
Smart Scholars Early College High School Program

An Update for the New York State
Board of Regents
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Smart Scholars Advisory Council

- Established in 2010 to monitor the SS ECHS Program and develop policies to support program goals
- Representatives from the 23 SS ECHS as well as stakeholders
- Subcommittees have been working on 3 major projects to support the sustainability of ECHS in New York
 - TAP funding for ECHS (S.5647, A.9312)
 - Defining a State-approved ECHS
 - Establishing an MOU among the IHE partners

Performance Data for the National Early College High School Initiative

- In 2010, 5,414 students graduated from the 68 ECHSI schools that had been open for four or more years
 - The average graduation rate for schools in the ECHSI was 84%, compared to 76% for their school district
 - 23.3% earned an Associate's degree or technical certificate
 - 77% of graduates went on to some form of postsecondary education: enrolled in a 4-year college (52%), 2-year colleges (23%), and technical programs (2%)

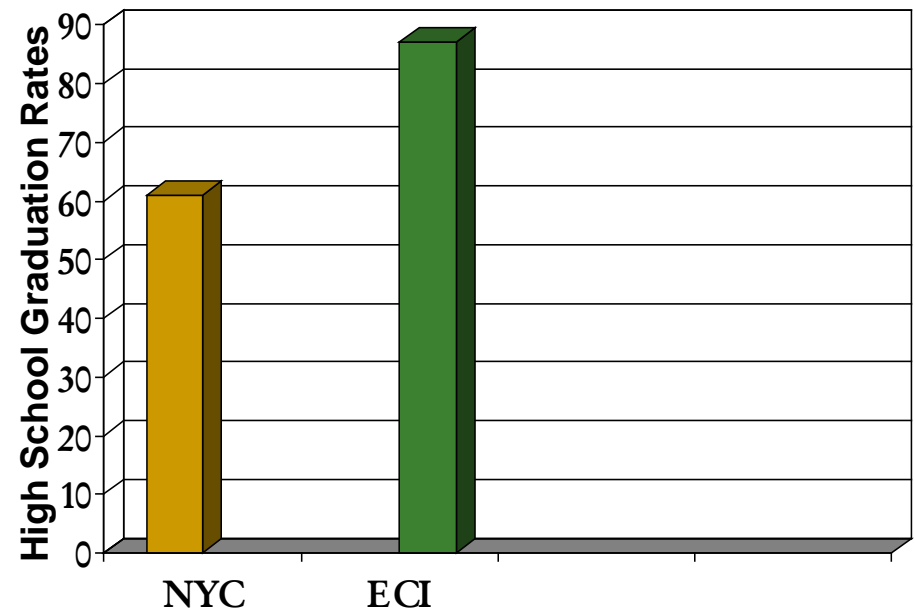
Performance Data for the Early College Initiative at CUNY

- ECI began in 2003
- ECI schools graduated 482 students in 2009
- These students earned an average of 10.3 college credits
- 45% entered CUNY colleges with an average of 11 college credits

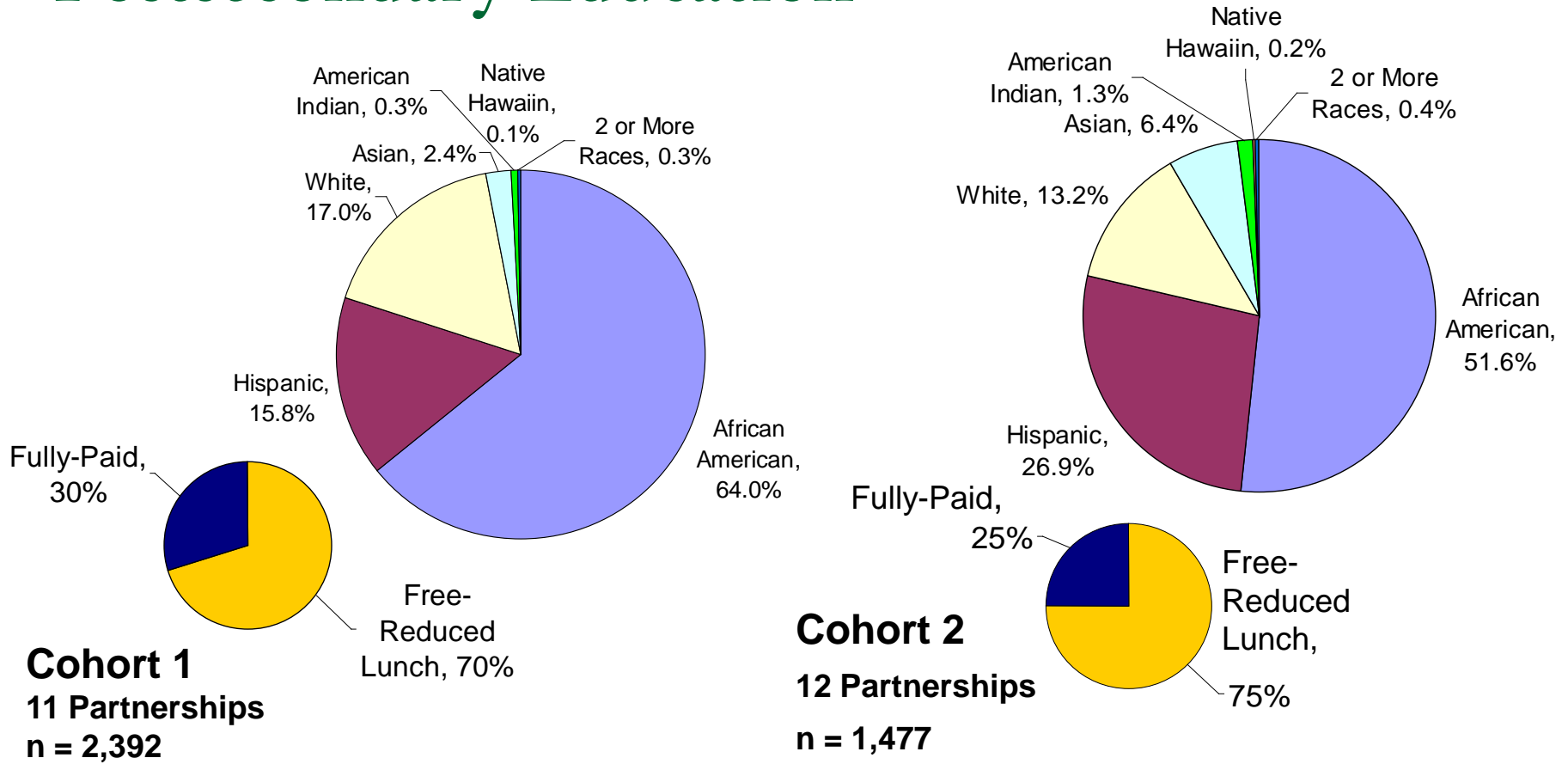
Graduation Rates for the ECI Exceed Citywide Rates

In June 2011, NYSED reported graduation rates for New York State public school students who entered 9th grade in 2006 and graduated high school by June 2010

- 61% of the 78,346 public school students in NYC in this cohort graduated on time
- 87% of the 565 ECI students in this cohort graduated on time



The Smart Scholars ECHSs Serve Students Traditionally Underrepresented in Postsecondary Education



College Course Outcomes

Summer 2010 – Spring 2011 (Cohort 1)

- 9 of the 11 Cohort 1 schools offered college courses
- 82% of grades earned were 2.0 or higher
- 1,923 transferable college credits were earned

Summer 2011 – Fall 2011 (Cohort 1 & 2)

- 9 of the 11 Cohort 1 schools offered college courses
 - 5 of the 12 Cohort 2 schools offered college courses
 - 77% of grades earned were 2.0 or higher
 - 2,085 transferable college credits were earned
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Faculty Teaching College Courses

- Vetted high school teachers teach the majority of college courses offered to SS ECHS students
- The process for vetting HS teachers is the same as the application process for adjunct professors at the IHE
- The Smart Scholars Intermediary is working with the ECHSs to increase the proportion of college courses taught on the partner college campuses

Faculty Teaching College Courses

- During the 2010-2011 school year
 - 71% of the college courses offered to Cohort 1 students were taught by vetted HS teachers (20 out of 28 courses)
- During the summer and fall of 2011
 - 32% of the college courses offered to Cohort 1 students were taught by vetted HS teachers (8 out of 25 courses)
- During the fall of 2011
 - 11% of the college courses offered to Cohort 2 students were taught by vetted teachers (2 out of 19 courses)

Yonkers ECHS Background

- Yonkers Public Schools (YPS) and Westchester Community College (WCC) established the Collegiate Academy at Roosevelt HS in September, 2008 with approximately 50 students in the 9th grade class.
- YPS is transforming the entire Roosevelt HS into an ECHS, beginning with the 9th grade class in September 2010.
- Mercy College and Pace University joined the partnership

Yonkers ECHS Update

- During the 2010-2011 school year
 - 169 – 9th graders in ECHS
 - 96 – 10th & 11th graders in Collegiate Academy
 - 30 – 9th graders at Roosevelt ECHS took the one-credit College Prep Skills course at WCC
 - 90% earned a grade of 2.0 or higher
 - 64 students in the Collegiate Academy earned a combined 255 college credits in courses taught by high school teachers vetted by Mercy College
 - 93% of the grades earned were 2.0 or higher

Yonkers ECHS

3- Credit College Courses Taken in 2010-2011

Course	Number of Students	% Earning a 2.0 or higher
Math 113: College Geometry	13	92%
Math 116: College Trigonometry	20	100%
Hist 101: European History	24	100%
Hist 105: United States History	29	83%

Yonkers ECHS – Summer 2011

- In July 2011, sixteen students participated in Pace University’s **“College Experience”**
 - A 3-week residential program
 - Students took two college courses taught by college faculty
 - 88% passed the one-credit Introduction to University Community course
 - 88% earned a 2.0 or higher in the three-credit Education and Society course

Yonkers ECHS Update

- During the Fall of 2011
 - 383 – 9th & 10th graders in ECHS
 - 92 – 11th & 12th graders in Collegiate Academy
 - 22 – 9th graders and 17 -10th graders took the one-credit WCC College Prep Skills course.
 - 82% of the students passed the course.

- During the Spring of 2012
 - The College Prep Skills course is being offered to other ninth and tenth graders who hadn't yet taken it.
 - Currently, 35 – 10th graders in the ECHS, and 55 -11th and 12th graders in the Collegiate Academy are taking 1 or 2 of 4 three-credit college courses with high school teachers vetted by Mercy College.

Yonkers ECHS

3-Credit College Courses Spring 2012

Course	Grade Level	Number of Students
Hist 101: European History	10	35
Hist 105: United States History	11	16
Econ 115: Economics	12	30
Eng 111: Composition and Literature	12	39