



Linking Education and Workforce: Spurring Economic Growth Across Texas

TRI-AGENCY WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

> **Priority 3**
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Create a robust infrastructure for interagency collaboration around common goals, data, and processes to ensure improved student outcomes and meet employers' needs.

Strategy 3.1

Align statewide education and workforce systems with statewide priorities and goals by:

- **Updating and aligning goals and priorities across the agencies;**
- **Ensuring finance systems support these goals and priorities; and**
- **Braiding funding to better leverage resources.**

ACTION ITEMS

Update the 60x30TX plan to include broader attention to adult learners, strengthen efforts to identify and prioritize high-value postsecondary credentials, build capacity to address existing and emerging challenges through innovation, and drive equitable economic opportunity for all Texans.
Review higher education funding formulas to explore ways to encourage the completion of credentials through efficient pathways and improve equity.
Analyze distributions and uses of funds such as the Skills Development Fund to ensure employer needs are met across regions and industries.
Develop state-level braided funding strategies for major public education and workforce funding streams including Perkins, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and Wagner-Peyser.
Align existing College, Career, and Military Readiness career and technical education indicators with Perkins career and technical education completer indicators.
Research the feasibility of adding Registered Apprenticeship completion to the approved industry-based certification list.

