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State remedial rate drops 3 percentage points

May 15, 2014 - The number of Colorado high school graduates needing remediation when they entered college dropped 3 percentage points in 2012-2013 over the previous year, according to this year's remedial report.

The drop reflects the impact of a variety of innovative initiatives aimed at reducing the remedial rate, such as concurrent enrollment, which allows high school students to earn college credit while still in high school, and a major overhaul of developmental education programs at the Colorado Community College System.

Students funneled into remedial courses have far lower completion rates than those students not required to take a remedial course. Hispanic, black and low-income students are disproportionately represented as needing remediation.

Other report highlights:

- Overall, the percentage of the 2012 high school graduates placed into remediation in at least one subject was 37 percent, down from 40 percent the prior year.
- Almost 78 percent of Hispanic students enrolled at a two-year college required remedial education compared to 38 percent at four-year institutions.
- Fifty-nine percent of Free and Reduced Lunch participants were not college ready at the time of enrollment compared to 31 percent of non-FRL students.
- For the first time, remedial students had higher first year retention rates than non-remedial students at community colleges.
- Approximately 62 percent of all remedial courses were completed successfully, an increase over last year's 59 percent.
- Combined, the estimated cost to the state and estimated tuition cost to the student for remedial courses amount to approximately \$56.1 million.

Find the full report at:

<http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/remedial/material/2013%20Remedial%20Report.pdf>