

# ACVA/Aiken iNNOVATE

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## Aiken iNNOVATE

- ▶ Students looking to replace Face to Face instruction with a full-virtual learning experience.
- ▶ Synchronous learning dependent on live sessions for high quality, direct instruction.
- ▶ Certified teachers working during school hours.
- ▶ Students are still associated with home school.

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## ▶ **Full-Time Virtual Learning**

- ▶ Students receive high-quality virtual instruction from teachers.
  - ▶ Daily personalized teacher/student interaction and direct instruction via Microsoft Teams.
  - ▶ Independent practice (VSC and Schoology).
  - ▶ Technology support access.

# Aiken iNNOVATE

## ▶ Aiken iNNOVATE by Numbers:

- ▶ 83 High Schoolers
- ▶ 139 Middle Schoolers
- ▶ 16 Teachers
  - ▶ 4 Core Middle
  - ▶ 4 Core High
  - ▶ 3.5 Elective/Exploratory
  - ▶ 2 Full-Time SPED
  - ▶ 2 Part-Time SPED
- ▶ 8 Middle School Periods daily
- ▶ 4 High School Blocks daily
- ▶ 10 Students Removed (Failing)
- ▶ 33 Students Added after Start

## ▶ Number of Students by Grade:

- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup>- 37
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup>- 46
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup>- 56
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup>- 19
- ▶ 10<sup>th</sup>- 16
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup>- 23
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup>- 25
  
- ▶ 222 students as of 2.17.2022

# Ai Course Offerings (Middle School)

## Middle School Core Courses:

- ▶ Language Arts (6-8)
- ▶ Math (6-8)
- ▶ Social Studies (6-8)
- ▶ Science (6-8)

## Middle School HS Credit Courses:

- ▶ Fundamentals of Computing
- ▶ Algebra 1 Honors
- ▶ Geometry Honors

## Middle School Electives:

- ▶ Art (6-8)
- ▶ Phys Ed/Health (6-8)

- ▶ English 1 Honors
- ▶ Spanish 1

# Ai Course Offerings (High School)

## Social Studies:

- ▶ Economics (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Government (CP/Honors)
- ▶ US History (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Human Geography (CP/Honors)
- ▶ World History (CP)

## Math:

- ▶ Algebra 1 (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Algebra 2 (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Geometry (CP/Honors)

## English:

- ▶ English 1 (CP/Honors)
- ▶ English 2 (CP/Honors)
- ▶ English 3 (CP/Honors)
- ▶ English 4 (CP/Honors)

## Science:

- ▶ Anatomy and Physiology (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Biology (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Chemistry (CP/Honors)
- ▶ Earth Science (CP/Honors)

# Ai Course Offerings (High School)

## **Electives**

- ▶ Personal Finance
- ▶ Fundamentals of Computing
- ▶ Spanish 1
- ▶ Spanish 2
- ▶ Art 1
- ▶ Personal Health
- ▶ Physical Education

# Ai Program Structure

- ▶ High School= Block Schedule
- ▶ Middle School= Traditional Yearlong (8 Period Days)
- ▶ All High School core teachers teach at least one section of Middle School, and all HS sections of their subject matter.
  - ▶ 3-4 preps per High School teacher per semester.
- ▶ Middle School core teachers teach all Middle grades.
- ▶ Elective/Exploratory teachers teach all grades (Middle and High).



# Ai Curriculum

- ▶ **Middle School- Schoology Learning Management System**
  - ▶ Teacher Created
  - ▶ Curriculum curated in ACPSD Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
- ▶ **High School- VSC Moodle Learning Management System**
  - ▶ Provided by VirtualSC through the Franchise
  - ▶ Created by VSC Curriculum Design Team
  - ▶ Honors Requirements and Some HS Courses created in Schoology

# Ai Proctored Testing

## Administered Face to Face

- ▶ Final Exams
- ▶ EOCs
- ▶ SC Ready

## Administered Virtually

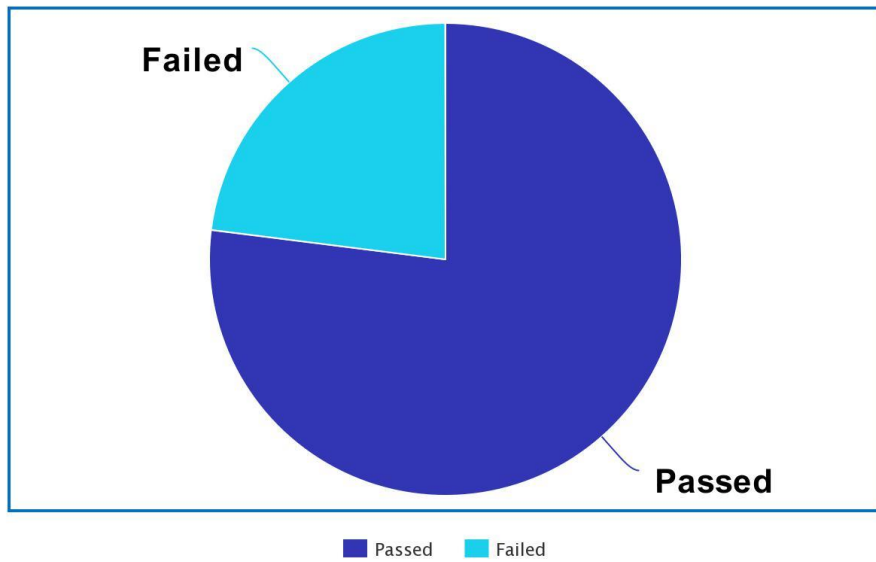
- ▶ Unit Tests
- ▶ District Benchmarks
- ▶ NWEA MAP

# Aiken iNNOVATE Honor Roll

- ▶ **Quarter 1= 116 Honor Roll Students**
- ▶ **Quarter 2= 96 Honor Roll Students**
  
- ▶ **Semester 1= 108 Honor Roll Students**

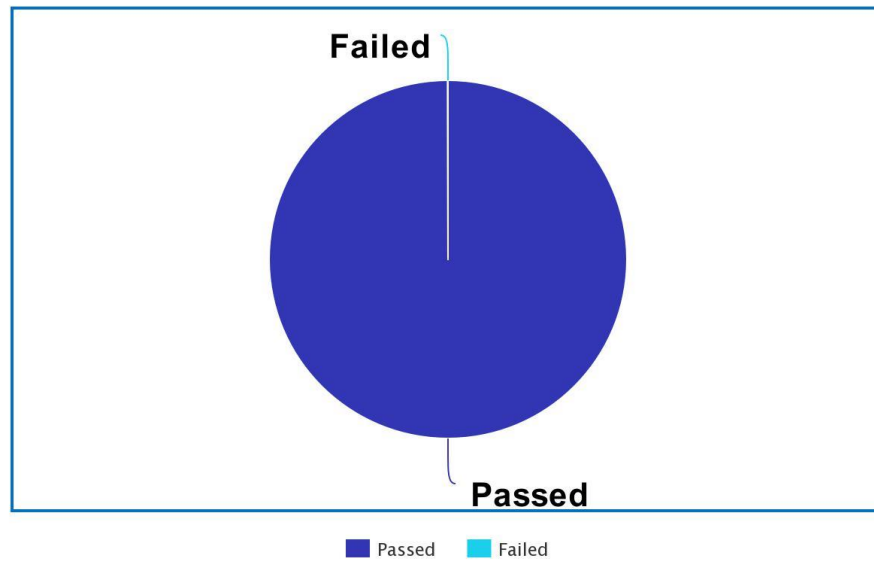
# Aiken iNNOVATE EOC Pass Rate

Algebra 1= 77% Pass Rate



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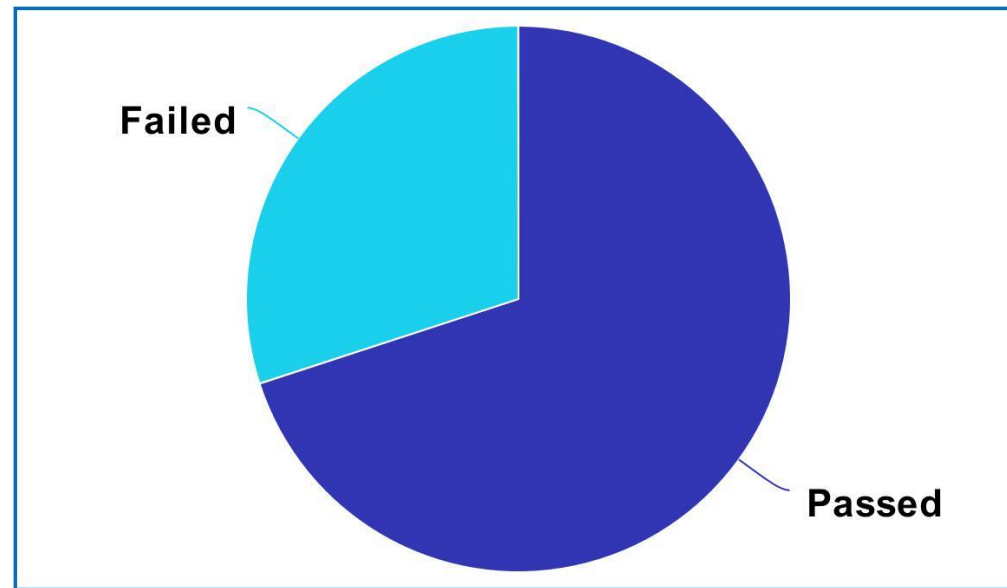
English 2= 100% Pass Rate



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# Ai Final Exam Pass Rate (High School Only)

70% Final Exam Pass Rate



■ Passed ■ Failed

# Ai Student Communication

**Ai strives to promote virtual communication through a variety of accessible modes:**

- ▶ Daily Live Sessions
- ▶ Email/Phone/Learning Management System
- ▶ Aiken iNNOVATE Website
- ▶ Aiken iNNOVATE Announcement Banner
- ▶ Email updates sent to all Ai Parents

# Ai Student Communication

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**Now Taking  
Ai-Applications**

Please visit the Parent Portal to complete the Ai Application if you wish to participate in Ai for 2022-2023 school year.

## iNNOVATE Announcements!

Call your home school for help setting up the Parent Portal account.



Create a "Bell Schedule" using your Office 365 calendar! This is called "Calendar Blocking"- you can use it to help you manage your class time and independent work for each of your courses.

**Ai Support Number: 803-641-2642**

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# Aiken iNNOVATE Failure Rate (Sem 1)

- ▶ **Failures at the Semester:**
  - ▶ Percentage of course failures:
    - ▶ 19 of 867 grades were an F
    - ▶ 2.17%
  - ▶ Percentage of students with failing grades:
    - ▶ 14 of 226 Students failed one course or more
    - ▶ 6.2%



# Aiken iNNOVATE Systems of Support

ers the people he works with and always looks for ways to provide

degree in psychology (1998). She works as a lead content developer in

Please see **CORE**, page 4A

said at a Senate Finance Committee meeting on Feb. 8.

## Aiken might have answer to virtual school concerns

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Many South Carolina K-12 virtual public school programs are suffering from high failure rates.

The problems have grown so acute that Horry County School District, the third-largest school district in the state, announced during a Jan. 25 board meeting that it's considering ending its virtual curriculum after approximately half of its students failed at least one class.

And the high failure rates in virtual programs are not isolated to that single district. A Post and Courier review of virtual programs for the 10 largest school districts found most were plagued by poor academic performance.

Only 2% of students in South Caro-



AIKEN STANDARD FILE PHOTO

Shadell Parks helps her daughter, Noelle Williams, with her math work. Noelle is enrolled in Aiken Innovate, the 100% remote learning program with the Aiken County Public School District.

jeopardize the futures of these children who taught live classes over

While research on K-12 students' online learning performance is limited, it tends to show that they do worse virtually than in-person. A 2017 study by the American Institutes for Research and the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research randomly assigned 1,224 ninth graders who failed algebra in 17 Chicago high schools to take online or face-to-face credit recovery courses. Overall, the students learning online said they found the course more difficult and were not as likely to recover their credits.

### Aiken's potential solutions

Like the other largest districts, the number of students in Aiken County School District's virtual program rose during the 2020-21 school year to 6,490 students, or 27.8 percent of its

EDUCATION LAB

## SC's virtual public school programs are floundering. Aiken might have an answer.

BY HILLARY FLYNN HFLYNN@POSTANDCOURIER.COM  
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# Ai Support Systems

## ▶ **Student-focused support:**

- ▶ Ai Student Orientation
- ▶ 1-1 Orientation for all new additions
- ▶ Academic Improvement Plan for failing students at the end of a term (F2F)
- ▶ PLCs to discuss student progress and strategies to support students
- ▶ PD and support for teachers early on and throughout the year
- ▶ MTSS discussions involving the use of data for driving instructional changes
- ▶ Use of various data to identify students who may need intervention
- ▶ Coordination with home schools and district for SEL support where needed

# Ai 2022-2023

- ▶ Registration is ongoing for eligible students (rising 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ Login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal, click “Forms” on the left.
- ▶ Virtual Information meeting to be held on Feb 23- 3 possible times:
  - ▶ 5:00pm
  - ▶ 5:30pm
  - ▶ 6:00pm
- ▶ Students/Parents can register for the information meeting via the **2022-2023 Ai Applications and Registration** page on the Ai website.

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## ACVA Sessions Typically Offered:

Fall- Sept- Dec

Spring- Feb- May

Maymester- Just the month of May

Summer- June and July

# ACVA Course Offerings

## ACVA Fall/Spring Course Offerings

**CATE: Health Science 3 CP**

**CATE: IT Fundamentals**

**CATE: Personal Finance**

**ELA: English 1 CP (Yearlong)**

**ELA: English 2 CP (Yearlong)**

**ELA: English 3 CP**

**ELA: English 4 CP**

**VIS/PERF ARTS: Media Arts**

**MATH: Algebra 1 CP**

**MATH: Algebra 2 CP**

**MATH: Geometry CP**

**MATH: Probability and Statistics CP**

**SCI: Biology 1 CP (Yearlong)**

**SCI: Earth Science CP**

**SCI: Forensic Science CP**

**SOC ST: Economics CP**

**SOC ST: Economics Honors**

**SOC ST: Government CP**

**SOC ST: Government Honors**

**SOC ST: Psychology CP**

**SOC ST: US History**

**CP (Yearlong)**

# ACVA Course Offerings

## **ACVA Maymester Course Offerings**

**CATE: IT Fundamentals**

**CATE: Personal Finance**

**ELA: English 4 CP**

**SOC ST: Government**

**SOC ST: Economics**

**MATH: Algebra 2 CP**

**MATH: Probability and Statistics**

**SCI: Earth Science**

# ACVA Course Offerings

## **ACVA Summer Course Offerings**

**CATE: IT Fundamentals**

**VIS/PERF ARTS: Music Appreciation**

**MATH: Geometry Honors**

**PHYS ED: Physical Education**

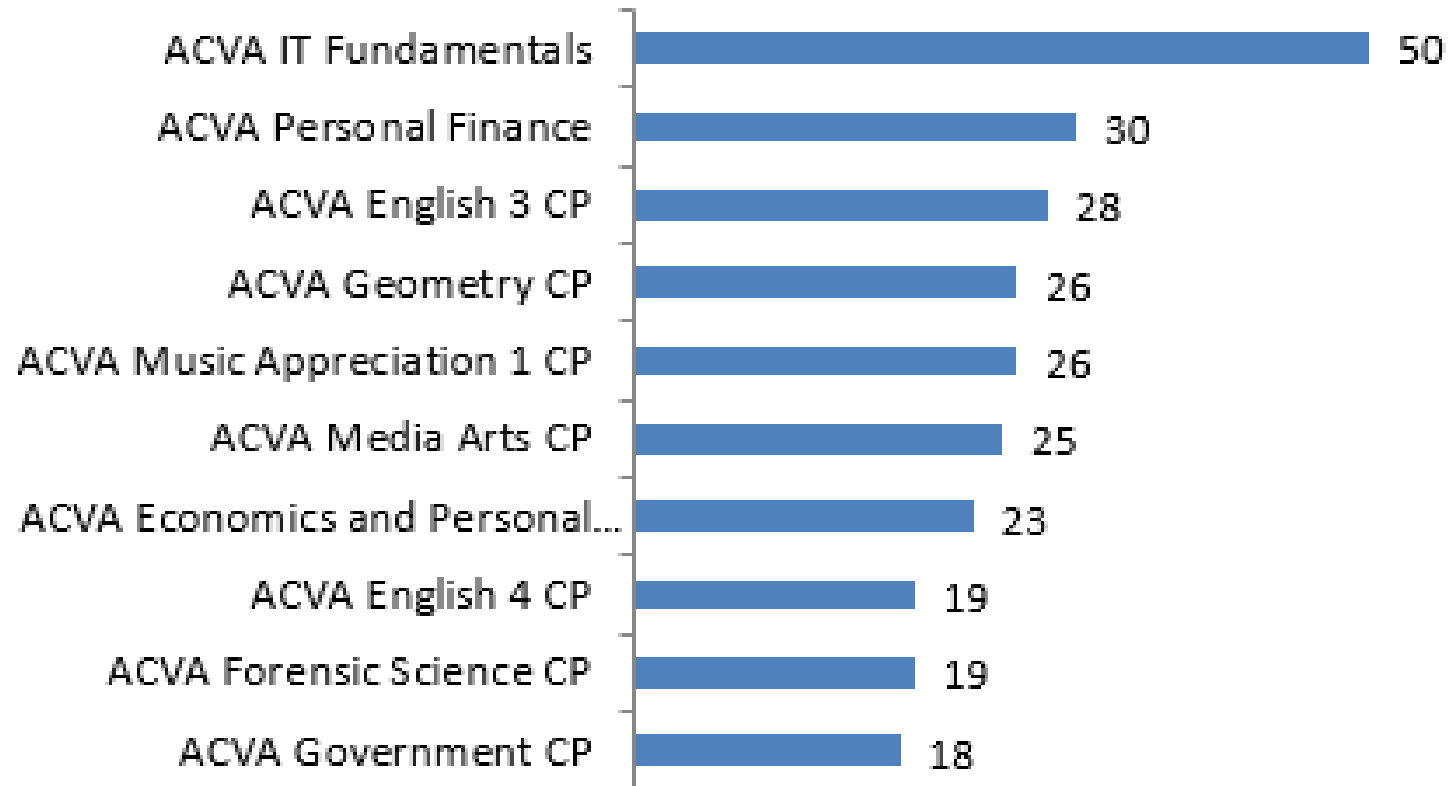
**PHYS ED: Personal Health**

**SOC ST: Government Honors**

**SOC ST: Economics Honors**

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# Fall Session

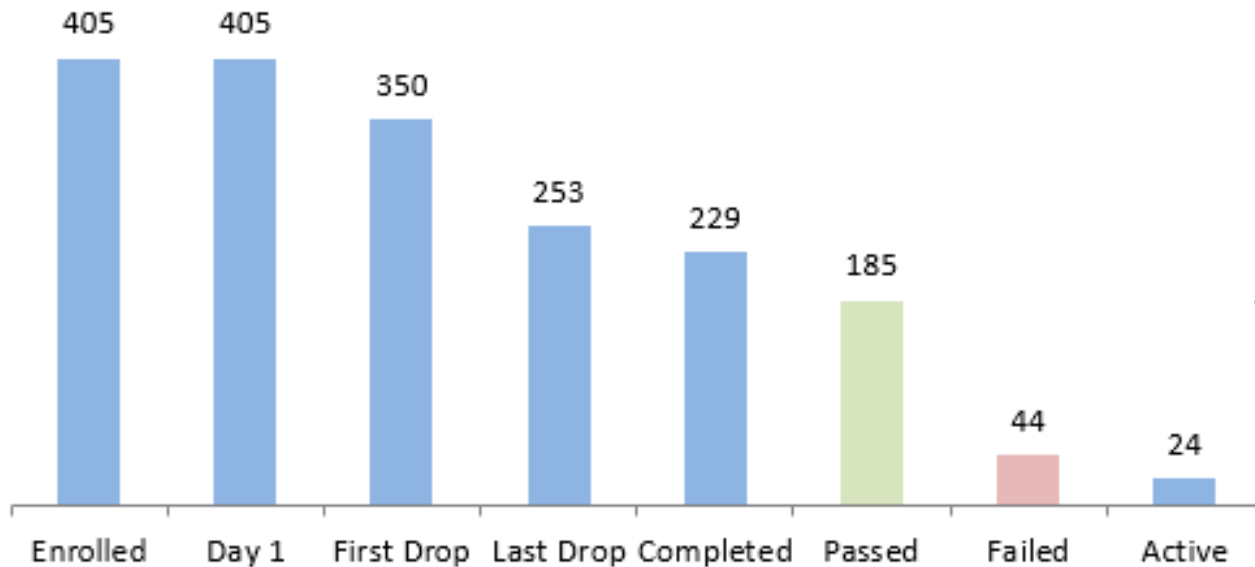
## ▶ **Seat Vs. Enrollment:**

- ▶ Seats- 277 individual students taking part in our program.
- ▶ Enrollments- every time a student is in a class.
- ▶ i.e. one student may take 3 courses. That's one seat (student), but 3 enrollments.

# Fall Session

## ▶ Enrollments for Fall Semester

### Enrollment Attrition

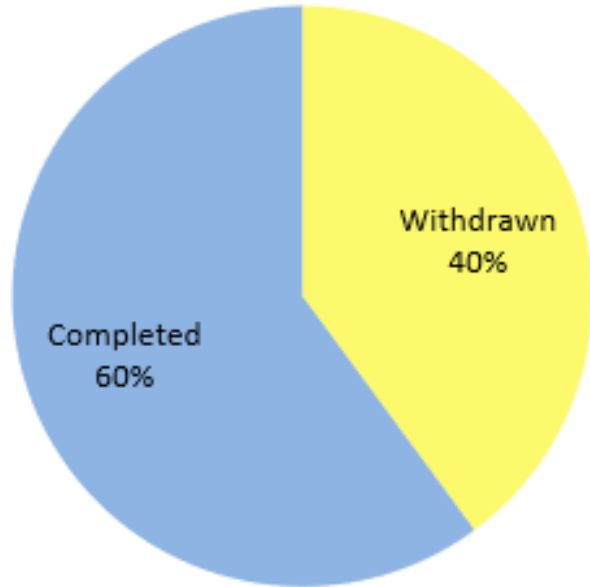


Yearlong students

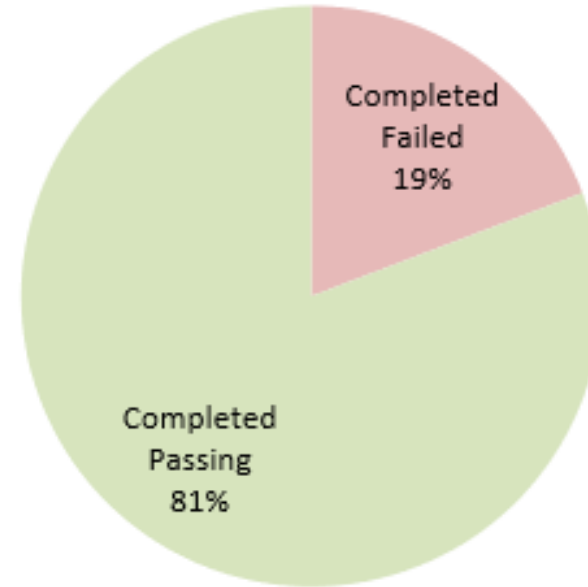
- ▶ First drop- Day 15 of session.
- ▶ Students dropped each week for inactivity.
- ▶ Last drop just before session end.

# Fall Session

## Completion Rate



## Success Rate



- ▶ **Withdrawal may occur due to:**
  - ▶ Students move out of district.
  - ▶ Students registered for multiple courses as a backup plan.
  - ▶ Students choose to wait and take courses later.
  - ▶ Students are taking only part of a class.
  - ▶ Students stop working in the course.

Questions?