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Supporting Dual and Concurrent Enrollment on College Completion and Equity: Perspectives from Minnesota and Complete College America

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College Completion and Equity



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CCA Mission

CCA is a bold national advocate for dramatically increasing college completion rates and closing institutional performance gaps by working with states, systems, institutions, and partners to scale highly effective structural reforms and promote policies

that improve student success.





CCA Vision

CCA envisions a nation where all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or familial educational achievement, have equal opportunities to access and complete a college education or credential of value because postsecondary institutions, policy makers, and systems of higher education welcome, invest in, and support these students through and to an on-time completion.





CCA VALUES



Student-centered institutions



Equitable structures & outcomes



Data-informed decision making



System-wide collaboration



Implementation at scale





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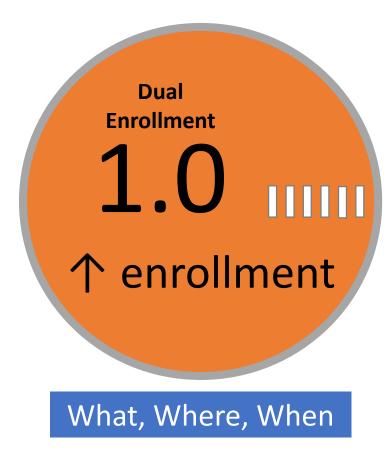
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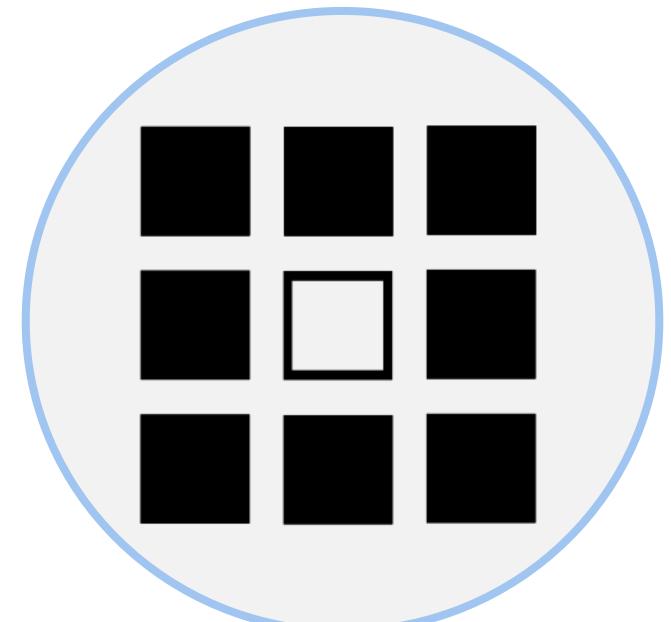


































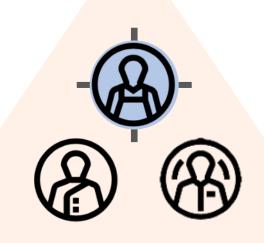


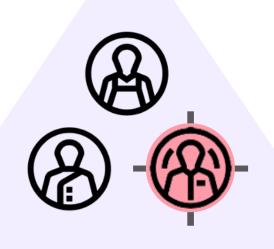


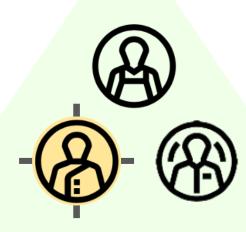


Targeted Universalism















First-Generation Equity Practitioners: Are They Part of the Problem?

By Estela Mara Bensimon and James Gray













Student Success Strategies

Designing the college experience around students

PURPOSE

Aligning the college experience to each student's goals for the future

- First-Year Experience
- Career Exploration
- Academic & Career Alignment
- Adult Learner Engagement

STRUCTURE

Building course road maps that make the path to a degree or valuable workplace credential clear

- Math Pathways
- Meta Majors
- Academic Maps
 & Milestones
- Smart Schedules
- Stackable Certificates
 & Credentials

MOMENTUM

Designing multiple avenues for students to get started, earn credits faster, and stay on track to graduate

- Credit for Competency
- Multiple Measures
- Corequisite Support
- Dual Enrollment
- 15 to Finish/Stay on Track

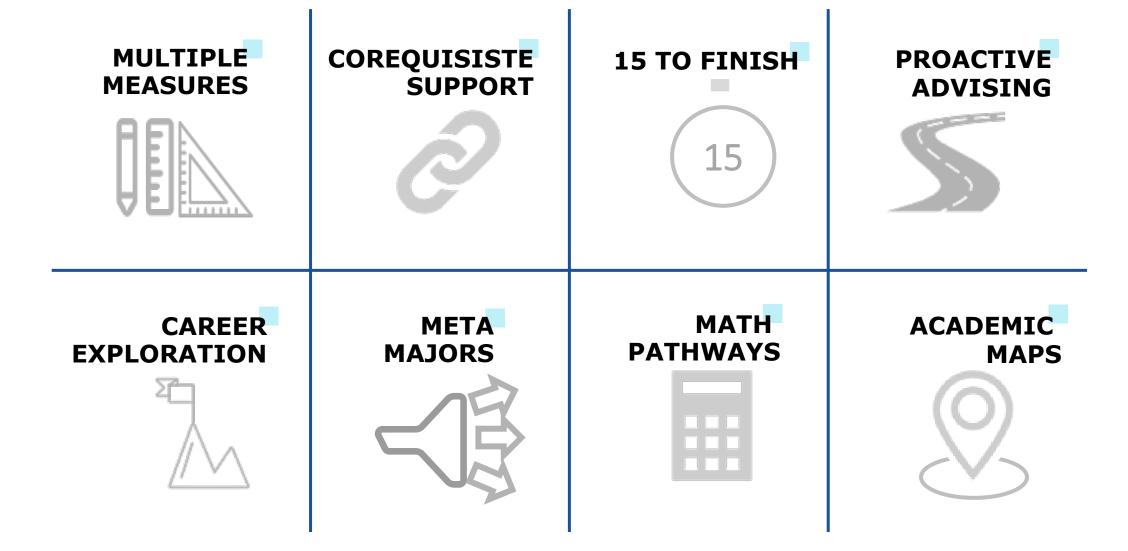
SUPPORT

Addressing student needs and removing barriers to academic success

- Active Academic Support
- Proactive Advising
- 360° Coaching
- Student Basic Needs Support

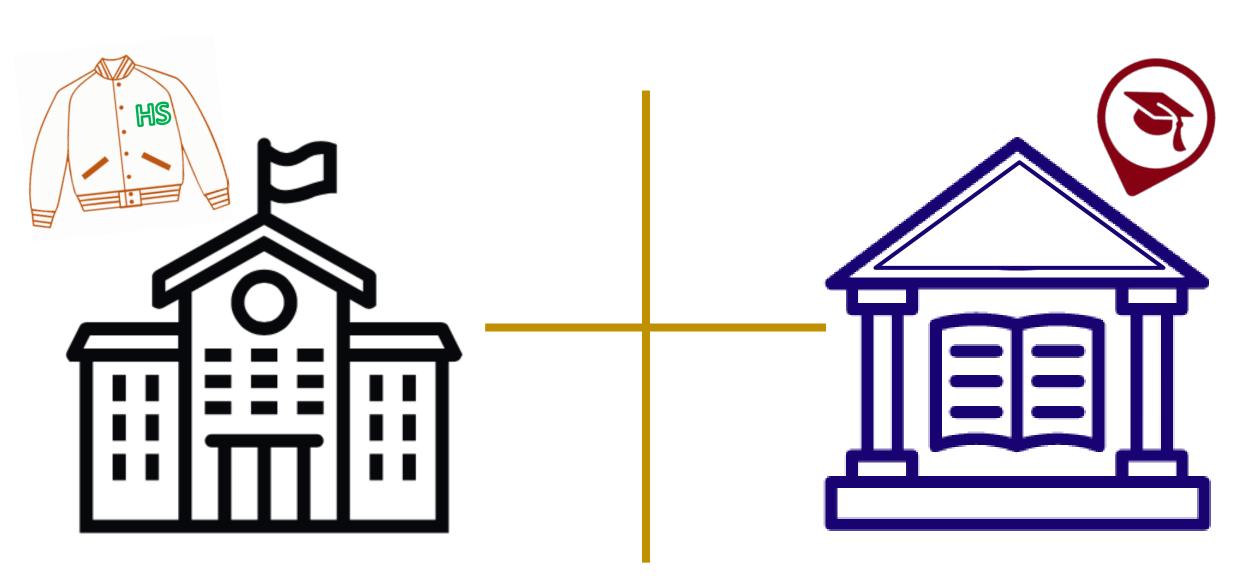




















A Collaborative Approach to Dual Enrollment:

Minnesota's P-20 Education Partnership





- What is a P-20 council?
- What kind of work do P-20 councils do?
- Brief background of MNP20

Mission:

We collaborate across sectors to increase equitable education access and supports, enhance lifelong learning opportunities, and improve outcomes for every Minnesotan.





Minnesota's Dual Enrollment Landscape

The oldest state policy supporting dual enrollment, beginning in 1985. Currently two programs:

1. Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

Courses taught by college faculty at colleges or online

2. Concurrent Enrollment

Courses taught typically by credentialed high school teachers, in partnership with a PS institution, at the high school





Minnesota's Dual Enrollment Landscape

- Primarily 11th and 12th graders
- PSEO offered by public and private higher ed, concurrent enrollment offered in public high schools
- Some base requirements, otherwise admissions standards are set by individual institutions
- Students can participate up to full time
- Student tuition, fees, and textbook costs completely covered
- Funding model creates some complexities





MNP20's Work in Dual Enrollment



- Dual Credit **subcommittee** since 2020
- Cross-organizational representation, broad stakeholder involvement across our work
- We are exploring the dual enrollment landscape with a comprehensive approach
- MNP20 looks at the work through two lenses:
 - 1. What are the policy and funding barriers/opportunities?
 - 2. What role can an intermediary play to help accelerate action?





MNP20's Work in Dual Enrollment

- Conducted a deeper dive with CHSA into dual enrollment funding hurdles, ultimately producing a report: Improving Minnesota's Dual Enrollment Funding System
- This work established several key principles for MN:
 - ✓ Keep dual enrollment cost-free for students
 - ✓ Future changes to dual enrollment should be student-centered
 - ✓ Increasing access and equity in dual enrollment is our core focus
 - ✓ Programs should aspire to be true collaborative partnerships that remove barriers wherever possible—a key access strategy





What is MNP20 Prioritizing Now?

- Data and research gaps
- Strategic collaboration
 - ➤ Higher ed & K-12
 - >Student voice
 - **≻**Community partners
- Holistic supports, basic needs
- Statewide approach with room for local nuance
- Identifying the barriers to innovation and growth

- Centering this as a strategy to address educational equity gaps
- Approach dual enrollment as a college access, completion, and acceleration strategy
- Look at intersections with our broader P-20 strategies:
 - ➤ Career pathways
 - >Credentials of Value
 - ➤ State attainment goal
 - ➤ Postsecondary affordability





What Can a Collaborative Approach Do?

- Holistic, full-system approach that places the student at the center
- Having an intermediary to bring systems together to focus across silos, working toward change, and with connection to agencies and the legislature
- Collaboration and policy advocacy (not practice)
- Moving dual enrollment in the conversation from an option to a strategy while consistently working across systems
- Pushing for a state approach and vision to dual enrollment
- Ensuring that closing equity gaps is central to our state approach
- Collaborative bodies can be a powerful vehicle for **innovation** and **growth** power of the voices at the table





For further conversation...



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