



Strengthening Student Success:

Encouraging Attendance, Persistence and Graduation

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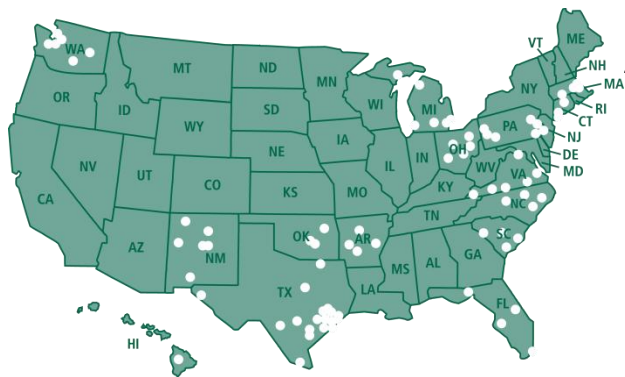
Success is what counts.

Achieving the Dream is a multiyear, national initiative to help more community college students succeed. The initiative is particularly concerned about student groups that have traditionally faced the most significant barriers to success, including low-income students and students of color.



National Initiative

- 15 States
- 83 Colleges and Universities



- 4 Colleges in Massachusetts
 - ◆ Bunker Hill Community College
 - ◆ Roxbury Community College
 - ◆ Northern Essex Community College
 - ◆ Springfield Technical and Community College

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Achieving the Dream Goals

1. Successfully complete developmental courses and progress to credit-bearing courses
2. Enroll in and successfully complete “gatekeeper” courses
3. Complete the courses they take, with a grade of C or higher
4. Re-enroll from one semester to the next
5. Earn certificates and degrees



“Closing the Gaps”

- Students in Math Classes
- Students in Composition I
- Male Students
- Younger Students
- Hispanic Students (in Writing courses)
- ESL – College Level Transition
- Late Starting Students
- Students Who Delay Developmental Coursework



NECC Strategies

Strategy 1: Student Success in Mathematics

Activities:

- Math Lab
- Modular Curriculum
- Refresher Seminars
- Adjusting Placement Scores
- Common Learning Outcomes and Exams
- **Supplemental Instruction**



NECC Strategies

Strategy 2: Academic Advising for Student Success

Activities:

- Advising Rubric
- EPortfolio
- Early Alert System
- Online Advising Systems
- Peer Support Groups
- **Policies and Practices**



Policies and Practices

1. The “3-Peat” Rule
2. Eliminating Unnecessary Grades
3. Late Starts
4. Academic Plans
5. Requiring Developmental Coursework



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Strategy 3: The First Year Experience

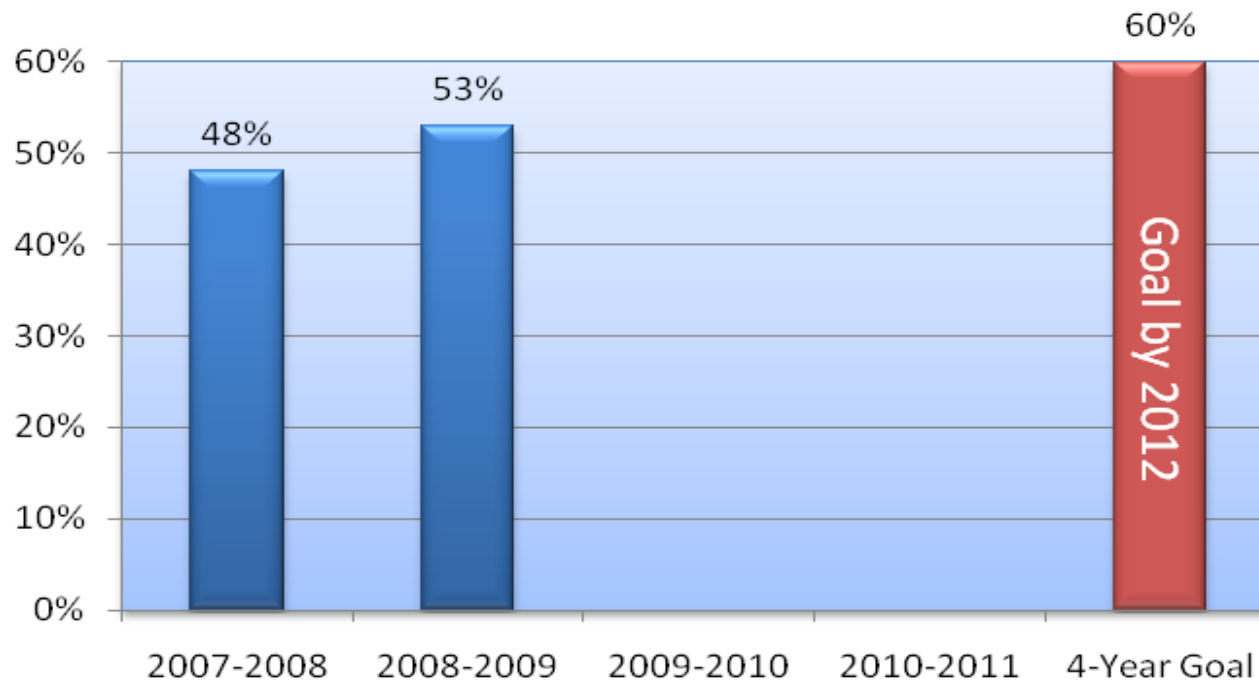
Activities:

- College Success Course
- Integrated Success Modules



Student Success: Mathematics

Students Completing Basic Algebra 2 and College Algebra/Trigonometry with A-C

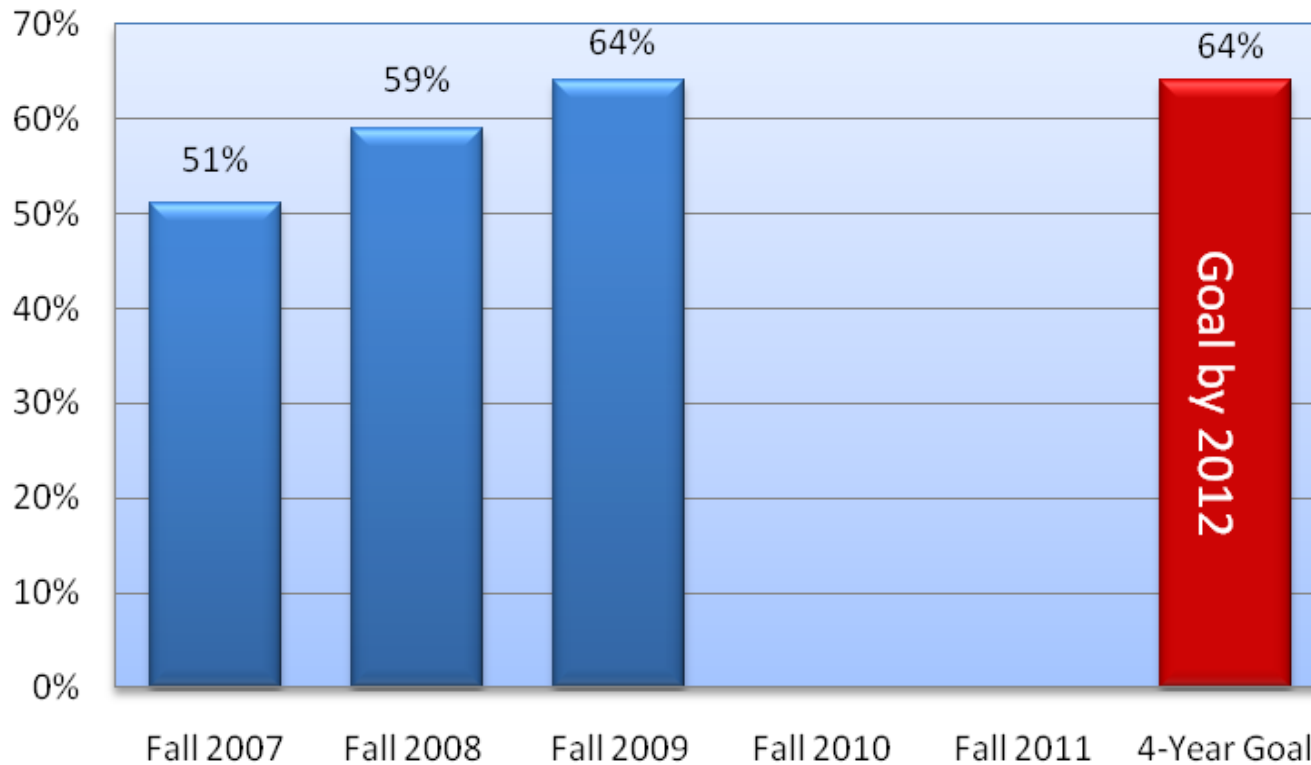


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Student Success: English Composition I

All students in English Composition I Completing with A-C

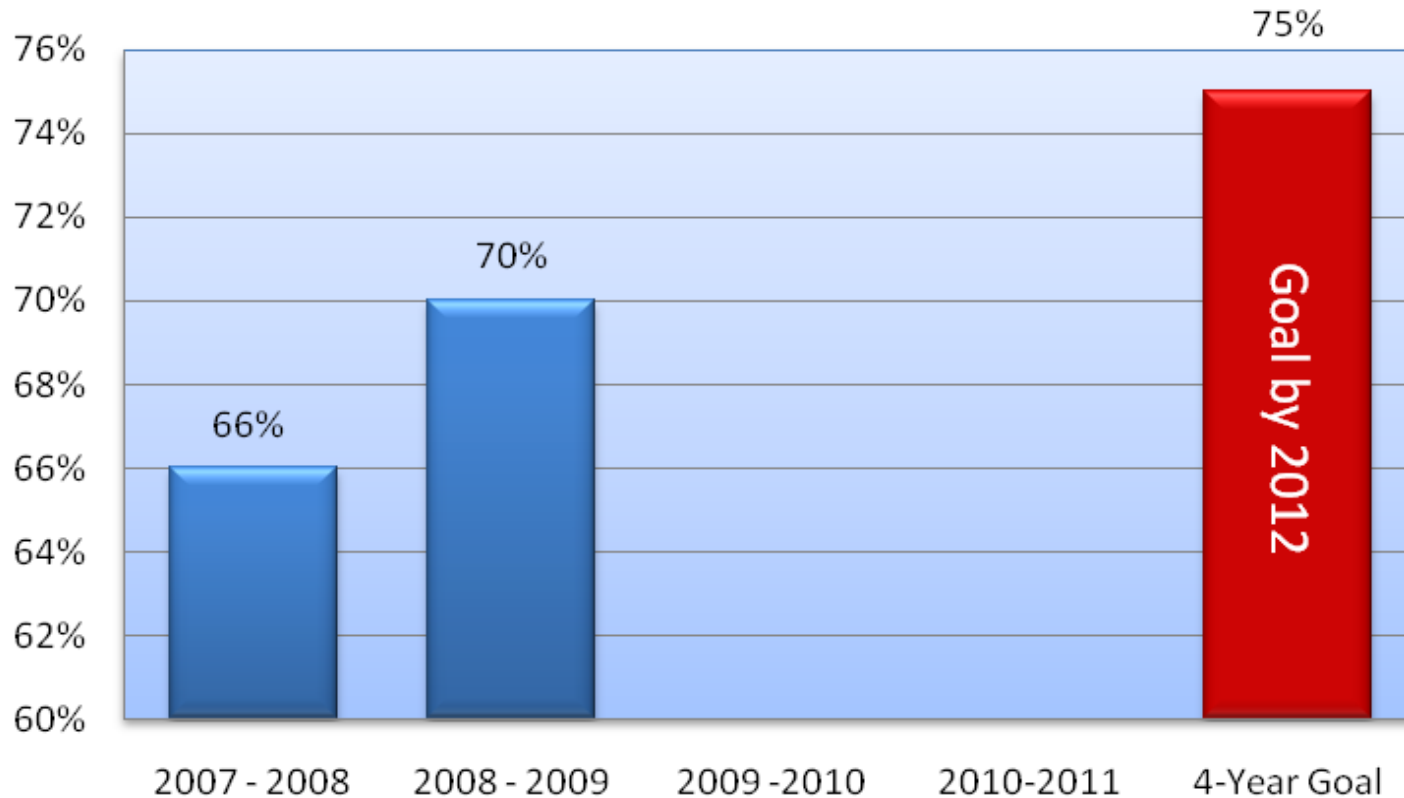


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Student Success: Retention

Fall-to-Fall Graduated, Transferred, or Returned

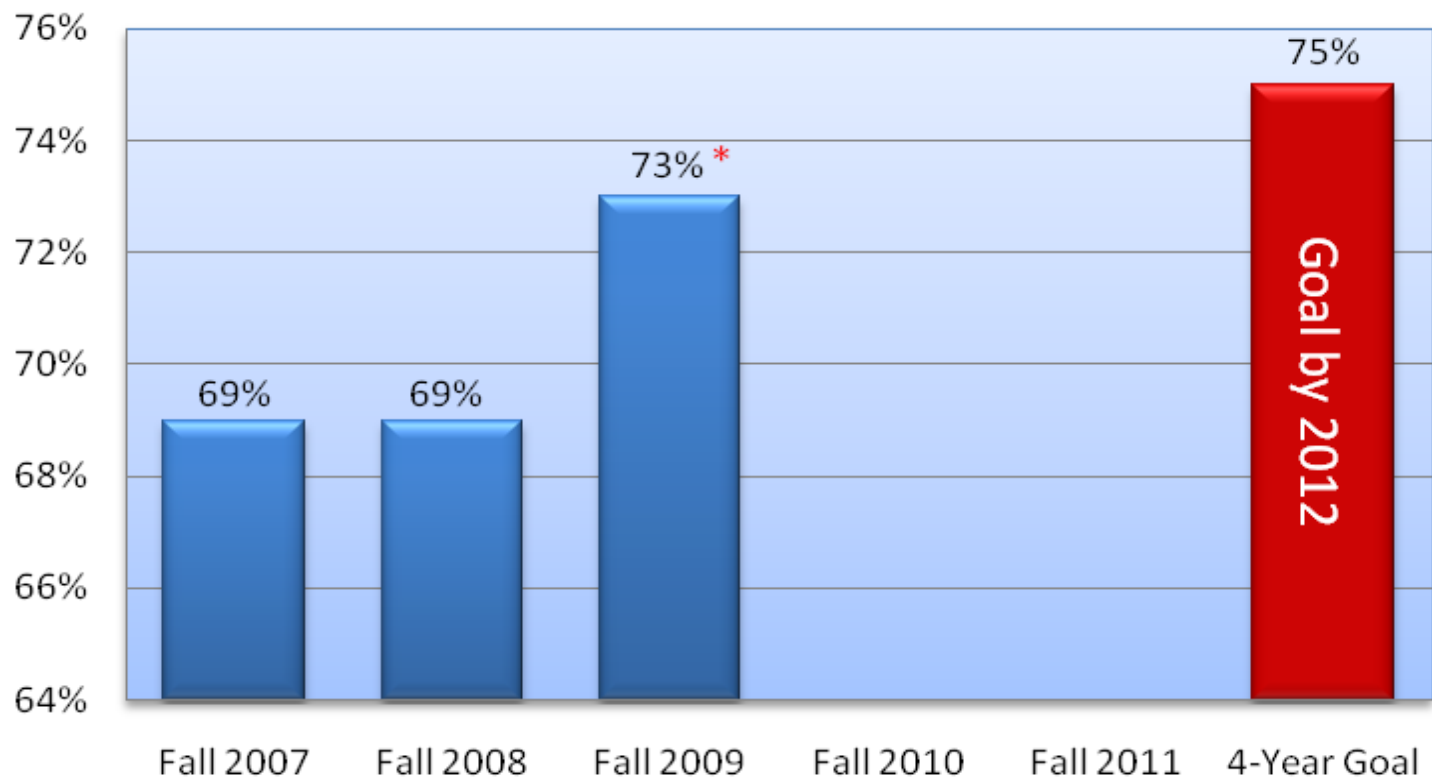


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Student Success: Total Completion

All students in All Classes Completing with A-C



* Highest Total Completion Rate Recorded

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School-to-College Transitions

- **Early Placement Testing**
- **Refresher Courses and Summer Tutorials**
- **Dual Enrollment**
- **Early College**
- **Shared Professional Development**
- **Curriculum Alignment**



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