



**TexasCollegeBridge**

Preparing Texas High School Students For College Success

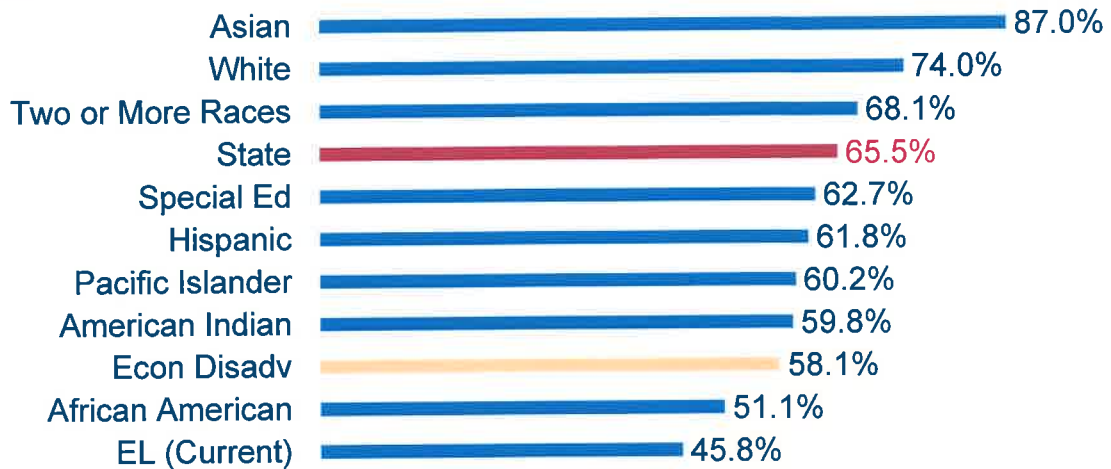
June 4, 2020



## Many Texas students graduate not ready for college

In 2018, **121,000** students graduated **without** demonstrating college, career, or military readiness.

## College, Career, and Military Ready Graduates, 2017-18



## COVID-19 has negatively impacted graduating and rising seniors

Factors  
affecting  
college  
readiness in  
2020



- ACT, SAT, and TSIA were not available for students to test
- Students may not have finished college prep courses given limited ability to deliver remote instruction
- Changing college requirements

## College ready testing alone will not produce the results the students need to demonstrate readiness post-COVID-19

- The alternative must embed personalized math and English learning to help students quickly close learning gaps to demonstrate college readiness.
- Students need the opportunity to complete an **online** course to support college readiness in English and Mathematics, either alongside concurrent college enrollment or resulting in seamless enrollment in college.

## The College Prep Math/English Course

- Supported by HB5 and HB22 , the College Prep English and Math course is a full credit course designed for students in Grade 12 whose performance on an end-of course assessment instrument or coursework, a college entrance examination, or a Texas Success Initiative assessment instrument, indicate the student is not ready to perform entry-level college coursework.
- **The course is not widely available at present.**
- **And during COVID, the lack of distance learning has prevented this course completion for many.**

Districts currently offer HB5 College Prep courses in a number of ways

- LEA-IHE locally developed courses
- LEA-IHE locally approved pre-existing curriculum offered:
  - on high school campus
  - online
  - via distance learning



## Texas College Bridge offers an alternative to support students and achieve district CCMR

### Students

- Self-paced, competency-based, on-line course, with evidence of validity
- Provides personalized math and/or English learning
- Free for students
- Applicable beyond 2020

### Districts

- Demonstrates college readiness if ISDs and IHEs sign MOUs approve the vetted HB5 course
- Free for districts (TEA has procured license to cover entire state)
- Improves district A-F accountability ratings for 2020-2021 (and beyond)
  - TEA is working to allow data reporting for this year's graduates who demonstrate college readiness through this college prep class through 8/31

## Direct enrollment and corequisite opportunity

- It is possible to improve direct college enrollment & increase credit-bearing course attainment as IHE-LEA partnerships are expanded with College Bridge.
- Co-requisite course completion: students complete college prep course AND complete credit bearing 1st level college math & English courses
  - Either this year's students who have already graduated
  - Next year (and beyond) seniors start accessing dual credit



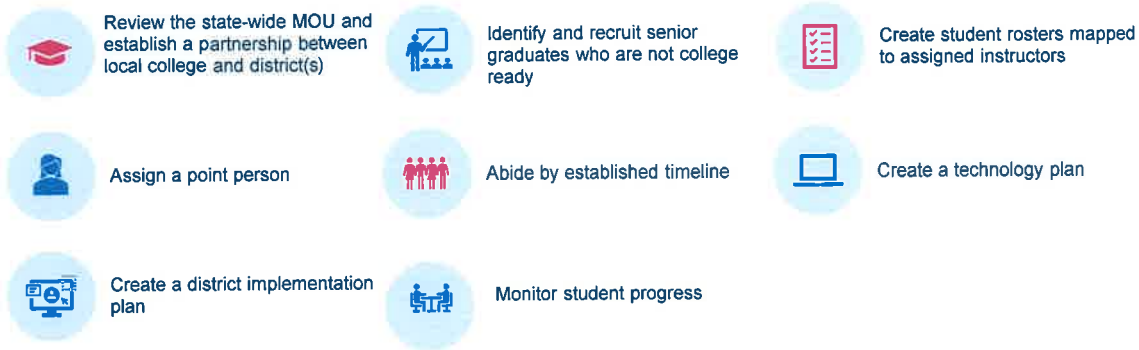
## Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment and 2020-21 enrollment

### What options can we provide to non-exempt students who are enrolling at higher education institutions?

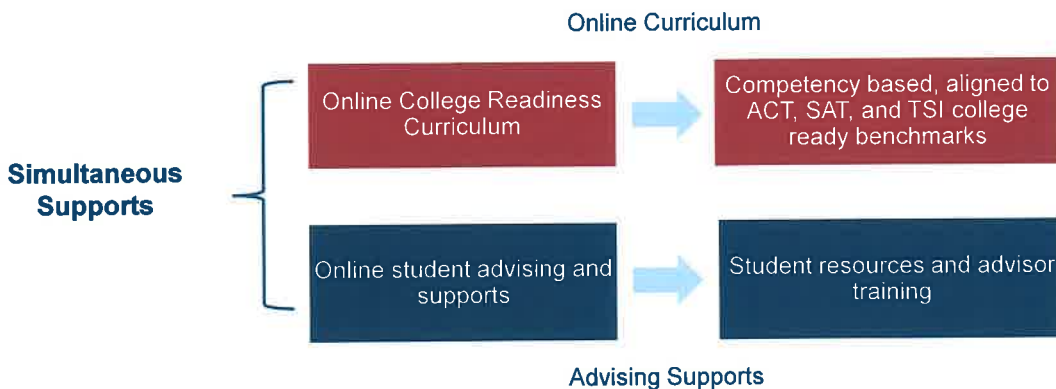
- For non-exempt students enrolling at higher education institutions in summer 2020, institutions may use either of the following options, depending on other indicators of students' level of preparation, such as HS GPA, HS course-taking, and non-cognitive factors:
  - Enroll the student in the college-level course as part of a corequisite model,
  - Utilize the “exceptional circumstances” provision, to permit a student to enroll in freshman-level academic coursework without assessment but shall require the student to be assessed not later than the end of the first semester of enrollment in entry-level freshman coursework.

## Districts and colleges who want to participate in the Texas College Bridge are responsible for the following:

**TEA is covering the costs of the online college prep courses and teacher training.**



## Texas College Bridge provides simultaneous supports





## Texas College Bridge – Summer 2020 to Summer 2021



## Texas College Bridge - Online personalized English and math course



<https://nroc.org/what-we-offer/edready/>

### Network, Resources, Open, College & Career Partnership (NROC)

- NROC's has been producing results for over a decade and is particularly effective with low-income students
- Courses in both English and math (math in Spanish)
- Offers the ability to demonstrate empirical equivalencies to Texas TSI benchmarks (SAT/ACT/TSIA)

*There are other options LEA-IHE's can use besides NROC. But given time constraints of the COVID crisis, this is the only option TEA was able setup for statewide support at this time.*

## Texas College Bridge - Online personalized English and math course

**EdReady**  
ENGLISH

**EdReady**  
MATH

<https://edready.org/home>

- Includes customized teacher training for Texas
- Mapping of math performance to high-demand industry certificates
- Personalized plans for students that focus their efforts on the skills they need to develop
- Students demonstrate mastery of identified content skills before earning a TSI exemption
- Dashboards track student progress and can be monitored by instructors, administrators, and district leaders



## Higher Education partners as of June 1, 2020

- Dallas County Community College District
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas at Dallas
- Texas A&M University at Commerce
- Texas Woman's University

Other higher ed partners are welcome to participate in the statewide MOU or have their faculty review the NROC / EdReady courses. Contact [TexasCollegeBridge@tea.texas.gov](mailto:TexasCollegeBridge@tea.texas.gov)



Dallas County  
Community College District



TEXAS WOMAN'S  
UNIVERSITY

MOU available at: [www.texascollegebridge.org](http://www.texascollegebridge.org)





## Higher Education MOU options

Encourage your IHE partner to consider amending your current shared MOU to incorporate the requirements of the Texas College Bridge program.



Higher ed partners are welcome to participate in the statewide MOU or have their faculty review the NROC / EdReady courses.

- Higher education institutions can access the Texas College Bridge college prep course MOU and faculty curriculum review process on the Texas College Bridge website at <https://texascollegebridge.org>.
- Students who complete the Texas College Bridge course will also demonstrate a multiple measure for immediate college entrance.
- *Note: IHE's may prefer other curricula or technologies. Ultimately, IHEs decide who is college-ready.*



## Advising resources are forthcoming

*The program will provide advising resources to students and staff to help them navigate the path to enrollment while students complete their College Prep coursework.*

### For Students\*

- Clear, engaging communications that educate students about the following:
  - Career Exploration
  - Aligned Programs of Study
  - Steps to enrollment and financing
  - Connecting to campus resources
- Milestone tracking

### For Advisors\*

- Advisor-facing learning experience
  - Texas OnCourse Counselor Academy modules
  - Freely available to any district staff engaged in supporting students through transition
- Access to student-facing transition support content
- Ability to track student progress through course

\*2020-2021 school year



## District registrations steps



Visit [www.texascollegebridge.org](http://www.texascollegebridge.org) for detailed information & **Complete the Texas College Bridge participant application.**



Identify and reach out to your students to participate



Submit rosters for NROC course enrollment



**Review information on NROC with your IHE to determine if you will use MOU provided through the grant or amend your current MOU for HB 5 college prep courses**



Students begin NROC courses



Sign up [for Texas College Bridge Webinar](#) on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm



## 2020 Summer Texas College Bridge timeline

Timeline	Required Action
June 4	Districts can access the Texas College Bridge tool kit at <a href="http://www.texascollegebridge.org">www.texascollegebridge.org</a>
June 10	Districts complete the participant application on the website, Districts assign a district point person. Districts <b>approve the Texas College Bridge data sharing agreement</b>
June 23	Deadline to recruit teachers and eligible students
June 24	Submit student rosters
June 26	Deadline for teachers to register for NROC/EdReady training sessions posted on website
July 1 or 2	Teachers attend NROC/EdReady training session
July 6	Students start the Texas College Bridge College Prep courses
July 8 or 9	Teachers, district and campus leaders attend dashboard and student data training
July 31 – Aug 14	Recommended program end data (focus on student enrollment in college)



For additional information,  
visit [www.texascollegebridge.org](http://www.texascollegebridge.org)

or email  
[TexasCollegeBridge@tea.texas.gov](mailto:TexasCollegeBridge@tea.texas.gov)

