



Cohort Discussion

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What is a Cohort?



- Definition of cohort
- How does your area or program use or would use cohort data?

Cohort Defined

Often used in research literature and technical reporting, the term **cohort** refers to a group of individuals who have something in common.

AND

A group of people banded together or treated as a group.



Why are cohorts important or useful?

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Tracking Student Participation in Support Cohorts

The purpose of the project is to include data entries in Banner [Apex] for each of the Support Cohorts and Success Centers for students who are receiving a substantial level of services.

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Each Cohort/Center will, with research assistance, define the “substantial” level of service to positively impact a student’s success goals and attach the Cohort/Center tag to those students in Banner.

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The project will develop regular reports of the impact of each Cohort/Center on student success metrics for use in accountability reporting, planning, and budgeting for continuous quality improvement.

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The team will assist in developing a case management system in which counselors, support providers, and related administrators can access and interact with the full range of support each student is receiving—or could receive—to guide that student's progress on the path to their educational goal.

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Cabinet agreed with the recommendation that the workgroup should include 1) IT: Antonio plus Beverly Heasley and Vimi Bharadwaj; 2) Research: Barbara plus Maria Taai and Lisa DiDonato; 3) Student Services: Tom Mauch plus Sandra Bollier; 4) Instruction: Madelyn Arballo plus Meghan Chen.

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Support Cohorts: Arise, Aspire, ACES, DREAM, REACH, Pride Center, Honors, VPC, EOPS, Teacher Prep, SSEED, ACCESS Centers

Success Centers: AS&AC, MARC, T-MARC, STEM, WIN, Writing Center, TERC, Language Lab, Nursing Skills Lab, Speech/Sign Center

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The Plan

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Review how the Cohort/Center work is currently being done on a program-by-program basis.



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Revise the mechanics of Banner (Cohort/Center entry versus Attributes) and Apex programming for tracking.



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Future: Recommend a standardized, campus-wide method (solution) for Cohort/Center tracking including training materials and face-to-face trainings.



The Plan

Future: track students' academic achievements and use of Cohort/Center support services with related reports.



How is your Work Integrated?

Student Centered Funding Formula
Multiple Measures
Guided Pathways
Student Equity and More

Integration is Critical

Access



Progress



Outcome

Finding the gaps and accolades is only possible if you have the data to support it.