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California State University Report: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics Proficiency of All First-Time Freshmen – CSU Final Report

Section 66015.12 (b) of the California Education Code states the California State University shall submit a final report to the Legislature each year that includes all of the following information:

(1) The total number of regularly admitted and specially admitted first-time freshmen.

(2) The proportion of regularly admitted and specially admitted first-time freshmen who are exempt from entry-level proficiency exams.

(3) The proportion of regularly admitted and specially admitted first-time freshmen who become exempt through each of the approved alternatives.

(4) The entry-level proficiency exam pass-rates of regularly admitted and specially admitted first-time freshmen.

This report summarizes the proficiency status of new first-time freshmen at the CSU in math and English. There are separate tables for the system and campuses. The top of each table describes the proficiency status of regular admits, those subject to CSU policies on proficiency. Regular admits traditionally represent over 95 percent of all new freshmen. The bottom of each table describes the proficiency status of special admits (i.e., students that were exempt from the CSU admission criteria).
The information for regular admits presented in this report is also posted at: http://www.asd.calstate.edu/performance/proficiency.shtml. Historical information dating back to fall 1997 is posted on the same site.

The report, which includes CSU summary and detailed campus-by-campus data on fall 2014 regularly admitted and specially admitted first-time freshmen and their entry-level proficiency, can be found at: www.calstate.edu/budget/fybudget/legislative-reports/.

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Full report posted to www.calstate.edu/budget/fybudget/legislative-reports/

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