# Math Department Comprehensive Program Review

Thursday March 27th 2019

The math program is unique in that it will make or break the comprehensive college redesign as well as the completion agenda. AB705 mandates that all transfer bound students complete transfer level math within two semesters of beginning a math sequence. In addition, the Chancellor's office funding formula incentives this completion occuring within the first two semesters of enrollment. However, according to the office's own research, without significant support and intervention, a significant portion of students, a possible majority in fact, who take a transfer level course in the first semester will fail and need to retake it in the second. Either that, or they will need to take one course below transfer in the first semester and then progress to transfer level in the second.

-- 2018/2019 Comprehensive Program Review

# The Paradox of Exponential Attrition

Course Success vs. College Success



#### SKYLINE COLLEGE STUDENT OUTCOMES Department(s): MATH (Excludes Summer)

#### **Annual Success and Retention**

	Enrollments	Success Count	Success Rate	Withdrawal Rate
2012-2013	4,919	2,917	59.3%	19.9%
2013-2014	5,110	2,971	58.1%	20.6%
2014-2015	5,153	3,094	60.0%	19.3%
2015-2016	5,099	3,222	63.2%	18.9%
2016-2017	4,999	3,080	61.6%	19.4%
Total	25,280	15,284	60.5%	19.6%

3	Persist	2	Persist	1	Persist	Transfer	Pathway
Levels		Levels		Level		Level	Through
Below		Below		Below			Put
60%	80%	60%	80%	60%	80%	60%	6.6%
		60%	80%	60%	80%	60%	13.8%
				60%	80%	60%	28.8%

# Two Guided Pathways for Math

SLAM vs. B-STEM

## Statistics and Liberal Arts Math

Arts, Language, and Communication

Society and Education

Business, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Business, Entrepreneurship, and Management

Science, Technology, and Health



#### Math Placement



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# Multiple Measures Assessment

The End of Placement Tests

## Four Multiple Measures of Assessment

1.Transcript Based2.Self-Guided3.Counselor Non-Cognitive4.In Class

SLAM Level	HSGPA	Default Recommendation	Expected Success Without Corequisite
X	HS Algebra 1 / Integrated Math 2 not taken	Path to Statistics	Low
Y	HS Algebra 1 / Integrated Math 2 with a grade less than C-	190	Moderate
3	Less than 2.3	Math for Elementary School Teachers 150	29%
2	2.3 to 2.9	Statistics 200	50%
1	3.0 or greater	Math in Society 201	75%

B-STEM Level	HSGPA	Default Recommendation	Expected Success Without Corequisite
X	No HS Algebra 2 / Integrated Math 3	Intermediate Algebra	Low
Y	HS Algebra 2 / Integrated Math 3 w/ grade less than C-	120	Moderate
3	Less than 2.6 and No HS Pre-calculus	Trigonometry	28%
2	2.6 to 3.3 or Took HS Pre- calculus	Path to Calculus 225	53%
1	3.4 or greater or Took HS Calculus	Applied Calculus I 241	75%

# The Argument for Offering 1 Level Below

And Other Options for Students with Low High School GPAs

1 Level Below	Persist	Transfer Level	Pathway Throughput
80%	90%	80%	57.6%
75%	90%	75%	50.6%
70%	90%	70%	44.1%
65%	90%	65%	38.0%

### **1 Level Below**

Need to achieve... 70%-80% Success 90% Persistence

#### Transfer Level w/ Corequisite

Possibly have... 28%-45% Success 72%-55% Retake

# Transformative Teaching and Learning

The Engine of Acceleration

### **Transformative Pedagogy**

Embraces the limitless potential of all learners in a co-creative, relevant, and innovative environment that fosters curiosity and critical thinking and gives space to lived historical and cultural identities to change lives and communities.

-- The Design Team

1. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in problem solving across the disciplines and in daily life.

1. Communicate and comprehend effectively.

1. Use knowledge acquired from their experiences at this college to be ethically responsible, culturally proficient citizens, informed and involved in civic affairs locally, nationally, and globally.

1. Demonstrate skills central to information literacy.

1. Demonstrate an understanding of lifelong wellness through physical fitness and personal development.

#### Math Program Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. ANALYZE problems in mathematics in order to appropriately choose and correctly apply concepts and techniques.
- 1. COMMUNICATE solutions in mathematics by using the multiple representations of graphs, tables, symbols, and words.
- 1. PARTICIPATE in activities that reinforce the use of success strategies while solving problems in mathematics.
- 1. CREATE mathematical models or hypothesis tests for real-world datasets and evaluate their implications for society.



# https://www.desmos.com/calcula tor/r016mpqw3y





# Two Math Department Communities of Practice

**Iterative Professional Development** 

**SLAM Community of Practice Meetings** 

Schedule SLAM courses so as to allow the community of practice to meet 1st and 3rd Fridays 10:30am-12:00pm.

Then invite the ALC and SE meta-major counselors, the TLC Math Instructional Aide, and the Peer Mentors Retention Specialist to attend.

Finally, identify two meta-major math faculty liaisons within the community.

**B-STEM Community of Practice Meetings** 

Schedule B-STEM courses so as to allow the community of practice to meet 2nd and 4th Fridays 10:30am-12:00pm.

Then invite the BEM and STH meta-major counselors, the STEM Center Math Instructional Aide, and the STEM Center Retention Specialist to attend.

Finally, identify two meta-major math faculty liaisons within the community.

# Addressing Skill Gaps

When Transformative Teaching and Learning is Not Enough

### Educational Access Center (EAC)

- Students with Modified High School Curriculum
- Non-High School Graduates
- Returning Adults

#### **Directed Learning Activities**

- To be used by the EAC, TLC, Math Jam, and students at large

### South San Francisco Unified

- Does not require Intermediate Algebra for graduation

#### MathJam

- Needs a scaled up outreach and curriculum overhaul

# Chancellor Office Memos

July 11th - December 7th 2018

### **AB 705 IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE**

For Math and English





AB 705 stresses a maximum one-year time frame, and the "clock" for that curricular design should be no more than 2 semesters (or 3 quarters as applicable). The one-year limit begins once individual students begin taking mathematics and English courses that are part of a sequence leading to transfer-level (either credit or noncredit). However, the funding formula favors the completion of transfer-level mathematics and English in the students' first year of enrollment. This emphasis is supported by a variety of research studies that point to this benchmark as a key completion indicator. Optional preparatory activities offered for credit or noncredit, such as "math jams" or "gear up" programs that include refresher information in English or mathematics as well as college success skills do not count as part of the one-year time frame for AB705 if they are not part of a required course.

-- July 11th 2018 Memo from the Chancellor's Office

11. Why does the funding formula incentivize the completion of transfer-level quantitative reasoning/mathematics and English in the first year of enrollment, and AB 705 require completion in one year but not necessarily the first year?

AB 705 is a minimum standard of the law, and colleges are required to create the structural opportunity for students to complete transfer-level in one year. However, the student-centered funding formula creates incentives for colleges when students complete in their first year of enrollment. For funding and educational reasons, colleges will want to try to ensure as many students as possible complete in the first year; however, AB 705 does not require it.

-- December 7th 2018 Memo from the Chancellor's Office

16. How can colleges fund support needs or professional development in service of students and AB 705?

Colleges can use a variety of funding sources to support the work of implementing AB 705. The colleges' Student Equity and Achievement Program (SEA) funding, which encompasses what was formerly known as Basic Skills, can support this work, as can Guided Pathways funding in addition to general fund dollars. Colleges should examine the use of SEA funding to ensure that planning and activities are not solely housed in either student services or academic affairs but instead address the needs of the colleges and students holistically.

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