

Dual Credit & FAST



Texas House Bill 8

- Provides an Innovative Community College Funding Model in support of the goals in Building a Talent Strong Texas, the state's strategic plan for higher education:
 - Rewards community colleges for positive student outcomes.
 - Increases affordability and financial aid, including for low-income students.
 - Increase capacity at colleges to meet changing workforce needs.

Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST)

- By statute, the FAST program requires that eligible students at participating institutions incur no cost for their dual credit coursework.
- An eligible student will not pay tuition and fees for an eligible dual credit course.
- Books, supplies, and other course materials must also be provided at no cost to an eligible student.
 - Participating institutions may charge dual credit students who are not FAST-eligible other costs, such as fees, books, or supplies. However, FAST-eligible students may not incur these charges.
 - Participating institutions are not prevented from entering into contracts for other course charges, such as fees, books, supplies, or professional development, to be paid for by school districts or charter schools.

FAST Student Eligibility

- Students are eligible students under the FAST program if they:
 - Are enrolled in an eligible dual credit course at a public school district or charter school **and**
 - Were qualified for free/reduced-price lunch in any of the four school years before enrolling in the dual credit course.
 - There is no limit on courses taken by students.
 - Students can begin taking courses as early as 9th grade.

A New Model

- FAST requires uniformity across all ISD partners
 - Temple College must opt-in to provide FAST to all ISDs served, at the same time
- A standardized MOU amendment will be provided to all ISD partners.
- ISDs will retain responsibility for and control over
 - Which students participate
 - Which pathways and courses are offered
 - The billing of students that are not FAST-eligible

Current Structure

- Tuition
 - In-District rate of \$66 per credit hour
 - Out-District rate of \$99 per credit hour
 - Tuition billing practice varies by ISD
- The payment source for books and course fees varies by ISD, but are most commonly the responsibility of the student.

New Structure (FAST)

- Tuition and Out of District Fee
 - In-District rate of \$55 per credit hour (\$0 for FAST)
 - Out-of-District rate of \$65 per credit hour (\$10 for FAST)
 - Tuition and out of district fees billed to ISDs
- The cost of integrated textbooks and course fees varies by course and billed to ISDs
- Other books and required course materials are purchased by ISDs.

Opportunity: Embedded Instructors

- Embedded instructors are ISD teachers, credentialed by Temple College and compensated by the ISD.
- Temple College will waive tuition and out-of-district fees for courses taught by embedded instructors for ISDs that opt to pay dual credit teachers a stipend or incentive equivalent to that of an AP, IB, or Onramps teacher.
- Temple College will bill the ISD only for books, certification exam fees, or materials procured by TC on behalf of the ISD.
- Temple College is working with universities to assist ISDs with teacher credentialing.

Example – Temple College Faculty

Engineering I 304. Three credit hour course, \$24.00 lab fee, \$62.90 book

In-District	FAST	Non-FAST
Tuition	\$0.00	\$165.00
Out-District Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lab Fee	\$24.00	\$24.00
Billed to ISD by TC	\$24.00	\$189.00
Books purchased by ISD	\$62.90	\$62.90
Total ISD Cost	\$86.90	\$251.90

Out-District	FAST	Non-FAST
Tuition	\$0.00	\$165.00
Out-District Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00
Lab Fee	\$24.00	\$24.00
Billed to ISD by TC	\$54.00	\$219.00
Books purchased by ISD	\$62.90	\$62.90
Total ISD Cost	\$116.90	\$281.90

Example – Embedded Instructor

Engineering I304. Three credit hour course, \$29.00 course materials purchased by ISD, \$62.90 book

In-District	FAST	Non-FAST
Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00
Out-District Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lab Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Billed to ISD by TC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books purchased by ISD	\$62.90	\$62.90
Course materials purchased by ISD	\$29.00	\$29.00
Total ISD Cost*	\$91.90	\$91.90

*Does not include instructor stipend or incentive paid by ISD, if applicable

Academic Success Initiatives

- Collaboration with school officials to develop and provide information to students and parents regarding FAST Program and eligibility
- Provide additional academic advising resources as requested
- Continue to align high school pathways to college degree plans and certifications
- Provide new opportunities for students to become TSIA-ready earlier
- Explore opportunities to maximize academic and CTE dual credit for each student
- Provide opportunities to participate in an onramps-like model being developed by Temple College to enhance the number of hard to fill or high interest sections for ISD
- Help ISD maximize CCMR and Outcomes Bonus Funding

Possible Funding Sources Being Used by Some Districts to Make Dual Enrollment Free For All Students

- Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment (EMAT)
- Performance Based Bonus Funding
- Career & Technical Education Funding for IBC Testing & Transportation
- Grant Funding For Books
- Open Education Resources*- Collaborative Solution with Temple College

Timeline

- Target launch is Spring 2024
- MOU amendment to ISD partners
- MOU amendment execution date November 30
- Spring Registration

Questions