

Student Achievement Initiative Momentum Point Calculation



How do Colleges Realize Student Achievement Rewards?

A college derives financial rewards when its student achievement improves...that is, when the total momentum points earned by its students go up.

How will the Momentum Points be Calculated?

One point is awarded each time a college student...

- Makes nationally recognized standardized test gains in math or in English language reading or listening as measured by pre- and post-testing or by earning a GED or high school diploma
- Passes a remedial math or English course with a qualifying grade to advance toward college-level work
- Earns the first 15 college-level credits
- Earns the first 30 college-level credits
- Completes the first 5 college-level math credits
- Earns a certificate backed by at least one year of college, earns a two-year degree or completes an apprenticeship

How will the Awards be Distributed?

- Each college will receive awards for improvements in student achievement measured by net gains in its total momentum points. If a college's enrollments decrease, point increases will be calculated on prorated enrollments so that colleges are not penalized.
- The initial baseline year is 2006-07 and the first performance year is 2008-09.
- The first performance awards will be distributed in October 2009 and will become part of each college's base allocation.
- Subsequent awards will be distributed for *additional* improvements in a college's momentum points; that is, when total points above the most recent highest year increase or when the rate increases.

What is the Dollar Value of Each Momentum Point Increase?

- Prior to each academic year, SBCTC will set the dollar value per point based on the total dollars available for awards.
- If estimated total system points are less than the actual points achieved, excess points are "banked" and paid to the colleges in the following year.

How Much Money will be Used to Pay for Increases in Momentum Points?

- Colleges received \$1.75 million in 2007-08 as seed money for student achievement efforts, targeting TRIO-eligible students, now part of colleges' base allocations.
- The Board has set aside \$500,000 for the first performance year, to be distributed in October 2009, to become part of colleges' base allocations.