

Part Two – Student Success**Summary**

When summarizing trends in student success and performance for Delta College students, highlights include:

- Students entering the College from local high schools tend to be under prepared for college level coursework when compared against statewide averages.
- Perhaps because of this, student retention and success rates for the College are lower than state-wide averages, and lower when compared with comparable colleges.
- Course completion rates are highest in vocational courses, and lower for transfer and basic skills courses.
- Degrees and certificates awarded by the College surged in 1998-99, but have declined slightly in recent years.
- The College has seen a slight increase in the proportion of first-time, degree-seeking students who complete degrees or transfer within three years. In 2000-01, 51 percent of this cohort of students had completed one of these two benchmarks.
- Transfers to UC and CSU campuses have risen steadily since 1998-99 and are near Partnership for Excellence targets set for the College.

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- Nearby California State University campuses in Sacramento and Stanislaus continue to draw the most transfer students from the College, with University of the Pacific the most popular choice among private California colleges. UC Davis has the highest total of Delta College transfers into the UC system.
- Reports on grade point averages for students who have transferred to CSU campuses suggest that the College's students compare favorably against other community college transfer students.