# Moving from Compliance to Ensuring Learning: Conducting Ongoing Examination, Evaluation and Reflection

Equitable Placement and Completion Learning Series February 14, 2022





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### Equitable Placement and Completion 2021-2022 Learning Series

- July 12, 2021: <u>Board of Governor's Spotlight</u>
- August 4, 2021: System Webinar Leading Courageous Conversations about Equitable Placement (recording in the VRC under the CCC | Webinars, Conferences, and Events community)
- September 8, 2021: <u>Transfer Level Gateway Completion Dashboard</u> (recording in the VRC under the Equitable Placement and Completion community)
- October 29, 2021 (2:00-3:00pm): RP Group/MMAP webinar Emerging Practices and Resources to Support ESL Placement and Throughput: Guided Self-Placement (click here to watch)
- November 5, 2021 (2:00-3:00pm): RP Group/MMAP webinar Emerging Practices and Resources to Support ESL Placement and Throughput: Innovations and Practices (click here to watch)
- Today: Moving from Compliance to Ensuring Learning Conducting Ongoing Examination, Evaluation and Reflection



Forthcoming: Curricular Reforms; Student Communication & Counseling; ESL Adoption Plans & Promising Practices

#### **Agenda**

- Reminders and FAQ
- Conducting Ongoing Examination, Evaluation and Reflection
- Q & A



#### Reminders

- Improvement plans due March 11: See memorandum ESS 21-300-015, the webinar and materials sent in the VRC
- Email any questions to <u>AB705@cccco.edu</u>
- Review the FAQ posted in the VRC
- Forthcoming professional development



#### **Learning Lab Opportunity**

#### Seeding Strategies to Close the Calculus Equity Gap RFP

Learning Lab is <u>extending the deadlines to submit a Statement of Intent and Proposal</u> for the open RFP, <u>Seeding Strategies to Close the Calculus Equity Gap</u>, which is designed as a department-level grant opportunity to test the implementation of select promising curricular and pedagogical strategies to close equity gaps in calculus course sequences within STEM disciplines.

**Statement of Intent** - Tuesday, February 22, 2022 by 5pm **Proposal** - Monday, March 7, 2022 by 5pm

Learning Lab intends to award 30-35 grants of up to \$100,000 for up to two years to California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California campuses.

Email <a href="mailto:info@calearninglab.org">info@calearninglab.org</a> with any RFP-related questions.

<u>Seeding Calculus Strategies RFP – California Educational Learning Lab (calearninglab.org)</u>



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#### Overview

- Purpose of ongoing examination, evaluation and reflection
- Using Student Support (Re)defined's Success Factors to ensure student learning
- Ideas for faculty and IRPE collaboration
- Evaluating disproportionate impacts (DI)
- Evaluation measures to consider
- AB 705 improvement plans data validation template
- Covid impacts
- Evaluating corequisite models
- Questions

### Purpose of Conducting Examination, Evaluation and Reflection

#### To ensure:

- Learning
- That the student experience is reflected in course outcomes
- Placement into courses is maximizing student completion
- Equitable outcomes for all students
- Title 5 content review requirements are met

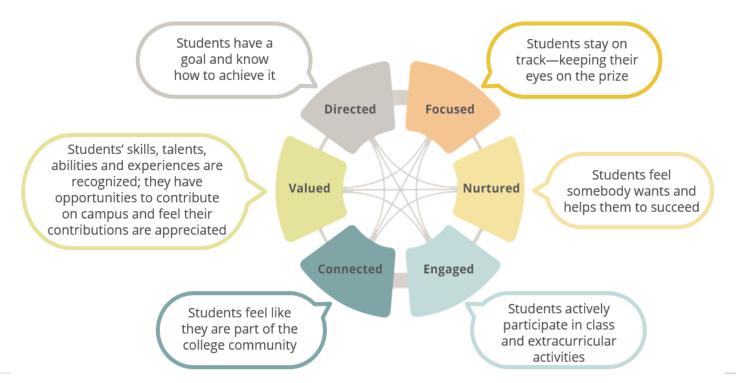
#### Equitable Placement and Completion

Considerations to collectively work towards equitable placement:

- Analyze college data disaggregated by many different variables
- Explore and evaluate structural barriers that inhibit student completion
- Ensure institutional collaboration with faculty (full and part-time), research and support services
- Support a culture of equitable placement and completion across the campus to improve student outcomes.

## Student Support (Re)defined's Six Success Factors to Ensure Learning

#### Six Success Factors





#### **Ensuring Learning**

- Provide information at the beginning and throughout the semester that is essential to your students' success
- Make expectations for your course explicit to help ensure students know what is required of them to succeed
- Learn about your students and help them learn about you and each other
- Build a sense of community and belonging and demonstrate to your students that you care about their success
- Create an environment that encourages student learning
- Encourage the development of adaptive mindset skills
- Demonstrate the relevance of your course to students' lives and goals



## Helping Students Feel: Directed and Focused

#### **Faculty**

- Integrate career and educational goal exploration into assignments
- Provide regular and meaningful feedback to students about their performance and progress towards their goals

#### Campuswide

- Ask students about their educational and career goals
- Have high expectations for students and hold them accountable



#### Helping Students Feel: Engaged and Connected

#### **Faculty**

- Regularly ask students if they understand the material and direct them to available assistance when needed
- Connect or provide students with opportunities to help their peers
- Provide opportunities for and encourage students to connect with and support each other

#### Campuswide

- Ask students for feedback about their experience, including what works, what needs improvement, and what's missing
- Encourage participation in out-of-class activities
- Show students that you are proud to work at your school and that they should be proud to be enrolled at your school

#### Helping Students Feel: Nurtured and Valued

#### **Faculty**

- Ask your students how they are doing and listen to their response
- Incorporate opportunities for students to share their personal and family history and culture in class assignments
- Create opportunities for students to provide feedback on their experience

#### Campuswide

- Communicate and demonstrate to students that you care about their success
- Recognize the value of students' talents, abilities, skills and experiences and connect them with opportunities to contribute

#### Additional Resources: 10 Ways Briefs

- 10 Ways <u>Faculty</u> Can Support Student Success
- 10 Ways <u>Everyone</u> Can Support Student Success
- 10 Ways <u>Tutors</u> Can Support Student Success\*
  - Suggestions gleaned from ~900 Student Support (Re)defined respondents
  - Derived from what students said has helped them succeed, not hypothetical
  - Direct implications for how to help students learn both in and out of the classroom



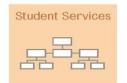
## Additional Resource: <u>Crosswalk</u> - Where Student Support (Re)defined and Guided Pathways Meet

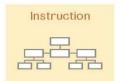
Demonstrates how implementing various guided pathways activities can help a college realize the six success factors and visualize how students' experiences can be impacted by implementing Guided Pathways.

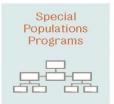
- Concrete examples for each pillar
- Suggestions as to where these activities might practically occur
- Discussion questions to spark dialogue and support any student success effort

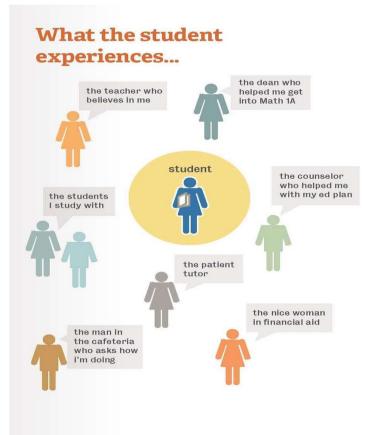
#### Differing Perspectives on the Student Experience

#### What we see...









## Collaboration Between Faculty and Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness (IRPE) Professionals



#### Collaboration Between Faculty and IRPE

- Jointly develop a research plan with short and long-term outcomes
- Include both qualitative (faculty experiences) and quantitative (course completion or transfer level course completion rates) measures
- Work together to develop surveys (student and faculty) or conduct focus groups
- IRPE professionals should share updates and research briefs regularly with faculty and relevant committees to gather input



#### Resources to Jointly Develop

- Build common ground by broad exposure to existing research
  - Make existing statewide and national evidence & resources easily accessible to all faculty
  - Develop brief local summaries of key findings
- Determine outcomes to track and compare when data is available
- Determine what data needs to be gathered and tracked to support the analysis
- Determine what data faculty can access and what IRPE may need to assist with

#### **Evaluating for Disproportionate Impacts**

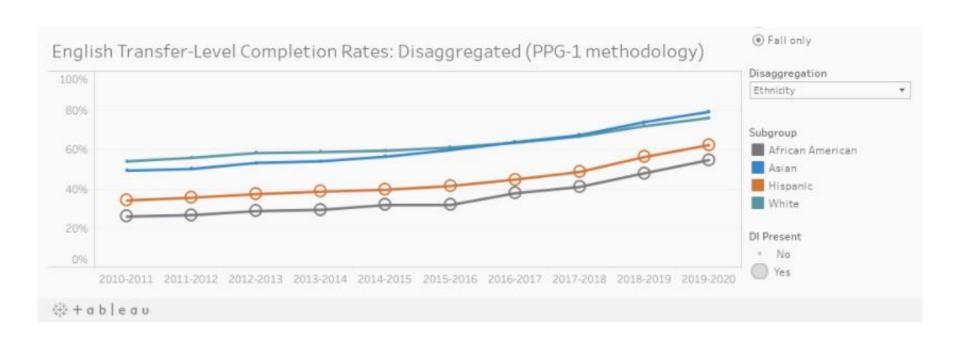


#### Disproportionate Impacts

- Disproportionate impacts (DI) are required to be evaluated in assessment.
- DI exists when one or more subgroup of students have outcomes at a substantially lower level than other groups.
- There are various ways to measure disproportionate impacts.



#### Statewide Example of Disproportionate Impact Evaluation



# College Example of DI Evaluation for Faculty



#### **Evaluation Measures to Consider**



#### Course and Overall Outcome Measures

- Success rate (A, B, C, P grades)
- Withdrawal rate (W grade or EW grades)
- Drop rate (no grade of record)
- Non success rate (withdraw + non success)
- Grade distribution
- Persistence to next course in major (meta-major) or GE pathway
- Next course progression and performance (cohort completion)
- Degree completion and transfer
- Disaggregated by student characteristics and faculty and/or section
- Impacts of unit loads

#### Soliciting Feedback from Students

Survey students at the campus-level and at the course level:

- Basic needs (e.g., food, housing, homelessness, transportation, etc.)
- **Technology needs** (e.g., access to computer, internet, email, etc.)
- Reasons for drop or withdrawing (e.g., personal issues, financial issues, course content, course delivery, communication with faculty, etc.)
- Growth mindset (e.g., do students believe they have the skill set to be successful and understanding that students just like them struggled in college)
- Satisfaction (e.g., services provided, supports, course delivery, communication, rigor, etc.)

#### Instructor Effects to Consider by Outcome

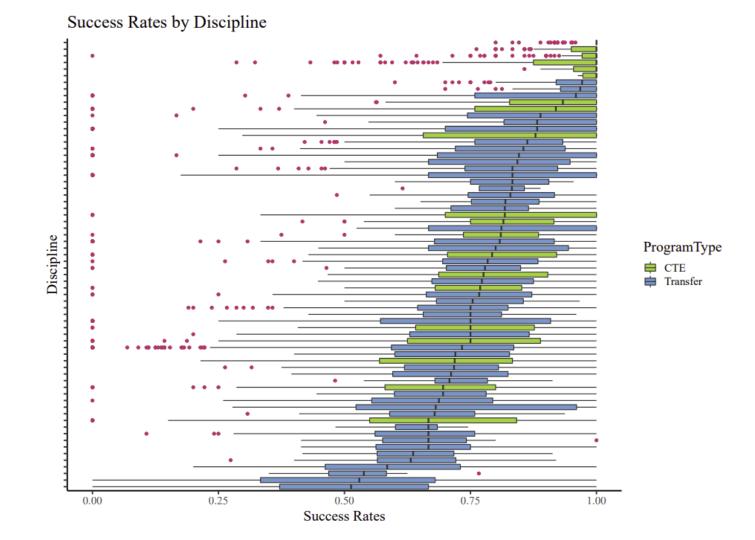
- Ensure faculty anonymity in any shared results by only reviewing when enough sections are available
- Success rates by instructor and/or section
- Non success rates by instructor and/or section
- Distribution of letter grades by instructor and/or section
- Withdraw and drop rates by instructor and/or section
- Equity gaps by instructor and/or section
- Type of innovation or strategies used in the classroom (i.e., flipped class, just-in-time remediation, lab or lecture, etc.)

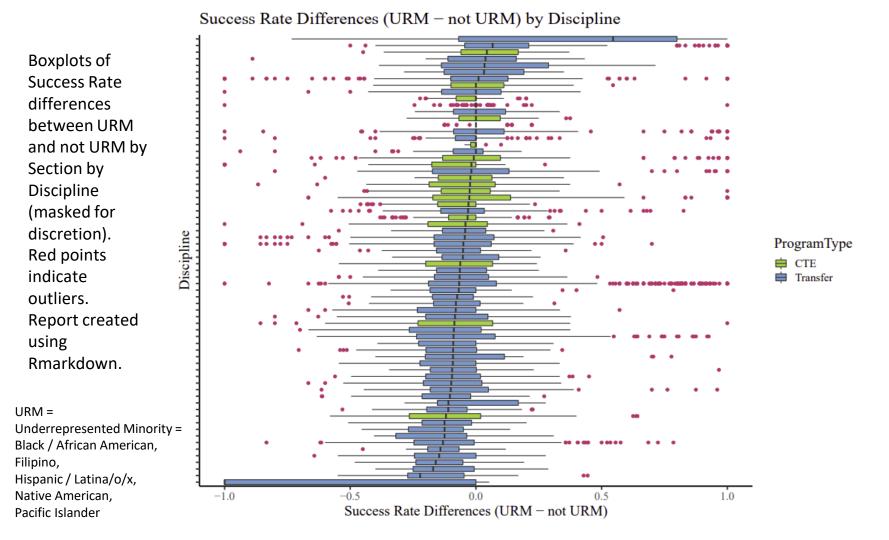
#### Instructor Effects to Consider by Outcome

How do you control for instructor effects?

- If you have data on teacher professional development (e.g., online teaching certificate), it can be included in the analysis
- **Dependent within subject design** where the dependency is the instructor of record and the independent variable is modality and the dependent variable is success in the course.
- Online vs face to face where the instructor is controlled for is an important academic outcome
- Does the instructor teach the course with and without support?

Boxplots of
Success Rates
by Section by
Discipline
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## AB 705 Improvement Plan Data Validation Template



#### AB 705 Improvement Plan – Data Validation

Which colleges need to complete the data addendum?

Colleges that plan to continue placements and/or enrollments into pre-transfer level courses or multi-term transfer-level courses in Fall 2022.

## AB 705 and Throughput

Maximizing throughput means that students enrolling below transfer-level complete a transfer-level course (or college-level course with specific requirements that are not met with transfer-level coursework) within a year at a rate equal to or higher than students with similar high school achievement who begin directly in a transfer-level course.

## Evaluating Curricular Innovations Data Addendum Template Example

	Students Enrolled in Pre-Transfer/Mult Term Course Sections  1. Total 2. Subtotal 3. Throughp Enrolled who Rate Completed			Course	ots Enrolled in Towith or without  5. Subtotal  who  Completed	6. Throughput Rate	7. Throughput Rate Differences	
		Transfer-Level Course within			Transfer-Level Course within			
		One Year			One Year			
Overall	329	166	50.5%	6400	5370	83.9%	-33.5%	No
GPA Unknown				315	287	91.1%		
Highest GPA Band	54	36	66.7%	5122	4423	86.4%	-19.7%	No
Middle GPA Band	76	32	42.1%	912	619	67.9%	-25.8%	No
Lowest GPA Band	199	98	49.2%	51	41	80.4%	-31.1%	No

## **Covid Impacts**



### How do we account for Covid effects?

If data is available to **compare online vs. face to face**, explore the following:

- Did success rates drop, increase, stay the same?
- Were there more withdraws?
- Students with previous Online experience to those with only Face to Face experience
- Course completion for students placed directly into transfer level compared to historical completion when students were placed into basic skills.



## **Grading Anomalies**

#### **Excused withdrawal (EW) grade**

- EW parameters
  - Do not count for progress/academic probation
  - Can drop and keep financial aid eligibility
  - cf. BoG revision to title 5
  - Can request retroactively

#### "IP" or In Progress grades may increase

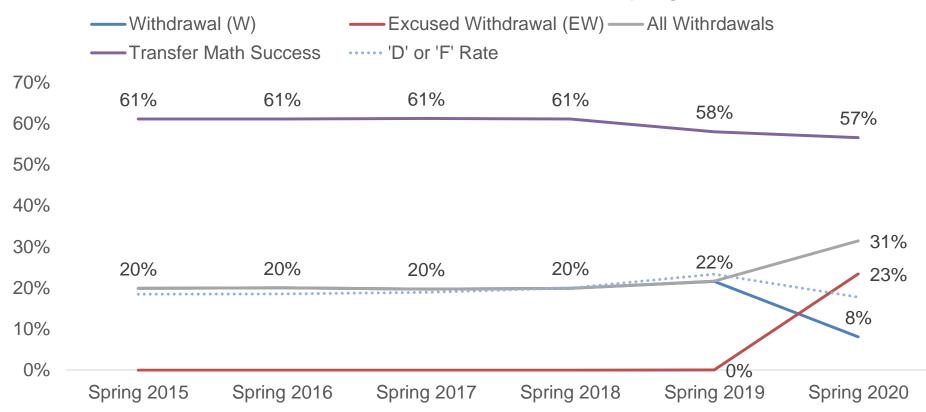
"IP" symbol is used when courses extend beyond the normal end of an academic term. Used if a course has been temporarily suspended but is expected to reconvene and complete instruction.

#### "I" or Incomplete grades may increase

The "I" may be made up no later than one year following the end of the term in which it was assigned. Do not use the "I" symbol to calculate units attempted.

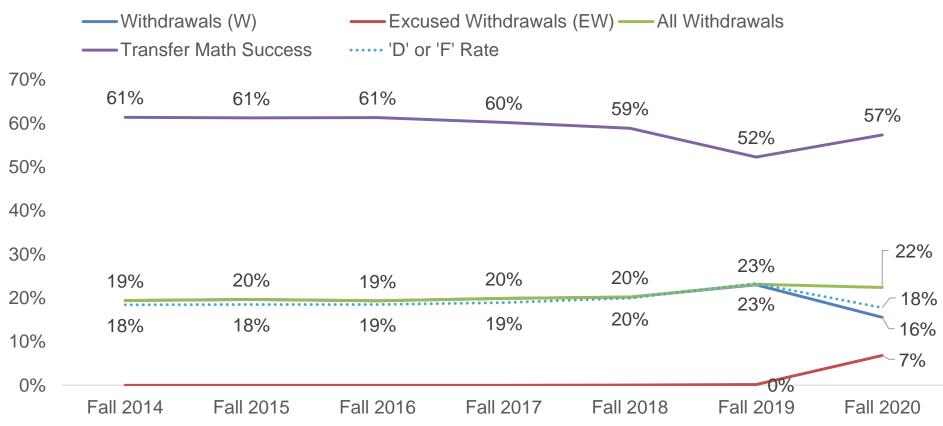
## COVID Impacts: Math Classes (Spring)

Initial Math Success & Withdrawal Trend: Spring Terms

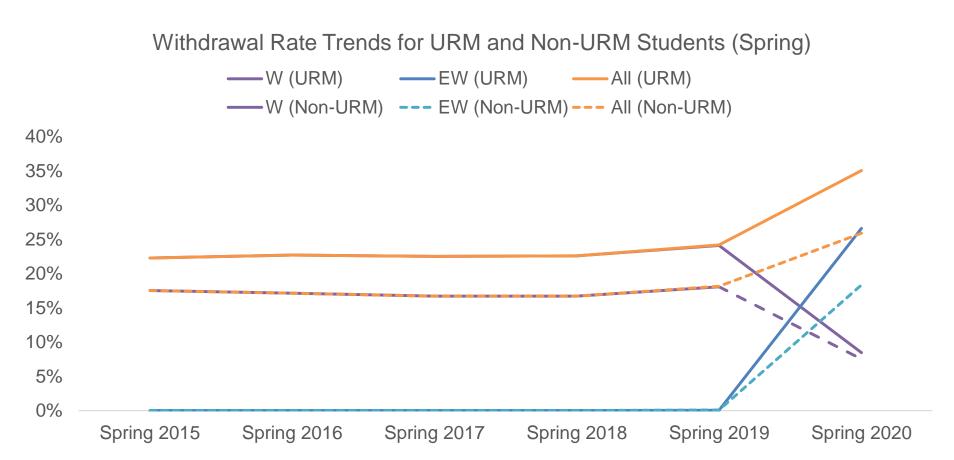


## COVID Impacts: Math Classes (Fall)

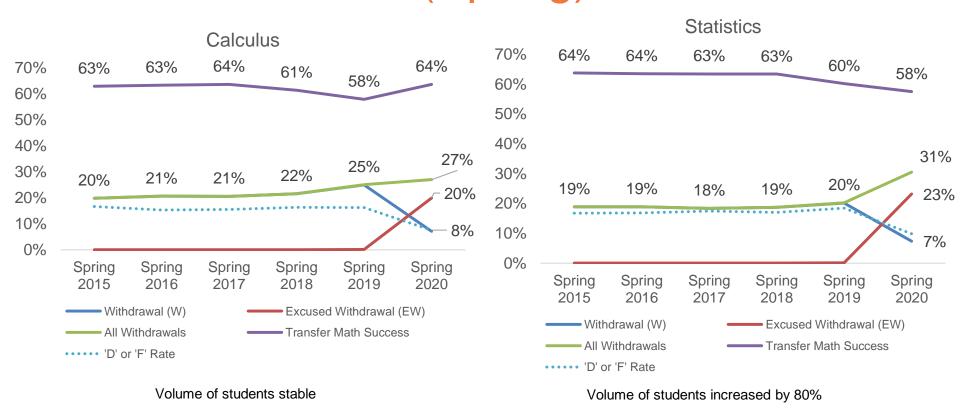
Initial Transfer-Level Math Withdrawal, D/F, and Success Rates: Fall Trend



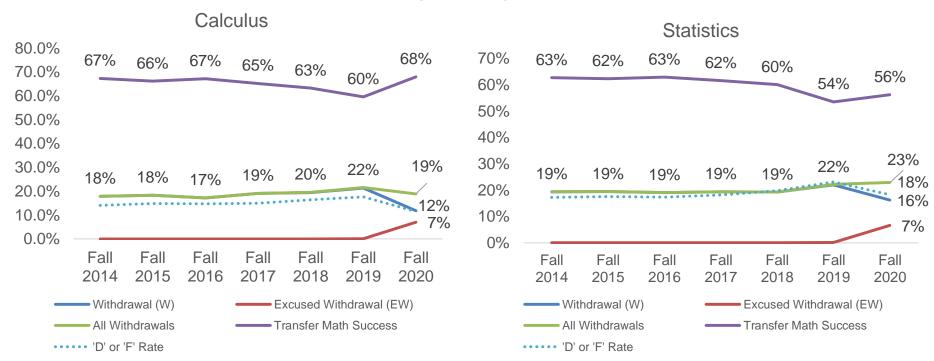
## Underrepresented Minority (URM) Trends



# COVID Impacts: Statistics & Calculus (Spring)



# COVID Impacts: Statistics & Calculus (Fall)



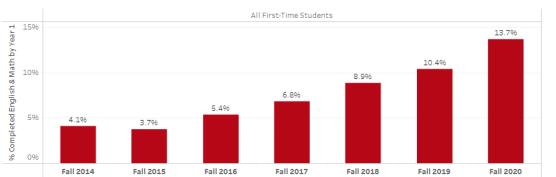
#### Track first-time students as well as first-time in the math/English sequence students



#### First-Time Students Completing Transfer-Level English and Math by Year 1:

(Includes enrollments as a Special admit and Postsecondary enrollments)

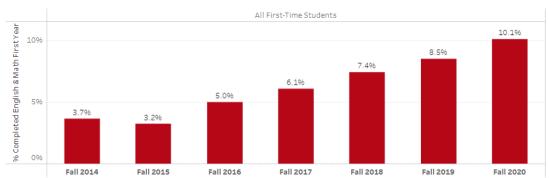
#### All First-Time Students



#### First-Time Students Completing Transfer-Level English and Math in Their First Year

(Postsecondary enrollments only)

#### All First-Time Students



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## Insights and Ideas

- Increases in Excused Withdrawals were largely offset by decreases in "regular" Withdrawals
- Success rates tended to dip in 2019-2020 and recover in 2020-2021
  - Courses with the largest increases in student volume experienced the greatest drop in success rates while at the same time showing the largest gains in throughput
- Trends in math outcomes are similar for URM and Non-URM students leaving equity gaps in outcomes largely unchanged
- Pay attention to patterns in the volume of students. Which courses and terms are attracting more students?
- Examine the convergence of AB 705 requirements and student-centered funding formula
- Track & report on cohorts of students to understand how changes in success rates are related to changes in throughput
  - Two principal cohorts: First-time college students & first-time math/English takers

## **Evaluating Corequisite Models**



## Validating Corequisite Models

Corequisite remediation (a low-unit course attached to a transfer-level course) need to demonstrate that students are **more likely to succeed** in the transfer-level course than are similar students who enroll directly into transfer-level coursework without the corequisite.



### Validating Corequisite Models

- Compare students with the same high school GPA
- One group has direct placement into transfer level without the corequisite and the other was required to take the corequisite
- Track successful completion of the gateway course over one year for both groups
- Construct Disproportionate Impact groups
  - Looking at one group and then cross tab the results with others, for example, Latinx and low SES
  - Proportionality index vs percentage point gap
  - Provide faculty with their own course outcomes

## Evaluating Corequisite Models Example

	Students Enrolled in Corequisite Course Sections			Student Cou			
Lowest HSGPA performance band	Total Enrolled	Subtotal who completed gateway course within one year	Completion of gateway course within one year	Total Enrolled	Subtotal who completed gateway course within one year	Completion of gateway course within one year	Completion rate differences
Overall	50	30	60%	100	50	50%	10%
Instructional Modality							
Subgroup 1							
Subgroup 2							
Subgroup 3							

## Thank you for attending

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