

Student Achievement Definition

Student success outcome is always a focus of College of Marin. This report displays College of Marin student success results.

Operational Definition

The definitions of these measures are based on RP definition¹ but modified based on CoM's needs:

A. Course Enrollment

Student is enrolled in course and receives a valid grade notation at the end of term. Non valid grade=RD and IP.

B. Retention Rate

Percent of students retained in courses out of total enrolled in courses. The retention rate is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying by 100. Numerator: Number of students (duplicated) with A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, or I. Denominator: Number of students (duplicated) with A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, **W**, or I. (P=pass, NP=no pass, FW=Fail withdraw).

C. Course Success Rate

Student succeeds in the course. A, B, C, CR grade notations (Approved June 1996). Success Rate is percent of students successful in courses out of total enrolled in courses. The success rate is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying by 100. Numerator: Number of students (duplicated) with A, B, C, CR, or P. Denominator: Number of students (duplicated) with A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, W, or I.

D. Transfer

The initial group or cohort of first-time students is evaluated six years after initial enrollment in order to determine if they have shown behavioral intent to transfer. If by six years after initial enrollment a student has completed twelve credit units and attempted transfer-level math or English, the student then enters into the Transfer Cohort and that student's transfer outcome is calculated for a variety of time frames ranging from three years after initial enrollment to as high as twelve years after initial enrollment, time allowing.

E. Term to Term Persistence

Student persists from one term to the next term (Approved June 1996). First Term: Student is enrolled in at least one course. A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, W, or I grade notations. Next Term: Student is enrolled in at least one course. A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, W, or I. Persistence Rate: Percent of students enrolled in next term out of students enrolled in first term. The persistence rate is calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying by 100. Numerator: Number of students with at least one course with A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, W, or I in the next term (x 100).

Denominator: Number of students with at least one course with A, B, C, D, CR, P, F, FW, NC, NP, W, or I in the first term.

¹ Operational Definition from The RP Group. http://rpgroup.org/sites/default/files/OperationalDefs-RPGroup_Approved.pdf