



Moving the College Readiness & Success Needle

Strategies in South Dakota

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Mission Integration

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All Students Graduate College, Career and Life Ready

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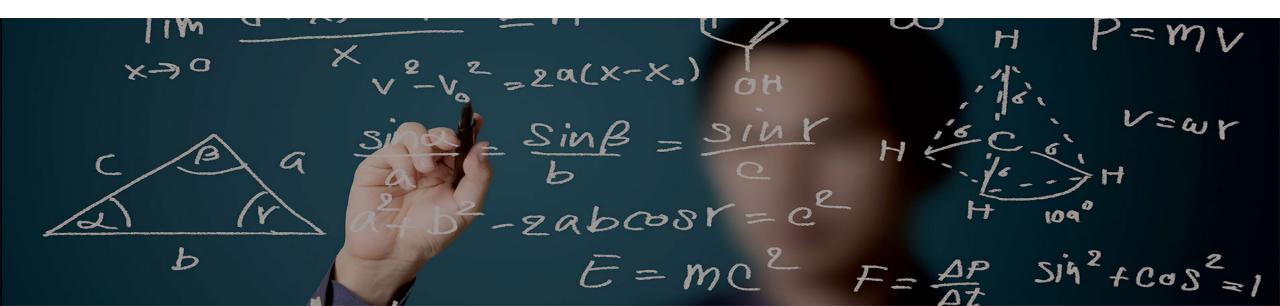
Provide an Excellent, Efficient, Accessible, Equitable, and Affordable Public University System



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



Collective Adoption of 65% Attainment Goal by 2025!

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.



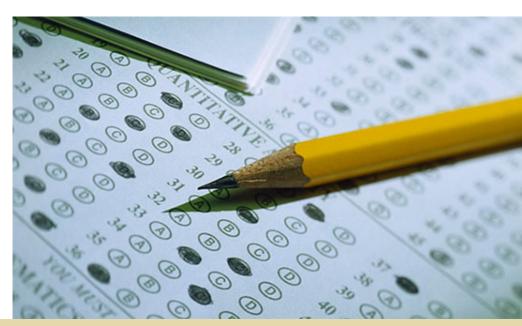
Alignment of State Standards to Placement Structure

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



Transitional Math to Limit Remediation Certificate

154 students and 42 districts participated

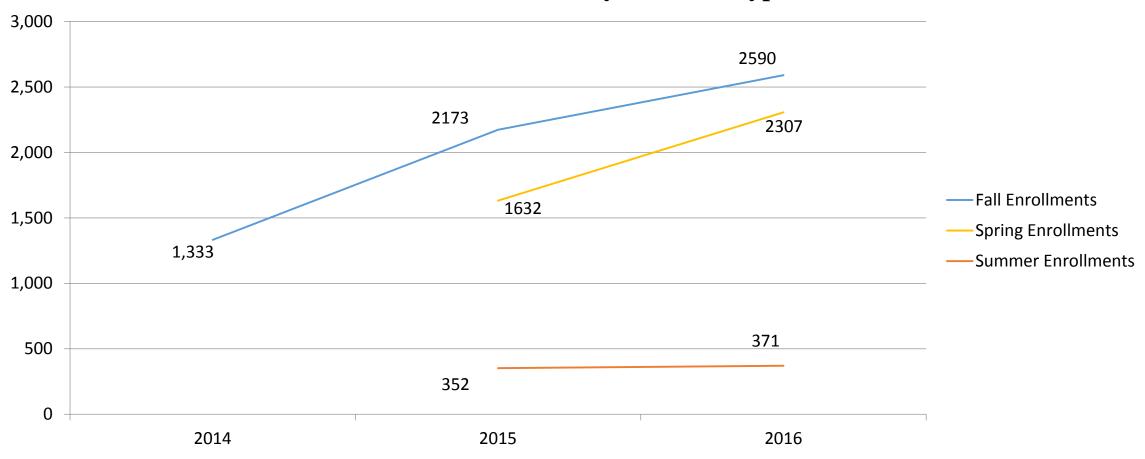
- 100 final assessments taken
- 51% pass rate
- Allows students to complete remediation courses prior to entering college
- Significant cost savings and college preparation resulting in higher

completion rates



Expand Dual Credit Opportunities to for College-Ready Students





Additional Collaboration to Achieve 65% Attainment

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

