Student Achievement – Graduation Rates

Goal:	Increase Timely Student Graduation
Vision 2023 Goal:	Foster Student Success
Criteria:	Increase the 3-year graduation rate of First-time, Full-Time, Entering Degree-Seeking students (FTIC) by 2% annually
Threshold of Acceptability:	1% increase in the 3-year graduation rate of FTIC students

3-Year Graduation Rate

First-Time, Full-Time, Entering Degree-Seeking students, who enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours (SCH) in their first fall semester who graduated from the same institution or another Texas public or independent institution, within three years. First-time entering cohorts were determined by the "first-time flag" on the CBM001/CBM0C1 Student Census Report. Source: THECB CBM001, CBM0C1, CBM009, CBM00N.

3-Year Graduation Rate				
Entering Cohort	Graduated within 3 Years	Rate	Difference from Previous Year	
2013	470	15.1%		Baseline
2014	350	19.4%	+4.3%	Target Achieved
2015	272	24.3%	+4.9%	Target Achieved
2016	391	27.9%	+3.6%	Target Achieved
2017	406	28.6%	+0.7%	Not Achieved
2018	519	30.8%	+2.2%	Target Achieved
2019	817	32.3%	+1.4%	Target Achieved

Results:

Texas Southmost College (TSC) regularly tracks 3-Year Graduation Rates through the Office of Institutional Research. This data tracking takes place as part of the TSC's Vision 2023 Strategic Plan. Institutional data for this outcome was derived from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Accountability System – Graduation Rate: 3-4-5, and 6 Year Report (2016 – 2023 reports) for Community, State, and Technical Colleges. The Accountability Systems relies on certified data from the CBM001/CBM0C1 Student Census Reports, the CBM009 Graduation Reports, and the CBM00N Student Number Change Reports. The 2% increase for the annual target in the 3-year graduation rate was met every year, except in the Fall 2017 entering cohort. This took place during the COVID pandemic graduation year of 2020. The following graduation year 2021, TSC went back to achieved the 2% increase for the annual target in the Fall 2018 entering cohort.