

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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DISCUSSION ITEM C: Report on Twenty-first Century Scholar Success

Staff Recommendation

For discussion only.

Background

In 1990, Indiana policy makers created a program to help raise the educational aspirations and attainment of low and moderate income Indiana families. Administered through the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana, the Twenty-First Century Scholars Program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children. By Indiana code (IC 20-12-70), the program was established to:

- Reduce the number of students who withdrew from high school before graduation
- Increase the number of students prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation
- Increase the number of students entering institutions of higher learning
- Encourage eligible students to attend institutions of higher learning by reducing the financial burdens on the eligible students and their families
- Decrease drug and alcohol abuse by encouraging higher educational pursuits
- Improve the overall quality of life for many Indiana residents

The report to be discussed will cover the most recent data available on the performance of Twenty-first Century Scholars at key points in the Education Pipeline, including high school graduation, college entry, and college completion.

Supporting Document

To be distributed