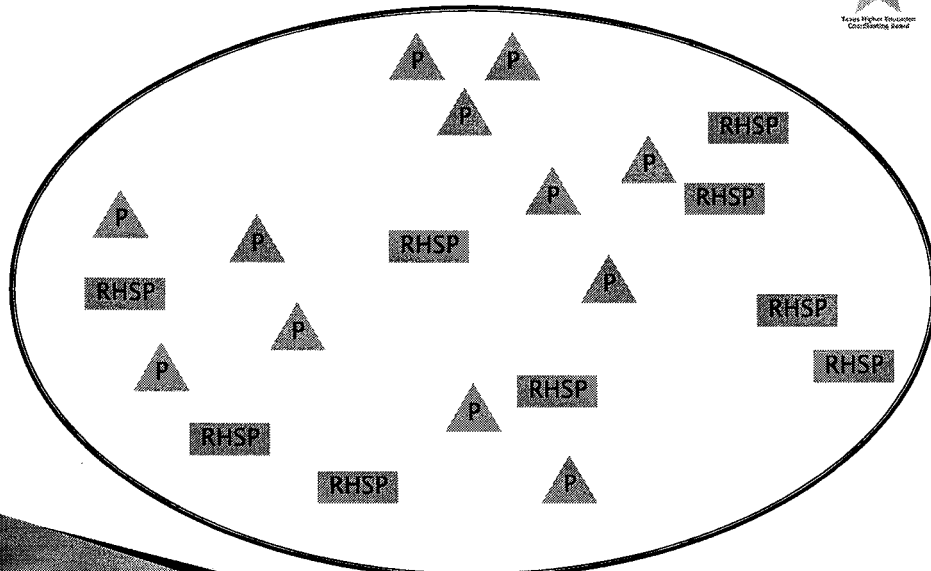



# TEXAS Grant: *The Priority Model*

Presentation for the  
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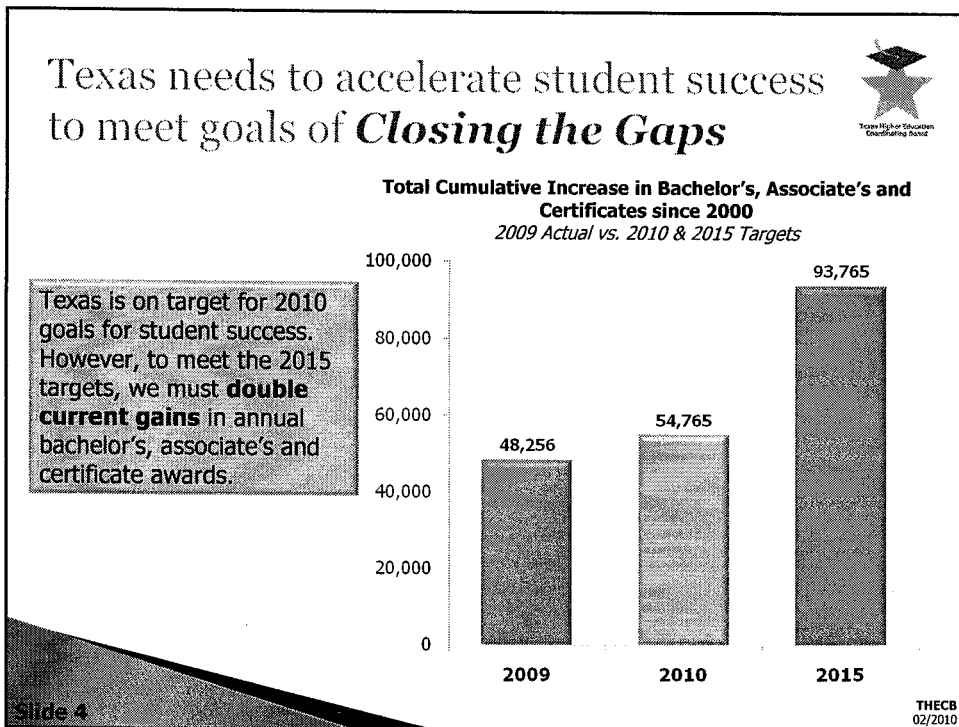
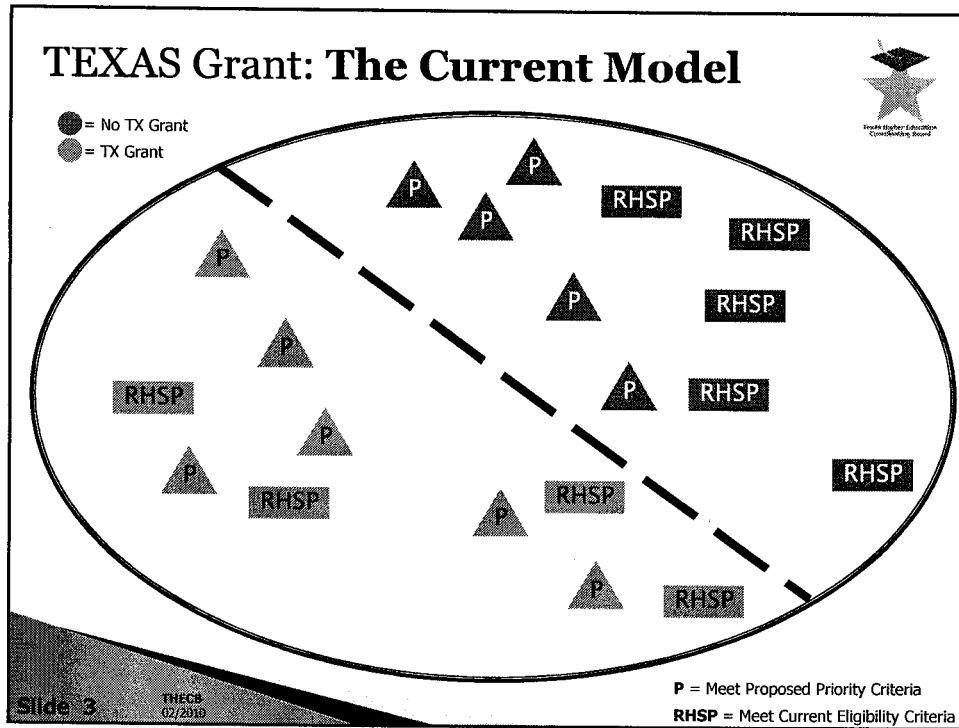
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## TEXAS Grant: **The Current Model**



**P** = Meet Proposed Priority Criteria  
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## TEXAS Grant: **The Priority Model** *Guiding Principles*



- ✓ All recipients will have **financial need**.
- ✓ Allocation method for institutions will **remain unchanged**.
- ✓ Proposed policy will have a positive impact on **student success**.

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## TEXAS Grant: **The Priority Model** *Methodology*



- ✓ TEXAS Grant will continue to **serve students with the greatest need** (EFC less than \$4,000 or approximately \$45,000 in family income)
- ✓ No institution will experience a decrease in its share of TEXAS Grant allocations for initial awards (assuming level state funding):
  - Initial allocations are based on the prior year enrollment of students with an EFC less than or equal to \$4,000
  - 100% of renewal students will be funded

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## TEXAS Grant: The Priority Model Criteria



Priority will go to students with financial need (less than \$4,000 EFC) who meet **two** of the **four** following criteria:

- ✓ Graduate with HB 1-mandated college credit programs (i.e. dual credit), the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP), or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
- ✓ Graduate with at least B average (3.0 on 4.0 scale);
- ✓ Achieve a college readiness score on one of various TSI assessments;
- ✓ Graduate in the top one-third of high school class.

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## TEXAS Grant: The Priority Model



**Three** of the four academic criteria are **available and attainable** for all students. Students **compete with peers** in school for priority status, not statewide.

### HB 400\* School

- ✓ Top 1/3
- ✓ GPA
- ✓ HB1, DAP, IB

### TEA Exemplary School

- ✓ Top 1/3
- ✓ GPA
- ✓ HB1, DAP, IB

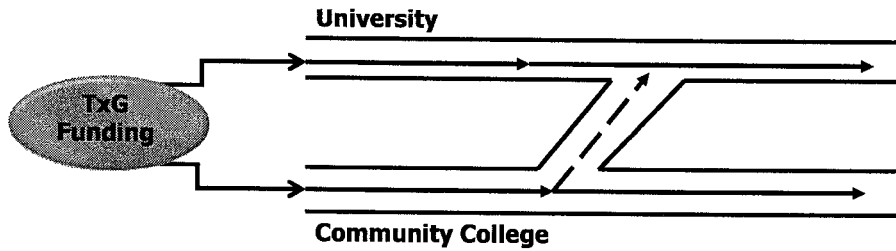
\* HB 400 (77R) high schools are ranked in the bottom 10 percent of college-bound graduates statewide.

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# TEXAS Grant: The Priority Model

*Community college students will continue to have a pathway to TEXAS Grants*

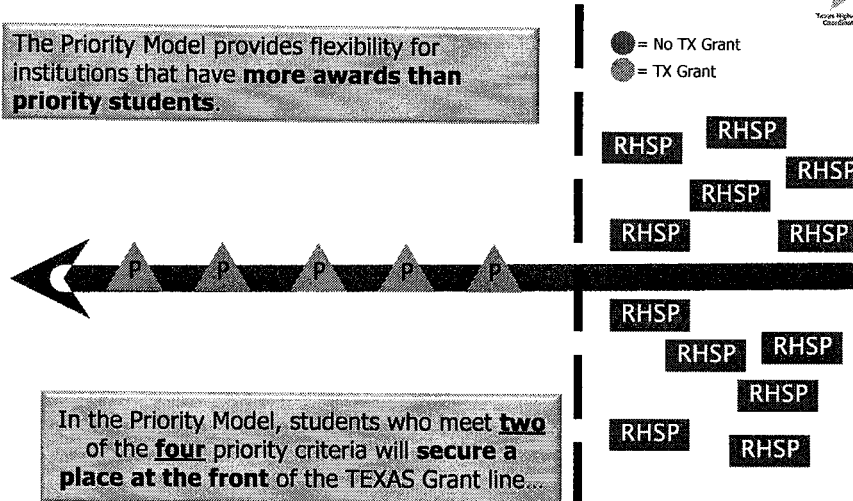


- ✓ Community colleges will continue to receive proportional allocation from TEXAS Grant
- ✓ Priority criteria will not apply to community college students receiving TEXAS Grant
- ✓ Community College students receiving TEXAS Grant funds will have a seamless pathway to the TEXAS Grant program at universities.

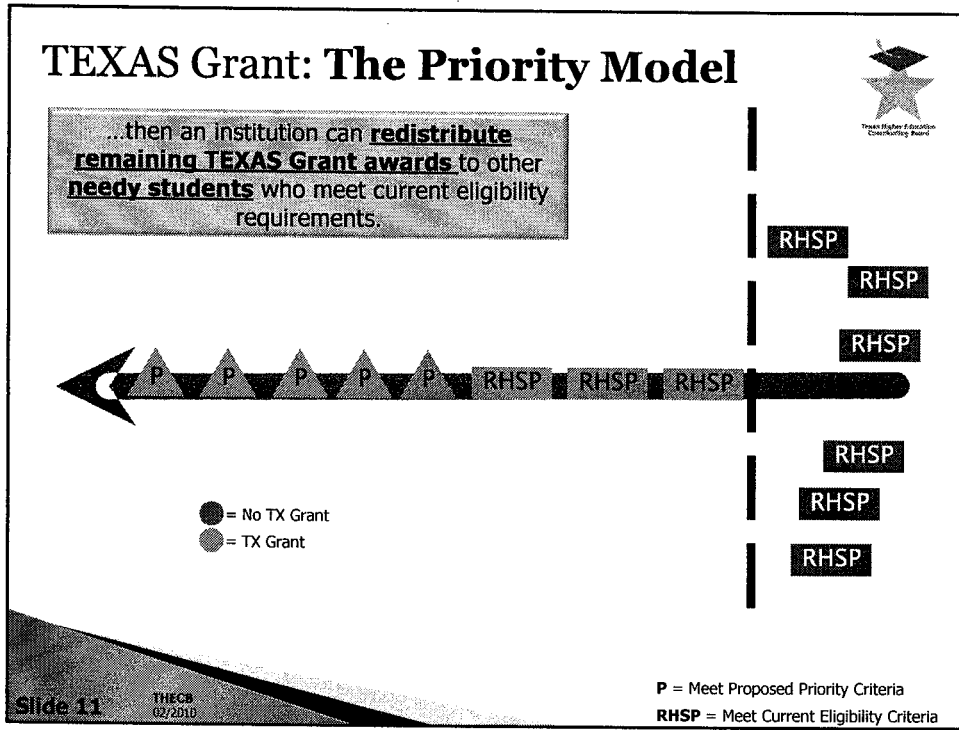
# TEXAS Grant: The Priority Model



The Priority Model provides flexibility for institutions that have **more awards than priority students**.



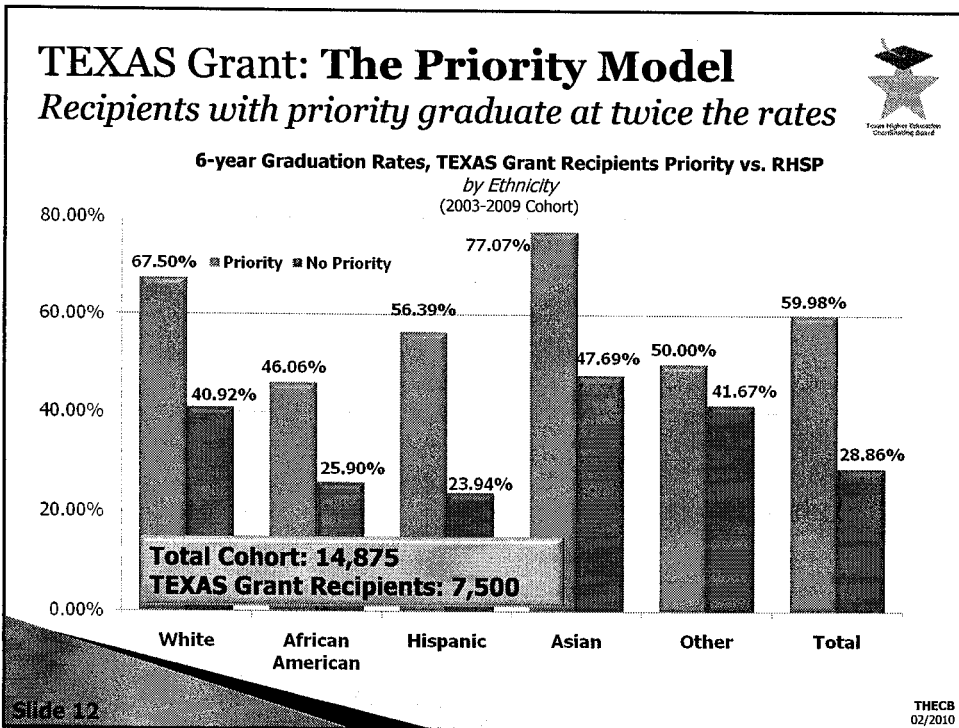
In the Priority Model, students who meet **two** of the **four** priority criteria will **secure a place at the front** of the TEXAS Grant line...



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