

Ohio Strong Start to Finish: *Overview*

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What is Strong Start to Finish?

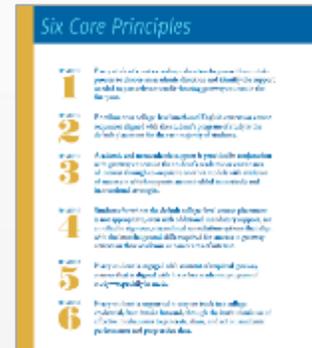
- Strong Start to Finish is a national initiative to improve the percentage of students successfully completing gateway mathematics and English in their first year of college study <https://strongstart.org/>
- Grew out of collaborative work between philanthropy and national higher education intermediary organizations

What is Strong Start to Finish?

- Core Principles for Transforming Remediation within a Comprehensive Student Success Strategy

<http://www.core-principles.org/>

- Research indicates getting students on degree path as well as out of developmental education cycle and through gateway courses leads to improved retention, persistence, and completion.
- Focus on equity



Guided Degree Pathways

Guided pathways establish **clear academic maps** for a degree program and indicate **sequencing of milestone courses** along the way to a degree

- Systemic approaches
- Structured choice
- Intensive advising

Redesigned Mathematics Gateway Courses

- The work of the Ohio Mathematics Initiative to develop multiple mathematics pathways appropriate to the major.
 - STEM
 - Statistics
 - Quantitative Reasoning

Corequisite Remediation

Students **enroll directly into college-level courses** and **receive simultaneous academic support.**

What is Strong Start to Finish?

- 3 year, \$2.25 million grant
- Coalition of funders: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation, and Kresge Foundation
- Education Commission of the States (ECS) is the fiscal agent and administers the grant
- Ohio Strong Start to Finish is one of 9 sites selected from 47 letters of interest
- 3 - possibly 4 - sites to be selected
- Full proposal due December 1, 2017

Ohio Strong Start to Finish

- Collaborative effort to develop statewide response to Strong Start to Finish grant opportunity
 - ODHE
 - OACC
 - IUC

Builds on Current Efforts

- Outcomes-Based Funding
- Campus Completion Plans
- Ohio Mathematics Initiative
- Ohio Mathematics Bridges to Success
- Uniform Statewide Standards for Remediation-Free Status
- OACC Guided Pathways Initiative
- Institutional Student Success Efforts, including
 - Intrusive advising
 - Corequisite remediation
 - Placement

Ohio Strong Start to Finish Goal

- Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year, participating Ohio colleges and universities commit to doubling the participating college and university aggregate percentage of new degree-seeking students completing their gateway mathematics and English courses as part of a guided pathway within their first academic year.

Focus on Promoting 4 Priority Actions

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

State Level Actions

Working Groups

- **Placement:** Clarifying placement strategies for students falling above and below the remediation-free thresholds
- **Advising:** Developing models and frameworks for comprehensive advising practices that ensure all students are effectively advised about guided pathways, including appropriate mathematics and English gateway courses
- **Co-requisite Models:** Leveraging the efforts of the OMI on co-requisite remediation, identify and disseminate successful models for co-requisite remediation to include syllabi and other course materials

Institutional Level Actions and Supports

- Supports activities related to four priority action areas
 - Already underway on your campus
 - Promoting new efforts
- Statewide learning network of participating institutions
- Technical assistance for best practices at group meetings/summits
- Campus-based implementation coaching/technical assistance
- Modest grant award for strategic activities to promote implementation on your campus (amount will depend in part on the number of schools participating)
- Increased student retention, persistence, and completion

Request to Institutions

- Email sent to all Presidents on October 24, 2017 requesting consideration of committing to be part of Ohio Strong Start to Finish
 - Overview of the opportunity
 - Copy of letter of interest submitted to ECS
 - Institutional data on outcomes
- Seeking commitment from institutions to participate in Ohio Strong Start to Finish no later than **November 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m**

Key Dates

- Letter of Commitment by President – November 8
- Full Proposal Submission to ECS – December 1
- Notification of Award – February 2018
- Initiative Launch – March 2018

Thank you!

Questions?

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