of the biennium).

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