

# Measures that Matter

WINTER 2023

## MEASURING UP: TCC'S 2021-2022 SAI RANKINGS IN THE STATE

This newsletter highlights TCC's state-wide rankings on the 2021-2022 Student Achievement Initiative (SAI) metrics. TCC is one of the 34 Community and Technical Colleges in Washington state. These rankings are based on the proportion of total headcount and milestone points earned by TCC students relative to the state system\*. The rankings are presented in two main indicator groups: **1. Early Momentum Indicators** and **2. Progress and Completion Indicators**.

Early Momentum Indicators (EMIs) are directly actionable leading indicators that signal student academic progress early on. They provide an early opportunity for improvement and continuous assessment. On the other hand, Progress and Completion Indicators are lagging indicators with limited capability to directly influence outcomes. Both indicators have the ability to influence change and are important for mapping out progress.

### How are we fairing? Total Headcount and Total Points

**To learn more about SAI at TCC, check out the TCC SAI dashboard on the hub:**  
TCC hub > Departments > Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion > Institutional Research > Student Achievement Initiative (SAI) (dashboard)

**13<sup>th</sup>**

**TOTAL HEADCOUNT**  
Count of distinct students. This number is based on funding formula eligible students. State funded students are the funding formula eligible students and therefore the only students counted in SAI metrics.

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**TOTAL POINTS**  
Based on sum of all points earned in the year.

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### How are we fairing? Early Momentum Indicators

**11<sup>th</sup>**

**BASIC SKILLS**  
Points awarded to current or prior basic skills students (within the previous 2 years) as designated by federally reportable in WABERS\*\*.  
\*\*WABERS is the Washington adult basic education programs online reporting system.

**4<sup>th</sup>**

**PRECOLLEGE ENGLISH**  
Points awarded to current or prior year precollege English students successfully completing a college-level English/communication course. The emphasize is on the successful transition from developmental/basic skills courses to college courses.

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**PRECOLLEGE MATH**  
Points awarded to current or prior year precollege math students successfully completing a college-level math course (quantitative/computation). The emphasize is on the successful transition from developmental/basic skills courses to college courses.

**4<sup>th</sup>**

**COLLEGE ENGLISH/COMMUNICATION**  
Points awarded to students successfully completing a college-level English/communication course satisfying professional-technical program requirements. An additional point is awarded for current or prior basic skills students.

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**QUANTITATIVE/COMPUTATION**  
Points awarded to students successfully completing a college-level math course (quantitative/computation). An additional point is awarded for current or prior basic skills students.

**8<sup>th</sup>**

**1ST 15 CREDITS**  
Points awarded to students earning the first 15 college level credits at the college. Additional points for current or prior basic skills students, Historically Underserved (HU) students of color, and HU low-income students.

**8<sup>th</sup>**

**1ST 30 CREDITS**  
Points awarded to students earning the first 30 college level credits at the college. An additional point is awarded for current or prior basic skills students.

**9<sup>th</sup>**

**45 TRANSFER/WORKFORCE CREDITS**  
Points awarded to students earning 45 college level credits in a transfer or workforce pathway. An additional point is awarded for current or prior basic skills students.

### How are we fairing? Progress and Completion Indicators

**10<sup>th</sup>**

**RETENTION**  
Points awarded to funding formula eligible students (state-funded students) in the prior year and that earned at least one point during the current year.

**14<sup>th</sup>**

**COMPLETION**  
Points awarded to students that earn a certificate with at least 20 credits, a degree, or apprenticeship award. Additional points for current or prior basic skills students, Historically Underserved (HU) students of color, and HU low-income students.

**Notes:**  
Data source: State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) Student Achievement Initiative (SAI) 3.0 Points Summary Dashboard.  
SAI is Washington's Student Achievement Initiative, a performance-based model focused on funding meaningful student outcomes.  
\*Even though there are 34 community and technical colleges in Washington state, for the purposes of SAI points, the rank is on 33 colleges as one college with two main campuses is reported as a single college.

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