

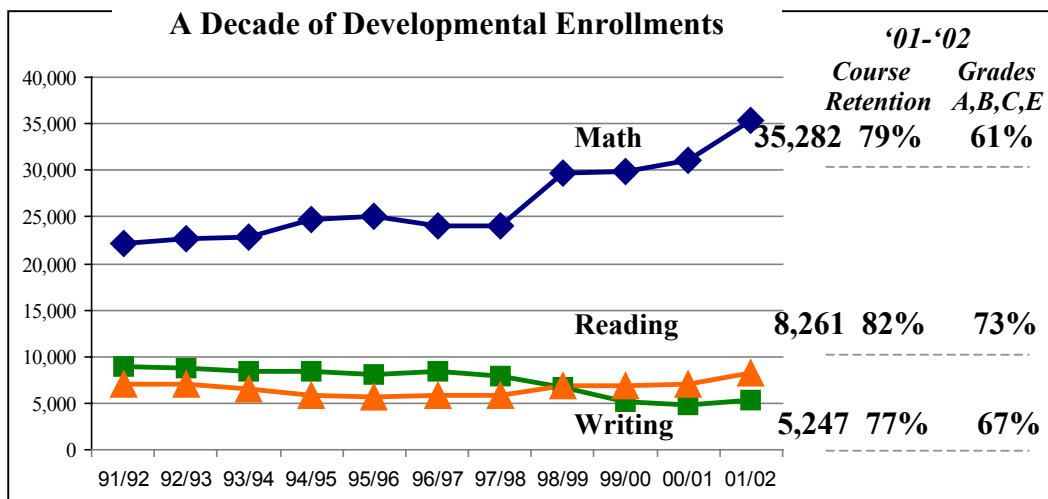
Goal 3: Basic Skills

DCCCD students will acquire basic literacy skills and developmental education to live more functionally and become ready to participate successfully in college-level curricula.
 Indicators: course retention, developmental completers in college level courses, graduation/transfer of developmental students, TASP performance after

Although one-half of new¹ students arrive not yet prepared for college-level work, many obtain needed skills through developmental instruction, succeed in college-level courses and subsequently graduate or transfer to a university.

Ten Years of Data Reveal:

- Developmental enrollments increased throughout the decade - even when overall enrollments decreased from the early through mid-1990s.
- Enrollments jumped in 1994/95 and 1998/99 in response to revised TASP regulations.
- Course retention rates improved in all developmental subjects. In the last six years, math retention increased from 70% to 79%. Retention improved in reading (77% to 82%) and writing (72.5% to 77%) during the last three years.



- Fall developmental students enrolled in a related college-level course² in the spring had higher success rates than those who had not completed the fall developmental course.
- Students who immediately TASP “re-tested” after completing all needed levels in a developmental subject area were more successful (75% average pass rate) than students who waited more than six months (61% average pass rate).
- All DCCCD colleges exceeded the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board standards³ for first-time-in-college developmental graduation/transfer rates and the District average was comparable to the Peer Group average.⁴

¹New = First-time-in-college. One-third of all credit students enroll in developmental courses.

² Any Math-1000 series and English-1301.

³Performance Standards: 30% of FT graduate/transfer in 4 yrs. 15% of PT graduate/transfer in 7 yrs.

Source: 2002-03 IE Measures, <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/ctc/ie/ctciems/ctciems.cfm>

⁴Peer Group: Alamo, Austin, Collin, El Paso, Houston, N H Montgomery, San Jacinto and Tarrant County.