SCHEV Responsibilities for Transfer

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Purpose and Topics

Purpose: Inform Council on the state of transfer.

- Topics:
 - Key data on the state of transfer
 - Council responsibilities for transfer
 - Highlighted activities

Transfer: Quick Facts

- Average annual number of transfer students
 - All Transfer Students: 12,126
 - Transfer w/ Associate's: 7,023
- Post-transfer retention
 - All Transfer Students: 85%
 - Transfer w/ Associate's: 89%
- Graduation rate
 - All Transfer Students: 71%
 - Transfer w/ Associate's: 76%
- Average advertised cost of four-year degree
 - Four-year Pathway: \$57,840
 - 2+2 Transfer Pathway: \$36,724 (36.5% reduction)

SCHEV Responsibilities for Transfer in Virginia

Transfer Policies:

- State Policy on College Transfer
- Virginia Public Higher Education Policy for Dual Enrollment Transferability
- Virginia Public Higher Education Policy on Passport and Uniform Certificate of General Studies Programs
- Public Higher Education Policy Guidelines for the Development of
- Transfer Agreements
- Public Higher Education Policy Guidelines for the Development of Pathway Maps

State Committee on Transfer:

- Implements and monitors transfer-related policies
- Facilitates communication and outreach on transfer.
- Comprised of representatives from two-year colleges and public and private four-year institutions with two elected co-chairs
- Meets virtually eight to ten times per year

Transfer Virginia Initiative

Description:

• Collaborative project between all public institutions, two- and four-year, and 16 private four-years institutions with a goal to remove gateway barriers and improve credit efficiency, time to transfer, and degree attainment rates. Project started in 2019 in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Educational Excellence.

Elements:

- Transfer Virginia Portal Central location for all transfer-related information.
- Programmatic pathway maps Provide students with the specific courses necessary for seamlessly transfer and baccalaureate completion.
- Standardized statewide transfer agreements Streamlines student transfer though the use articulation, dual, guaranteed admission agreements.
- Communication and collaboration Alignment of academic expectation across two- and four-year institutions.

Highlighted Transfer-related Activities

- Development of statewide transcript data exchange
- Portal growth and expansion
- Development of programmatic pathway
 - 30 Disciplines
 - ~350 Transfer Pathways to date
- Institutional training on pathway map development and curricular alignment
- Development of guaranteed program admission and dual admission agreements



