Moving the College Readiness & Success Needle

Strategies in South Dakota

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Mission Integration

*Department of Education*
All Students Graduate College, Career and Life Ready

*Board of Regents*
Provide an Excellent, Efficient, Accessible, Equitable, and Affordable Public University System
Rigorous Course Requirements Beyond Graduation Requirements

**Formation of the Opportunity Scholarship (2004)**

- Encourage Rigorous Course Completion
- Entice Enrollment in SD Postsecondary Institutions
- Increase Future Placement in State
Outcomes from Opportunity Scholarship Policy Decisions

- Average of 1,200 Students Each Year (14,721 total Recipients)
- 6% Decrease in Remediation (English/Math)
- 9% Increase in Students Meeting All College Readiness Benchmarks
- 70% Placement in State Upon Graduation
Goal is based on projections that roughly 65% of all jobs in our state will require some level of postsecondary education by 2020.

- Data from Georgetown University Public Policy Institute’s Center on Education and the Workforce.
Alignment of State Standards to Placement Structure

**Faculty Involvement**
- Review of State Standards
- Setting Qualifying Scores for Proficiency

**Embedding Smarter Balanced Assessment in Placement Requirements**
- Alternative Method for Students
- Integrated into High School Transcript
- Reinforces Value of Test
154 students and 42 districts participated
  • 100 final assessments taken
  • 51% pass rate

- Allows students to complete remediation courses prior to entering college
- Significant cost savings and college preparation resulting in higher completion rates
Expand Dual Credit Opportunities to for College-Ready Students

HSDC Enrollments by Semester Type

- Fall Enrollments
- Spring Enrollments
- Summer Enrollments

2014 2015 2016

1,333 2,173 2,590
352 1,632 2,307
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Additional Collaboration to Achieve 65% Attainment

- Enact Proactive admission
- Expand College Application Week
- Refine Transitional Math Program