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All students deserve a clear and affordable path to college completion.

COMPLETION

GOAL:

- By 2020, Indiana students will have structured paths to timely college completion that include purposeful planning, rigorous preparation and proactive support.

CORE STRATEGIES:

- Increase college affordability
- Improve college readiness
- Strengthen student support

COMPLETION

KEY METRICS:

- **Affordability:** Percentage of total college costs financed through student loan debt.
- **Readiness:** Percentage of high school graduates who are prepared for college-level coursework.
- **Support:** Percentage of students who complete college (and percent completing on time).

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On-Time Graduation Rates

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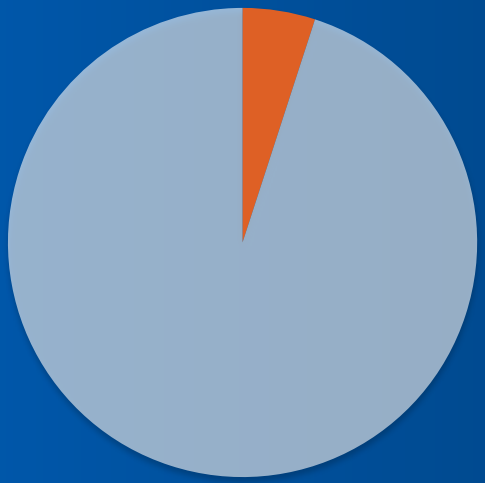

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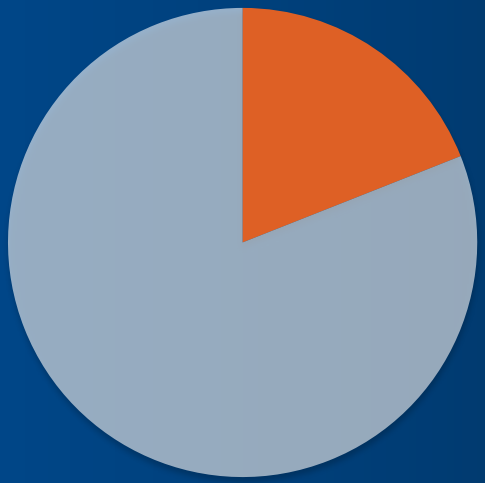

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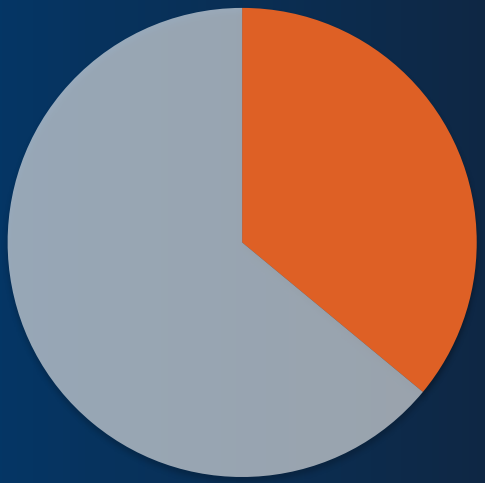

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150% Graduation Rates

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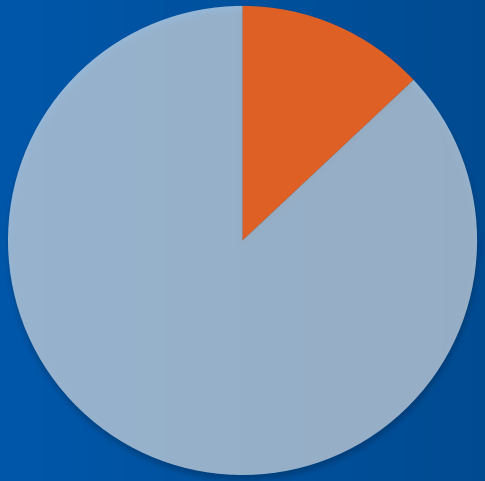

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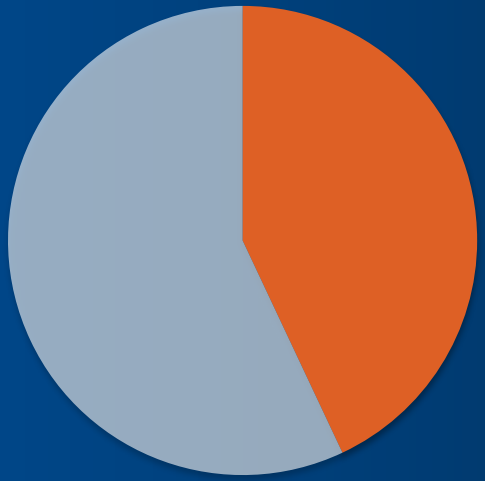

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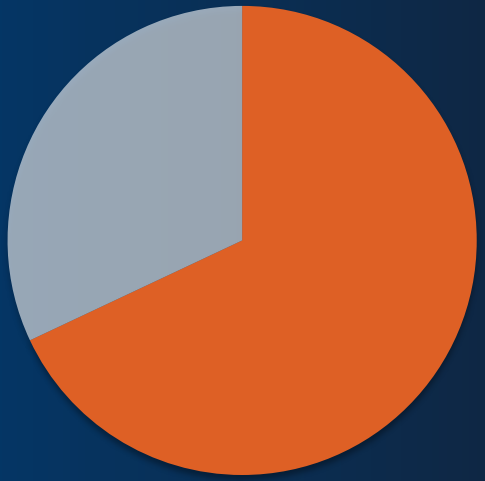

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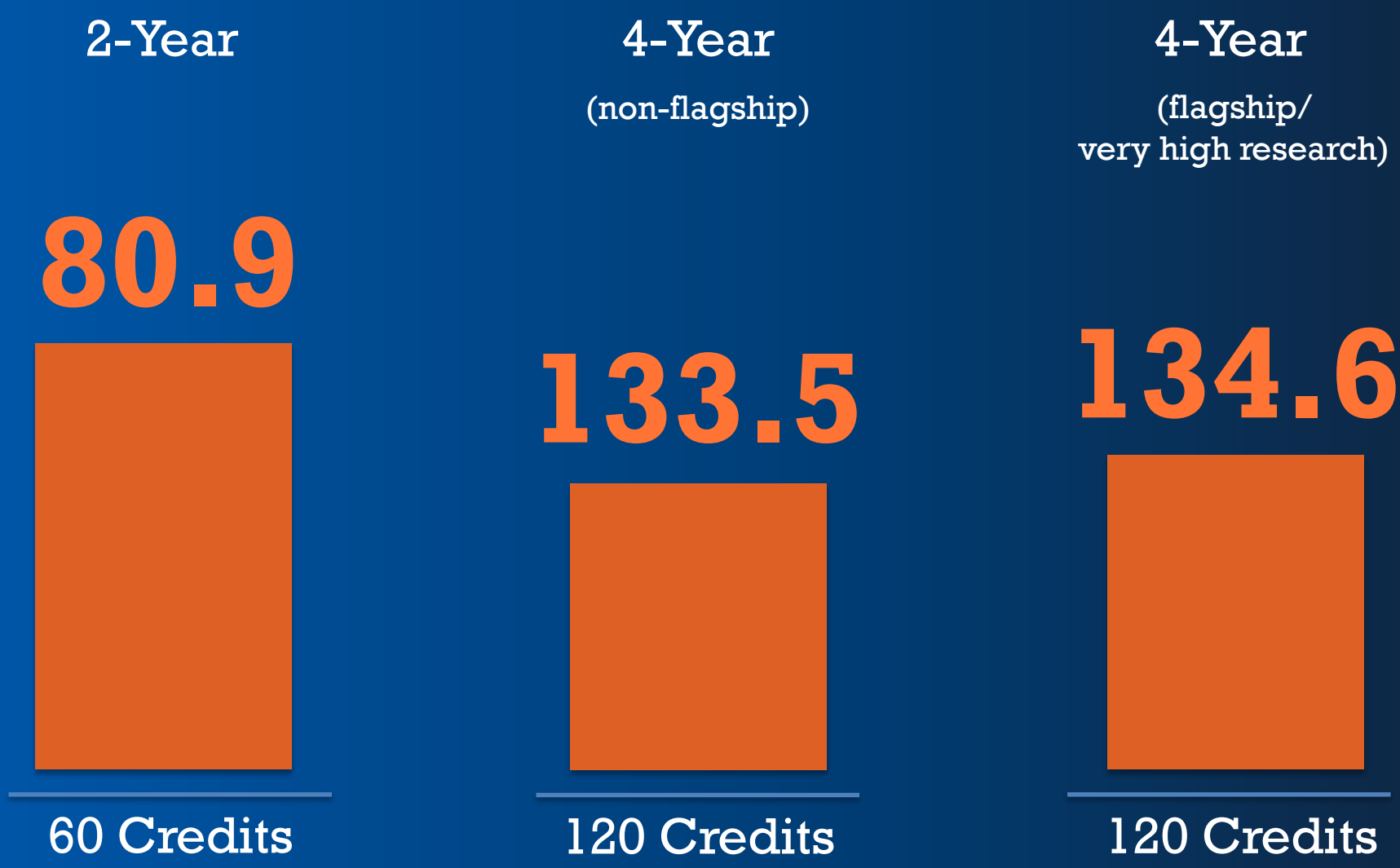

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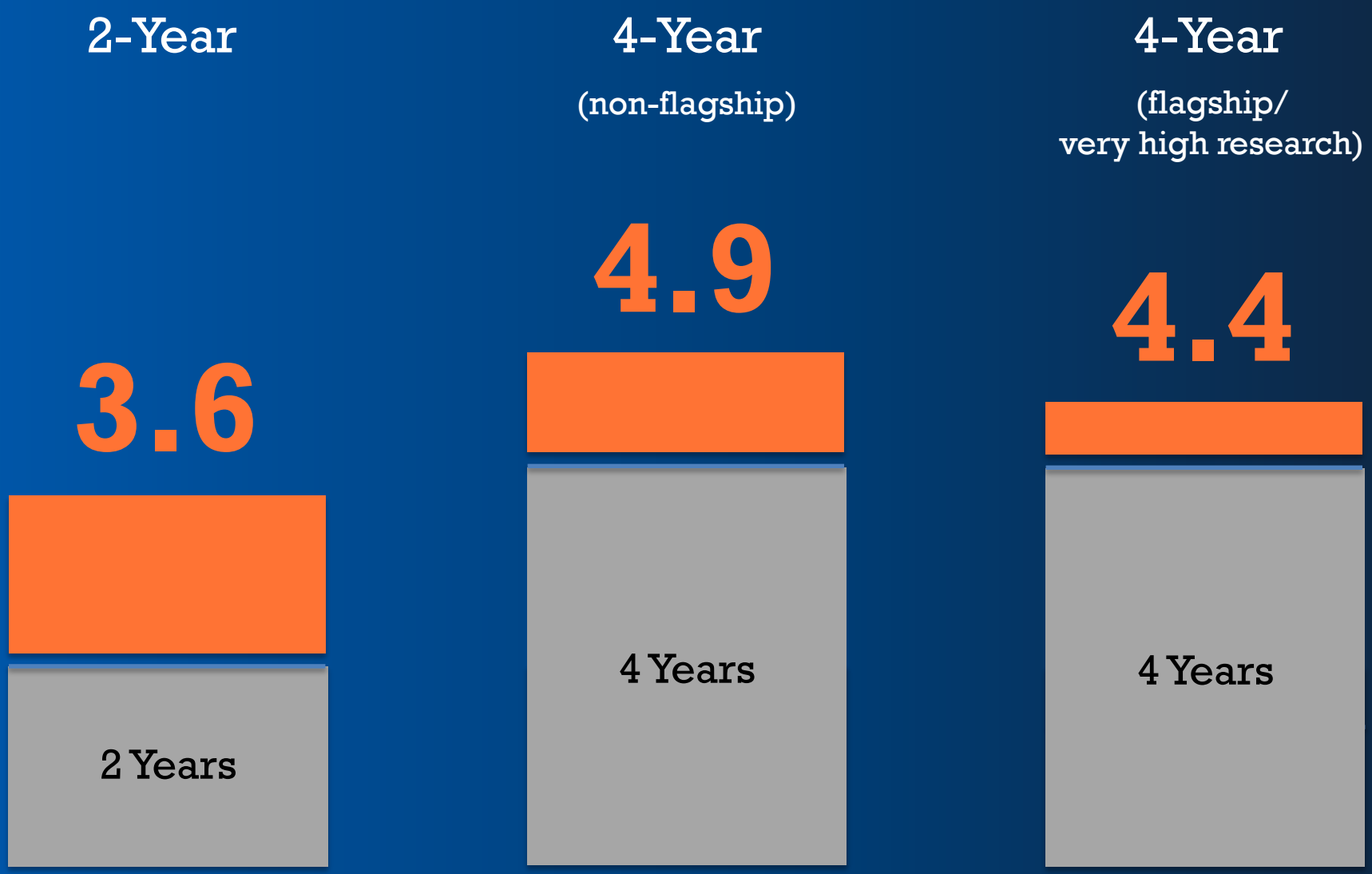

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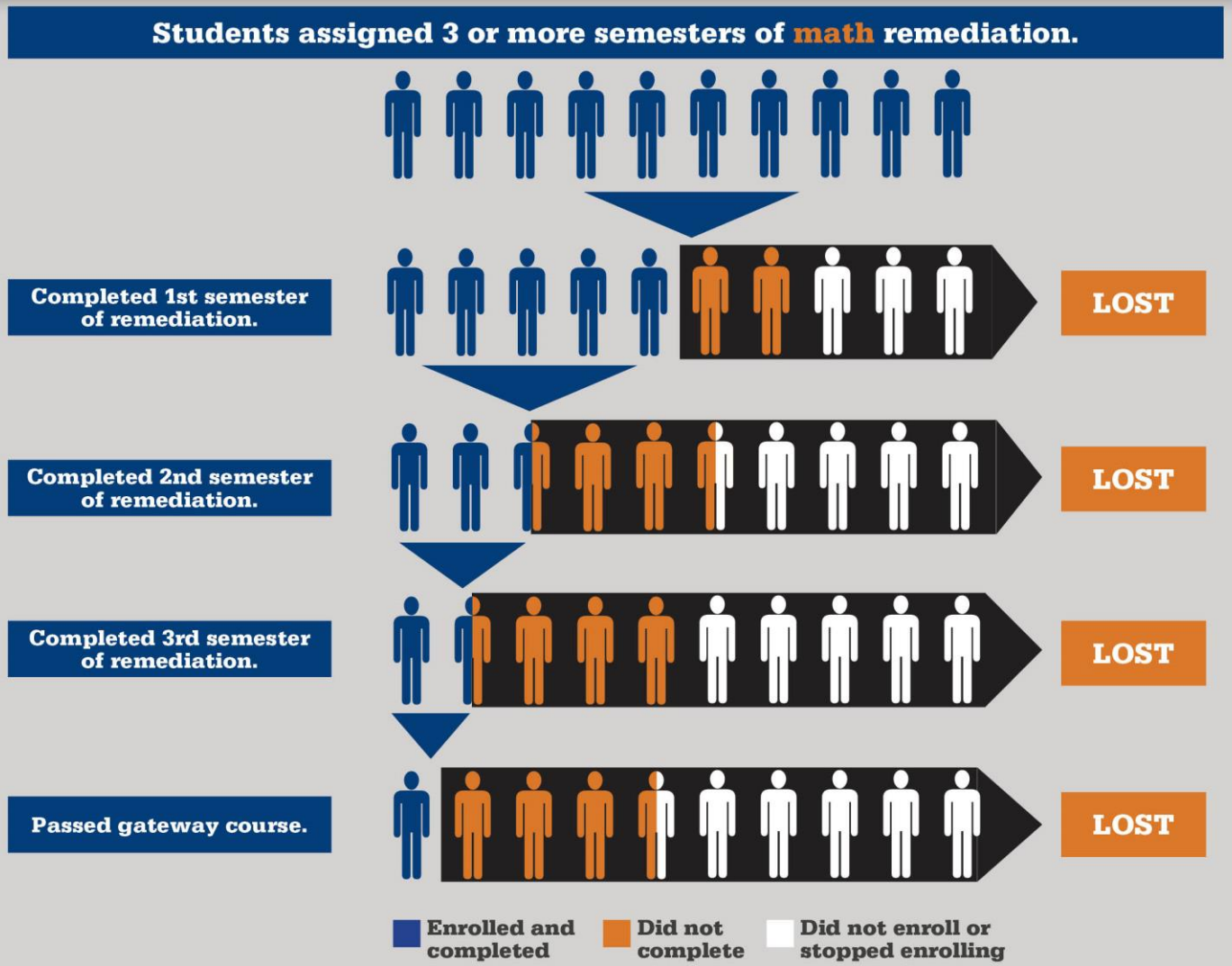

KNOW THIS The remediation system is broken. More students quit than fail.

Source: Hughes, K., Edgecombe, N., & Snell, M. (2011). "Developmental Education: Why and How We Must Reform It." New York: Columbia University, Teachers College, Community College Research Center. Presentation given at the 2011 League for Innovation in the Community College Annual Conference.

Yearly Cost of Attendance

2-Year Commuter

$15,933

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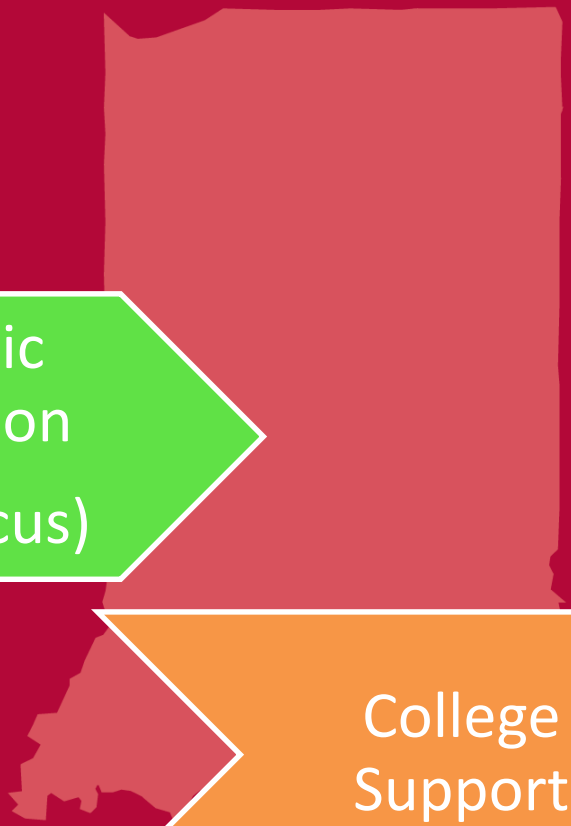
Financial Planning

Academic Preparation

(Math Focus)

College Support



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What progress has been made in encourage proactive college saving?**
  - What are some of the potential challenges?
- **In the K12 system, how successful have we been in promoting college readiness?**
  - What will it take to move Indiana forward?

Proven Completion Practices / Guided Pathways

- Meta-Majors
- Academic Maps
- Math Pathways
- 15-To-Finish
- Summer Bridge

- Structured Schedules
- Corequisite Remediation
- Default Pathways
- First-Year Experience

Create Path → **Choose Path** → **Start Path** → **Stay On Path / Graduate**

- Purpose First (Onboarding)
- Meta-Majors
- 15-To-Finish

- Critical Path Courses
- Intrusive Advising

TECHNOLOGY | DATA METRICS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What completion strategies are working?**
  - **How do you know? (evaluation)**
- **Which proven practices are exciting, but will require more time and/or resources to implement?**
- **What support could the Commission of Higher Education provide to ensure that desired completion strategies are implemented and scaled to reach the most students?**