



OHIO BOARD
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SUCCESS CHALLENGE

WHAT IS SUCCESS CHALLENGE?

Success Challenge is a program administered by the Ohio Board of Regents. It rewards main campuses of public universities for achieving success in the following areas:

- Baccalaureate degree completion of in-state “at-risk” students
- Timely degree completion of all in-state undergraduate students

“At-risk students” are defined as those students with a lower chance of succeeding in college due to their cultural, geographic, or academic background. For the purposes of allocating Success Challenge funds, an at-risk student is defined in economic terms as any student who in the previous ten years was eligible to receive an Ohio Instructional Grant, which is need-based.

Timely degree completion is defined as completion of an undergraduate degree program within the normal timeframe for a particular program, typically four years. Exceptions are allowed for programs that clearly require a longer expected time for degree completion.

WHY SUCCESS CHALLENGE?

- To challenge universities to help at-risk undergraduate students complete their degrees.
- To challenge universities to help undergraduate students complete their degrees in four years.

The median time to degree for 1998-1999 non-transfer graduates earning baccalaureate degrees from university main campuses was 4.5 years and was achieved in 141 semester hours.

HOW DOES SUCCESS CHALLENGE WORK?

- Two-thirds of Success Challenge funds are distributed to campuses in proportion to each institution’s share of the total statewide baccalaureate degrees awarded to at-risk students. One-third of the funds are distributed to campuses in proportion to each institution’s share of the total statewide baccalaureate degrees earned by all students in a timely manner.
- Campuses must submit plans describing their efforts to improve degree completion of at-risk students and timely degree completion of all students. Plans are reviewed by the Board of Regents and made available to all institutions as a means of sharing ideas and identifying best-practices.

FY 2001 ALLOCATION OF SUCCESS CHALLENGE FUNDS		
University	Success Earnings	% of Total
The Ohio State University	\$10,701,838	22.1%
Ohio University	5,805,411	12.0%
Kent State University	4,354,324	9.0%
Bowling Green State University	4,226,294	8.7%
University of Cincinnati	4,100,145	8.5%
Miami University	3,857,433	8.0%
University of Toledo	3,640,563	7.5%
University of Akron	3,123,789	6.4%
Cleveland State University	2,972,528	6.1%
Wright State University	2,553,308	5.3%
Youngstown State University	2,316,747	4.8%
Central State University	450,806	0.9%
Shawnee State University	417,811	0.9%
Total	\$48,521,000	100.0%

EXAMPLES OF CAMPUS PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO HELP AT-RISK STUDENTS SUCCEED

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Early intervention for under-performing students
- Programs to improve study skills
- Programs to help students to adjust to college life
- Career Planning