

SSTF Report to Ohio Math Initiative



Ohio Department of Higher Education

Strong Start Overview

- Composition
 - 12 universities
 - 18 community colleges
- Goals in brief
 - Increase completion of gateway math and English courses
 - Address achievement gap in course completion

Official goals: agreed by institutions

- Ensuring that clearly structured programs of study exist for all majors;
- Aligning redesigned gateway mathematics and English courses to all programs of study;
- Implementing co-requisite remediation at scale in mathematics and English;
- Building advising structures to ensure all students register for coursework in sequences to meet the goal.

Strong Start Activities

- CLASS grants
 - Two rounds of \$19K to institutions
 - Extension to May 31, 2021
 - Support activities unique to each institution that align with SSTF goals

- Convenings
 - Semi-annual gatherings to share research and collaborate with colleagues
 - Fall 2020 convening last week

Strong Start Activities

- Implementation Forums
 - Practitioner based research review and recommendations
 - <https://www.ohiohighered.org/SSTF/forums>

- ACUE Effective Teaching program
 - Supplemental grant for faculty teaching co-req/gateway courses
 - 120 faculty across the state, 50 mathematics

Strong Start Upcoming Activities

- Complete College America
 - Provide research, workshops and direct institutional support for development/refinement of co-requisite courses
 - Focus: direct enrollment in for-credit class

- Motivate Lab
 - Series of webinars on incorporating growth mindset, purpose and relevance, and sense of belonging into curriculum.

Strong Start Collaboration /Upcoming Activity

- Ohio Professional Development Consortium
 - Share faculty professional development opportunities across the state
 - Endorsement in inclusive teaching
 - [For information](#)

QUESTIONS?