P-20 Education Partnership

Ad hoc Work Group #3: Post-secondary Ramifications of Grading Options

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High school grading impacts on students enrolled in post-secondary coursework

- How will spring 2020 "pass/no pass" grades in high school coursework impact future eligibility of students to qualify for PSEO and concurrent enrollment coursework?
- How will the availability of proctored placement testing services impact high school student's ability to place into PSEO and concurrent enrollment coursework?
- How will spring 2020 "pass/no pass" grades earned in PSEO or concurrent enrollment courses impact secondary satisfactory academic progress?
- How will spring 2020 "pass/no pass" grades earned in PSEO or concurrent enrollment courses impact Post-secondary satisfactory academic progress?

Post-secondary matriculation impacts

- How will the availability of proctored placement testing services impact graduating senior's ability to place into college-level coursework at Minnesota State institutions?
- How will post-secondary institutions view IB and AP test scores from spring 2020?
- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact the acceptance of CTE articulated credits?

Post-secondary Admissions

- How is COVID-19 impacting post-secondary fall 2020 application and student decision deadlines?
 - UMN application deadlines have passed, but the deadline for students to confirm their acceptance has been extended on 4 UMN campuses
 - Minnesota State college and university application deadlines remain unchanged, and for most campuses fall in mid-August.
 - Minnesota private colleges...
- How will spring 2020 high school grades and ACT/SAT scores impact future year college and university admissions?

Scholarships and Financial Aid impacts

- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact post-secondary scholarships?
- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact athletic scholarships, and athletic eligibility?
- How will COVID-19 impact FAFSA completion, and how will changes in individual and family financial changes impact financial aid packaging for the 2020-2021 academic year?

Post-secondary Approach to Grading

- What grading options have postsecondary institutions adopted for spring 2020?
 - The UMN system using making the S/N option available to all spring 2020 students through April 30, 2020. The S/N option will be available to all summer 2020 students at XX of the system's universities.
 - The Minnesota State system has encouraged all of its colleges and universities to expand the availability of P/F grading choice, but decisions to do so will be made at the institutional level.
 - Minnesota private colleges...
- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact transfer among colleges and universities?

- How will spring 2020 grades be noted on postsecondary transcripts?
- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact programmatic accreditation?
- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact career licensure?
- How will "pass/no pass" grades impact graduate school applications?

Purpose: Create an information set to support schools in making decisions about grading for spring 2020