Strong Implementers of Reform

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California’s 114 community colleges are making progress towards full implementation of AB 705, the state’s new law requiring colleges to ensure students have the best possible chance of completing gateway math and English courses within the first year. Although there is uneven implementation of AB 705 across the state, half of the colleges are already successfully implementing the reforms by offering more transfer-level introductory courses and significantly reducing the number of remedial courses.

A recent study examined the total number of transfer-level introductory sections at each college and found that 57 of them are “strong implementers” because they offer 90 to 100 percent of their introductory sections at the transfer level and less than 10 percent at the non-transferable remedial level. Specifically, 10 colleges are considered strong implementers in both math and English while another 44 are considered strong in English only. In math, only three colleges are considered strong implementers. This Points of Interest shows that half of California’s community colleges are already strong implementers of AB 705 in either English or math or both.

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