Hibbing Community College
Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates

What is Student Right-To-Know?

Student Right-To-Know is a federal law that requires all colleges and universities to disclose certain information to students. This handout provides the information that a college must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at Hibbing Community College (HCC).

What is a graduation rate and what is a transfer-out rate?

Federal regulations specify how to calculate the graduation and transfer rates. The rates come from a study of Hibbing Community College students who started at the college in the fall of 2011. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree, diploma or certificate at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from HCC within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from HCC, but instead transferred to another college or university within three years.

What do I need to know about these rates?

These rates do not report on all students at Hibbing Community College. The 261 first-time, full-time students in the study were 18 percent of all students enrolled at HCC in fall of 2011.

What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Hibbing Community College students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?

- The **graduation rate** for HCC was 35 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for HCC was 22 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for HCC was 57 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 39 percent.

Why don't more Hibbing Community College students graduate or transfer in three years?

- Since HCC has an "open door" mission, many new students need to take "developmental" courses to improve their reading, writing or math skills before taking other college courses;
- Students who switch from full-time to part-time enrollment or "stop out" for one or more semesters are more likely to take more than three years to graduate;
- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.

Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates			
Hibbing Community College	**Graduation Rate**	**Transfer-Out Rate**	**Combined Rate**
Total Cohort	35%	22%	57%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	27%	20%	47%
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	38%	20%	58%
Gender			
Female	35%	22%	57%
Male	35%	21%	56%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	30%	21%	51%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	47%	21%	67%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	40%	26%	66%

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up.