Texas relies more heavily on community colleges to deliver undergraduate education than any state in the U.S. This means a postsecondary degree or certificate is now an essential gateway in the middle class and is critical for our state to thrive economically.

To meet this need, Texas has set a goal through its 60x30TX Plan that at least 60% of Texans ages 25-34 will hold a post-secondary credential by 2030.

### RELIANCE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 65% of U.S. jobs will require education or training beyond high school by 2020.
- Students classified as freshmen attend community college students attend 80% of Texas community college students intend to transfer, 20% of Texas community college students who actually transfer, 56% of those that transfer graduate within 6 years.
- 73% of bachelor graduates have community college hours, 42% of bachelor’s graduates start in a different institution.

### THE TRANSFER PROCESS

- The transfer process is inefficient, and the pathway to a bachelor’s is rarely clear, increasing cost and decreasing completion.
- An average credit hours a Texas student takes for a bachelor’s degree, 19 more than is needed or almost one extra year.
- Annual cost of excess credit to Texas taxpayers and students.

### TEXAS TRANSFER HISTORY

Even as enrollment grows, transfer rates from 2-year colleges are stagnating.

### Polices Must Change to Support the Needs of Today’s Texas Students

Most students are attending more than one institution. Many are attending part time, and all are facing increasing costs – policies must change to support the student of today so that all students are provided the opportunity to succeed in higher education and in their careers.

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3. Educate Texas, a catalyst for large-scale educational systems change, has partnered with public and private entities for more than a decade to achieve the goal of improving the public and higher education systems in Texas so that every student is prepared for success in school, in the workforce and in life. As trusted thought partner andresource, both to state policymakers and educational leaders, Educate Texas’ works to drive conversations and effect change in various college and career readiness, and higher education program and policy areas. Additionally, Educate Texas serves as the convener of statewide groups that bring together diverse stakeholders to build awareness and dialogue about the strengths and challenges for key statewide impact areas.