



Maine Community College System

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The Honorable Rebecca Millett, Chair
The Honorable W. Bruce MacDonald, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
126th Maine Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Millett, Representative MacDonald and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

In accordance with Public Law Chapter 615 (125th Maine Legislature), enclosed you will find the Maine Community College System's second annual report on the number of Maine high school graduates who enrolled in one of our community colleges directly after high school and enroll in remedial courses. The law requires that we provide data on these students by January 1st of each year.

As required, the report includes a summary of the number of students enrolled in remedial courses in fall 2013 disaggregated by college and subject area: English language arts and mathematics (Table 1). Also included is a listing of Maine high schools from which students graduated in June and subsequently enrolled in a community college in fall 2013 and required remedial assistance (Table 2). Specifically, 2,079 students who graduated in June from a Maine high school, GED or adult education program, or were homeschooled enrolled in a community college in fall 2013. Of that number, 1,086 (or 52.2%) required enrollment in remedial courses. To ensure that personally identifiable information is not disclosed, the law requires that no values be reported when 5 or fewer students from the same secondary school are enrolled in remedial courses. An asterisk (*) is used in Table 2 when the value is 5 or less.

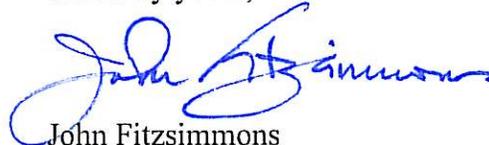
This year's report also includes the retention and graduation rates for the 2012 cohort (Table 3). We found that 51.4% of the 1,071 students who entered a Maine community college directly from a Maine high school in fall 2012 and enrolled in one or more remedial courses were still enrolled in fall 2013. Because most students are enrolled in programs that take two years to complete if a student attends full time (and longer if a student attends part time), it is not surprising to find only a small number of students, 7, who completed their program of study by the fall of 2013. Using data from the National Student Clearinghouse, we found an additional 42 students that transferred to another institution of higher education, bringing the total number of students retained, graduated or transferred to 600 (or 56.0%).

Lastly, the law asks that we provide recommendations for strategies that may result in fewer students enrolling in remedial courses, and for improving retention/graduation rates. The Maine Community College System continues to be engaged in a number of efforts to better understand and reduce barriers to improving student preparedness and performance at our colleges. During the First Session of the 126th Maine Legislature, at the request of the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future, the MCCS was asked to work with leadership from the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Department of Education to develop a five-year plan to address issues of common concern that could benefit from a coordinated approach. It is our intent to use this plan as a focal point for our major efforts in the areas of remediation, retention and graduation and for coordination with our education partners.

Significant work remains to be done to help ensure that our high school graduates are college ready and can successfully complete a higher education credential in a timely fashion. The Maine Community College System will continue to work with our education partners to ensure that all Maine residents have options to compete in our changing economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information . I would be glad to meet with you at any time to address any questions or concerns the Committee may have.

Sincerely yours,



John Fitzsimmons
President

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Cc: James Rier, Acting Commissioner, MDOE

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**TABLE 1: Summary of Traditional (*Direct from High School*) Students from Maine Enrolled in Remedial Courses
Fall 2013 Cohort**

	CMCC	EMCC	KVCC	NMCC	SMCC	WCCC	YCCC	Total
Total Matriculated Direct from High School	405	278	154	122	848	95	177	2,079
Total Unduplicated Enrolled in Remedial Courses	232	126	37	21	528	78	64	1,086
% of Total	57.3%	45.3%	24.0%	17.2%	62.3%	82.1%	36.2%	52.2%

Breakdown of Enrollment by Subject

	CMCC	EMCC	KVCC	NMCC	SMCC	WCCC	YCCC	Total
Total in Remedial Math	126	107	36	13	487	69	56	894
Total in Remedial English (<i>Includes ESL</i>)	201	56	5	8	187	54	19	530
Students taking both Remedial Math and Remedial English (<i>Numbers included in above totals</i>)	95	37	4	0	146	45	11	338

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TABLE 2: Summary of Traditional (*Direct from High School*) Students from Maine by High School

Fall 2013	Maine Community College System Summary				
High School	Total Students	Remedial Students	Math	English	Math & English
Adult Ed/GED	47	29	27	7	*
Ashland District School	6				
Bangor Christian Schools	*				
Bangor High School	28	10	8	*	*
Belfast Area High School	18	13	12	6	*
Biddeford High School	22	11	10	*	*
Bonny Eagle High School	40	30	27	8	*
Boothbay Region High School	8	*	*	*	
Brewer High School	18	12	12	6	6
Brunswick High School	20	*	*		
Buckfield Junior Senior High School	*	*	*	*	*
Bucksport High School	8	*	*	*	*
Calais High School	12	10	10	7	7
Calvary Chapel Christian School	*				
Camden Hills Regional High School	13	8	6	*	*
Cape Elizabeth High School	8	*	*	*	*
Caribou High School	20	*		*	
Carleton Project	*	*	*	*	*
Carrabec High School	11	*	*		
Casco Bay High School	*	*	*	*	*
Catherine McAuley High School	*	*	*	*	*
Central Aroostook High School	*	*	*	*	*
Central High School	9	*	*	*	*
Central Maine Christian Academy	*				
Cheverus High School	*				
Coastal Christian School	*	*	*	*	*
Community High School (Fort Kent)	8	*	*	*	*
Compass Point Academy	*				
Cony High School	25	9	8	*	*
Deer Isle Stonington High School	*	*	*	*	*
Deering High School	42	26	20	13	7
Dexter Regional High School	*	*	*	*	*
Dirigo High School	13	6	6	*	*
East Grand High School	*	*	*	*	*
Easton Junior/Senior High School	*	*	*		
Edward Little High School	52	35	18	29	12
Ellsworth High School	15	6	6	*	*
Erskine Academy	25	11	10	*	*

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High School	Total Students	Remedial Students	Math	English	Math & English
Falmouth High School	11	7	6	*	*
Forest Hills Consolidated School	*	*	*	*	*
Fort Fairfield Middle High School	7	*	*	*	
Foxcroft Academy	9	6	*	*	
Freeport High School	18	9	7	*	
Fryeburg Academy	13	9	7	6	*
Gardiner Area High School	10	6	*	*	*
George Stevens Academy	7	*	*	*	*
Gorham High School	22	18	15	12	9
Gould Academy	*	*	*	*	*
Gray New Gloucester High School	24	16	9	13	6
Greater Houlton Christian Academy	*				
Greely High School	18	12	10	*	*
Greenville High School	*	*	*	*	*
Hall-Dale High School	*	*	*	*	*
Hampden Academy	24	12	11	*	*
Hebron Academy	*	*		*	
Hermon High School	22	7	*	*	*
Highview Christian Academy	*	*	*		
Hodgdon High School	*	*	*	*	*
Home Schooled	25	*	*	*	*
Houlton High School	22	*	*	*	*
Islesboro Central School	*	*	*		
John Bapst Memorial High School	*				
Jonesport-Beals High School	*	*	*	*	*
Katahdin High School	*	*	*		
Kennebunk High School	32	14	13	*	*
Lake Region High School	28	15	9	8	*
Lawrence High School	37	6	6	*	*
Leavitt Area High School	20	14	8	12	6
Lee Academy	11	8	8	*	*
Lewiston High School	57	34	18	23	7
Limestone Community School	*				
Lincoln Academy	13	7	6	*	*
Lisbon High School	20	12	8	9	*
Living Waters Christian School	*	*	*		
Machias Memorial High School	*	*	*	*	*
Madawaska Middle High School	*				
Madison Area Memorial High School	*	*	*	*	*

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Maine Academy Of Natural Sciences	*	*	*	*	*
Maine Central Institute	9	*	*	*	*
Maranacook Community School	8	*	*	*	*
Marshwood High School	27	9	7	7	*
Massabesic High School	40	22	19	8	*
Mattanawcook Academy	6	*	*	*	*
Medomak Valley High School	10	7	*	*	*
Messalonskee High School	27	6	6	*	*
Monmouth Academy	12	*	*	*	*
Morse High School	22	13	11	*	*
Mount Abram Regional High School	19	10	8	6	*
Mount Ararat School	28	16	14	8	6
Mount Blue High School	20	15	14	10	9
Mount Desert Island High School	8	7	6	*	*
Mount View High School	12	*	*		
Mountain Valley High School	11	*	*	*	*
Narraguagus High School	10	9	8	*	*
Noble High School	35	16	16	*	*
Nokomis Regional High	17	9	7	*	*
Oak Hill High School	23	11	8	8	*
Oceanside High School	11	8	7	*	*
Old Orchard Beach High School	12	8	6	6	*
Old Town High School	*	*	*	*	*
Orono High School	8	*	*	*	*
Oxford Hills High School	52	23	16	17	10
Penobscot Valley High School	*	*	*		
Penquis Valley High School	9	6	*	*	*
Pine Tree Academy	*				
Piscataquis Community High School	*	*	*	*	*
Poland Regional High School	17	10	6	7	*
Portland High School	43	22	20	6	*
Presque Isle High School	15	*	*	*	
Rangeley Lakes Regional School	*				
Richmond High School	10	9	8	*	*
Robert W Traip Academy	10	6	*	*	*
Royal Academy	*	*	*	*	*
Sacopee Valley Junior-Senior High School	20	15	14	*	*
Saint Dominic Academy	*	*	*	*	*
Sanford High School	57	29	26	9	6

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High School	Total Students	Remedial Students	Math	English	Math & English
Sanford Regional Vocational Technical Center	*	*	*	*	*
Scarborough High School	35	23	20	13	10
Schenck High School	*	*	*		
Seacoast Christian School	*				
Searsport District High School	*				
Shead High School	11	7	6	*	*
Skowhegan Area High School	25	9	9	*	*
South Portland High School	32	15	15	*	*
Southern Aroostook Community High School	6	*	*		
Spruce Mountain High School	20	15	10	11	6
Stearns High School	6	*	*	*	*
Sumner Memorial High School	9	*	*	*	*
Telstar Regional High School	12	8	*	6	*
The New School	*				
Thornton Academy	58	39	37	17	15
Upper Kennebec Valley Memorial Junior Senior High	*	*	*		
Van Buren District Secondary School	*				
Veritas Academy	*	*		*	
Vinalhaven High School	*	*	*		
Washburn District High School	*	*		*	
Washington Academy	15	12	10	7	*
Waterville Senior High School	10	*	*	*	*
Wells High School	23	8	8	*	*
Westbrook High School	34	20	19	7	6
Windham High School	34	19	16	11	8
Winslow High School	24	*	*	*	*
Winthrop High School	14	7	*	7	*
Wiscasset High School	*	*	*	*	*
Wisdom Junior-Senior High School	*	*		*	
Woodland Jr/Sr High School	18	10	8	8	6
Yarmouth High School	8	*	*	*	*
York High School	20	9	8	*	*
Grand Total	2,079	1,086	894	530	338

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Of those who entered a Maine community college directly from a Maine high school in fall 2012 and enrolled in one or more remedial courses, 51.4% were still enrolled in fall 2013. A small number of students, 7, completed their program of study by fall 2013, and according to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, at least 42 students who were no longer enrolled in a Maine community college, were enrolled in other institutions of higher education, bringing the total retained, graduated or transferred to 56.0%.¹

TABLE 3: Retention and Graduation Rates of Traditional (Direct from High School) Students from Maine Enrolled in Remedial Courses

Fall 2012 Cohort*

College	Cohort Year	Tracking Year	Total in Cohort	Students Retained		Students Graduated or Transferred		Total Retained, Graduated, or Transferred		Not Enrolled **	
	2012	2013	#	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
CMCC			199	101	50.8	7	3.5	108	54.3	91	45.7
EMCC			200	88	44.0	11	5.5	99	49.5	101	50.5
KVCC			23	11	48.0	1	4.3	12	52.2	11	47.8
NMCC			30	11	36.7	0	0	11	36.7	19	63.3
SMCC			512	292	57.0	21	4.1	313	61.1	199	38.9
WCCC			56	14	25.0	8	14.3	22	39.3	34	60.7
YCCC			51	34	66.7	1	1.9	35	68.6	16	31.4
MCCS Total			1,071*	551	51.4	49	4.6	600	56.0	471	44.0

* Only students who entered a Maine community college in fall 2012 directly from a Maine high school and enrolled in one or more remedial courses in fall 2012 are included in this analysis. The total in the cohort has been revised to include 9 additional students not identified in last year’s report.

** Students included in “not enrolled” were not found in either Maine community college enrollment files or the National Student Clearinghouse database. The National Student Clearinghouse matches Maine community college records against those of participating collegiate institutions and does not provide any data for students with a FERPA block (which prevents the release of student directory information). Therefore, some students not found may be enrolled at other institutions of higher education.

¹ Source: National Student Clearinghouse