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# Predictive Validity of High School Grade Point Average Before and After AB 705 

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## Introduction

Implementation of AB 705 in fall 2019 required California community colleges to use high school grade point average (HSGPA) as the main measure of placement and maximize the likelihood of students being placed into transfer-level English and math courses. Since that time, research ${ }^{1}$ has shown that with the vast increase in access to transfer-level courses, the one-year completion rate of these courses (i.e., throughput) also increased. These completion outcomes exceeded prior throughput rates when students largely began in basic skills coursework. However, as throughput increased for all student groups, ${ }^{2}$ course success rates decreased at varying rates across colleges, causing some concern about the validity of high school transcript data as a predictor of success in transfer-level English and math courses.

Prior to implementation of the legislation, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) provided guidance on how best to place students based on their high school performance. ${ }^{3}$ While previous research showed HSGPA to be the most predictive factor of college performance in English and math coursework, ${ }^{4}$ full implementation for English and math within the California Community Colleges still left some wondering if this measure remained the best predictor of college success post $A B 705$ implementation.

To further explore this issue, The RP Group's Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP) research team examined the validity of HSGPA in predicting course grades in students' first community college course in either English or math when that course was at transfer level. The following brief reviews our methodology and highlights key findings and conclusions. Graphical displays of the results are included in the brief, while the full results of each model are included in the appendix. As this summary demonstrates, strong evidence continues to support HSGPA as a valid measure for community college placement into transfer-level English and math.

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## Methodology

The RP Group obtained data for this analysis from the Cal-PASS ${ }^{5}$ system using MMAP data file methodology. ${ }^{6}$ We created three separate regression models to determine the predictive validity of HSGPA and course grades. Model 1 includes HSGPA alone. Model 2 includes HSGPA with the addition of the highest course a student completed in high school in either English or math, respectively. Model 3 includes HSGPA with the highest course a student completed in high school English or math and adds the grade received in those courses.

We ran separate regression analyses by subject (English and math), by cohort (year of community college course attempt), and for each model mentioned above (Model 1-3). Additionally, we ran each model with and without sample restrictions (complete ${ }^{7}$ high school transcript information ${ }^{8}$ and incomplete high school information). We provide a graphic depiction of each model in Graphs 1-4 below and present the standardized coefficients ${ }^{9}$ of each of these models in Tables 1-4 in the Appendix.

We defined English courses by the Taxonomy of Program (TOP) code 1501.00 (English). We identified math courses by the TOP code 1701.00 (Mathematics); in addition, we collaborated with the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) to determine specific "non-math department" courses in other TOP code areas that also fulfill the math transfer requirement. ${ }^{10}$ Transfer-level gateway courses with English and math TOP codes were those courses with a CB21 code of " $\gamma$ " (not prior to college level) and a CB05 transfer status code indicating that the course transfers to the University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU) system.

In our first set of analyses, we ran the CCCCO's original default placement rules ${ }^{11}$ for students with complete high school information. Our second set of analyses did not limit the data to four full years of high school data; that is, high school information (such as HSGPA or course
${ }^{5}$ https://www.calpassplus.org/Home
${ }^{6}$ https://bit.ly/3dcXKVY
${ }^{7}$ Complete information refers to some course information being available in all four years of high school. However, there were still instances with some missing data depending on the data field. That is, GPA might be available for all four years, but highest course completed or grade in highest course might be missing. Therefore, sample sizes even in complete transcript data models differ between Models 1-3.
${ }^{8}$ In addition, the complete data set was limited to students with a maximum of 10 years between last course enrollment in high school and community college subject enrollment. The incomplete transcript dataset did not have a time restriction between high school and community college enrollment.
${ }^{9}$ The benefit of using standardized coefficients is that they are comparable across models and mimic correlation coefficients.
${ }^{10}$ Including 0103.00 (Plant Science); 0501.00 (Business); 0505.00 (Business Administration); 0506.00 (Business Management); 0707.10 (Computer Programming); 1799.00 (Other Math); 2001.00 (Psychology); 2003.00
(Behavioral Science); 2099.00 (Other Psychology); 2201.00 (Social Sciences); 2204.00 (Economics); and 2208.00 (Sociology).
${ }^{11}$ https://bit.ly/3U8CgKl
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completion) was not available for all years for all students. This model might under- or overestimate GPA and potentially underestimate highest completed course level.

## Findings

When exploring the validity of HSGPA in predicting a student's grade in their first community college course in either English or math when that course was at transfer level...

- HSGPA remained just as strong a predictor of course grades in transferable English and math when used as the predominant placement method as it was when assessment tests were the predominant method of placement in prior years.
- HSGPA alone or in combination with other high school indicators, including highest course and course grade, is a strong predictor of course grades in transferable English and math courses at California community colleges.
- While the population of students whose first course of enrollment was at transfer level increased significantly between 2010 and 2020, the standardized coefficient remained stable, with a slight increase in predictive validity of HSGPA post-AB 705 implementation.
- HSGPA remained a strong a predictor of course grades in transferable English and math for students with and without four full years of high school data.

We detail these findings below.

## Predictive Validity of High School GPA for Students with Complete Transcript Data

## English

Graph 1 below (see Table 1 in the Appendix for the detailed model summary) shows students with four full years of high school transcript data available who enrolled in a transfer-level English course at a California Community College. As the graph displays, the standardized coefficients ${ }^{12}$ in Models 1, 2, and 3 remained stable over a 10-year period from 2010 to 2020, including prior to $A B 705$ implementation (the legislation required full implementation in fall 2019) and post AB 705 implementation. While the population of students whose first course of enrollment was at transfer level increased from around 11,000 students in 2010 to around 78,000 students in 2020, the standardized coefficient remained at over 0.4 indicating a very

[^1]strong ${ }^{13}$ relationship. This increase of 66,000 students, represents how many more students are being placed predominantly using high school transcript data in 2020. This finding suggests that HSGPA remained just as strong a predictor of course grades in transferable English when used as the predominant placement method as it was when assessment tests were the predominant method of placement in prior years.

Graph 1. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in English at Transfer Level, Students with Complete Transcript Data


When looking at the three models, the addition of predictors at each step explained some of the variance exhibited by HSGPA, while also increasing the total variance explained in the models ( R -squared values). This finding indicates that the additional predictors (highest completed course and grade in highest completed course) help explain performance in the transfer-level community college English course. Nevertheless, the effect size and predictive validity of HSGPA remained strong (coefficients ranging from 0.302 to 0.395 ), even when including the additional predictors. This finding suggests that HSGPA alone or in combination with other high school indictors is a strong predictor of course grades in transferable California community college English courses.

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## MATH

Results for math followed a very similar pattern to English, as displayed in Graph 2 below. The standardized coefficients in Models 1, 2, and 3 (see Table 2 in Appendix for details) remained stable over a 10-year period from 2010 to 2020. While the population of students whose first course of enrollment was at transfer level increased from around 8,000 students in 2010 to around 57,000 students in 2020, the standardized coefficient remained at around 0.4 indicating a very strong relationship. In fact, post AB 705, there was a slight increase in predictive validity of HSGPA in all three models.

Similar to the English results, the addition of predictors at each step explained some of the variance exhibited by HSGPA, while also increasing the total variance explained in the models. This finding indicates that the additional predictors (highest completed course and grade in highest completed course) help explain performance in the transfer-level community college math course. Nevertheless, the effect size and predictive validity of HSGPA remained strong (coefficient ranging from 0.288 to 0.371 ), even when including the additional predictors. This finding suggests that HSGPA alone or in combination with other high school indictors is a strong predictor of course grades in transferable community college math courses.

Graph 2. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in Math at Transfer Level, Students with Complete Transcript Data


## Predictive Validity of High School Data for Students with Four Years or Fewer of High School Data

While we could apply the default placement rules used by the CCCCO to students with complete high school transcript records, colleges implementing placement at the local level do not always have full high school records for every student. The models presented in Graphs 3 and 4 (and Tables 3 and 4 in the Appendix) below explore the utility of using HSGPA and course information for placement when full high school records are not available. Graphs 3 and 4 below include all students with full high school records AND those with fewer than four years of high school data.

## English

Results for students with four years or fewer of high school transcript information for English, as displayed in Graph 3 below, followed a very similar pattern to English outcomes for students with four full years of high school transcript data as articulated above. The standardized coefficients in Models 1, 2, and 3 (see Table 3 in Appendix for details) remained stable over a 10 -year period from 2010 to 2020. While the population of students whose first course of enrollment was at transfer level increased from around 101,000 students in 2010 to around 156,000 students in 2020, the standardized coefficient remained at around 0.35 . In fact, post AB 705, there was a slight increase in predictive validity of HSGPA in all three models for English, even when four full years of high school data may not be available.

Graph 3. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in English at Transfer Level, Students with Four or Fewer Years of High School Data


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## Math

Results for students with four years or fewer of high school transcript information for math, as displayed in Graph 4 below, followed a very similar pattern to math outcomes for students with four full years of high school transcript data as shared above. The standardized coefficients in Models 1, 2, and 3 (see Table 4 in Appendix for details) remained stable over a 10-year period from 2010 to 2020. While the population of students whose first course of enrollment was at transfer level increased from around 115,000 students in 2010 to around 139,000 students in 2020, the standardized coefficient remained at around 0.35. Similar to English, post AB 705, there was a slight increase in predictive validity of HSGPA in all three models for math, even when four full years of high school data may not be available.

Graph 4. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in Math at Transfer Level, Students with Four or Fewer Years of High School Data


## Conclusion

Overall, there is strong evidence backing HSGPA as a valid measure for community college placement into transfer-level English and math. The results hold when HSGPA is used alone or in combination with other high school transcript data, including highest math or English course enrolled and grade in highest course. The predictive validity of high school transcript data has remained just as strong a predictor of course success in transferable English and math when used as the only placement measure as when assessment tests were used as the predominant method of placement. This finding is important in the post-AB 705 implementation context, when a significantly higher rate of students started directly in transfer-level courses.

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Further, high school transcript data remained a valid measure for placement even when four full years of high school information was not available. These data indicate that the use of high school transcript information continues to be a strong predictor of course success under the parameters of the law, and thus should remain the primary source of placement for students when available. Colleges need to ensure they are collecting high school information from students through various processes, including the common application (OpenCCCApply), the Multiple Measures Placement Service (MMPS), locally collected self-reported data processes, local high school data sharing agreements, or the collection of high school transcripts directly from students - among other locally developed processes. Further, colleges should ensure they are using high school transcript information for placement, even when a full four years of data are not available.

## Appendix

Table 1. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in English at Transfer Level, Students with Complete Transcript Data, by Year

|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Pre AB 705 |  |  |  |  |
| Model 1 | Coefficient | 0.423 | 0.427 | 0.412 | 0.391 | 0.386 | 0.409 | 0.424 | 0.434 | 0.451 |
| Model 2 | Coefficient | 0.415 | 0.419 | 0.402 | 0.382 | 0.378 | 0.399 | 0.415 | 0.422 | 0.436 |
| Model 3 | Coefficient | 0.351 | 0.361 | 0.346 | 0.317 | 0.302 | 0.333 | 0.338 | 0.347 | 0.355 |
| Model 1 | $R^{2}$ | 0.179 | 0.183 | 0.169 | 0.153 | 0.149 | 0.167 | 0.180 | 0.189 | 0.203 |
| Model 2 | $R^{2}$ | 0.185 | 0.185 | 0.172 | 0.155 | 0.151 | 0.170 | 0.182 | 0.192 | 0.208 |
| Model 3 | $R^{2}$ | 0.193 | 0.192 | 0.178 | 0.164 | 0.164 | 0.180 | 0.196 | 0.206 | 0.222 |
| Model 1 | $N$ | 11,323 | 10,858 | 10,980 | 11,744 | 11,350 | 15,000 | 23,696 | 37,307 | 60,343 |
| Model 2 | $N$ | 11,323 | 10,858 | 10,980 | 11,744 | 11,350 | 15,000 | 23,696 | 37,307 | 60,343 |
| Model 3 | $N$ | 11,303 | 10,826 | 10,958 | 11,728 | 11,337 | 14,975 | 23,672 | 37,257 | 60,279 |

Notes: Standardized coefficients of HSGPA predicting first English course grade in the California Community Colleges. Dependent variable is course grade. Year indicates year in which a student enrolled in the first community college course in English at transfer level. Model $1=$ HSGPA. Model $2=$ HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in English. Model 3 = HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in English + grade in highest course completed in high school in English. Includes only students with four years of high school data whose first course in the community college was a transfer-level English course.

[^3]Table 2. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in Math at Transfer Level, Students with Complete Transcript Data, by Year

|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Pre AB 705 |  |  |  |  |
| Model 1 | Coefficient | 0.396 | 0.354 | 0.364 | 0.355 | 0.377 | 0.400 | 0.422 | 0.415 | 0.411 |
| Model 2 | Coefficient | 0.367 | 0.326 | 0.349 | 0.340 | 0.358 | 0.380 | 0.401 | 0.387 | 0.384 |
| Model 3 | Coefficient | 0.320 | 0.298 | 0.312 | 0.288 | 0.303 | 0.330 | 0.347 | 0.321 | 0.325 |
| Model 1 | $R^{2}$ | 0.157 | 0.125 | 0.133 | 0.126 | 0.142 | 0.160 | 0.178 | 0.172 | 0.169 |
| Model 2 | $R^{2}$ | 0.171 | 0.136 | 0.141 | 0.132 | 0.153 | 0.170 | 0.185 | 0.182 | 0.178 |
| Model 3 | $R^{2}$ | 0.178 | 0.137 | 0.146 | 0.140 | 0.162 | 0.175 | 0.191 | 0.192 | 0.186 |
| Model 1 | $N$ | 8,046 | 7,286 | 7,200 | 7,980 | 8,116 | 9,968 | 14,753 | 22,485 | 34,863 |
| Model 2 | $N$ | 8,046 | 7,286 | 7,200 | 7,980 | 8,116 | 9,968 | 14,753 | 22,485 | 34,863 |
| Model 3 | $N$ | 8,003 | 7,257 | 7,166 | 7,942 | 8,085 | 9,944 | 14,724 | 22,436 | 34,820 |

Notes: Standardized coefficients of HSGPA predicting first math course grade in the California Community Colleges. Dependent variable is course grade. Year indicates year in which a student enrolled in the first community college course in math at the transfer level. Model $1=$ HSGPA. Model $2=$ HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in math. Model 3 = HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in math + grade in highest course completed in high school in math. Includes only students with four years of high school data whose first course in the community college was a transfer-level math course.

[^4]Table 3. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in English at Transfer Level, Students with Four or Fewer Years of High School Data, by Year

|  |  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
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|  |  | Pre AB 705 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Post AB 705 |  |
| Model 1 | Coefficient | 0.354 | 0.341 | 0.331 | 0.330 | 0.339 | 0.357 | 0.363 | 0.376 | 0.392 | 0.421 | 0.422 |
| Model 2 | Coefficient | 0.365 | 0.352 | 0.343 | 0.342 | 0.344 | 0.358 | 0.361 | 0.374 | 0.390 | 0.419 | 0.429 |
| Model 3 | Coefficient | 0.310 | 0.305 | 0.295 | 0.285 | 0.280 | 0.293 | 0.296 | 0.308 | 0.319 | 0.350 | 0.366 |
| Model 1 | $R^{2}$ | 0.126 | 0.116 | 0.110 | 0.109 | 0.115 | 0.127 | 0.132 | 0.141 | 0.154 | 0.177 | 0.178 |
| Model 2 | $R^{2}$ | 0.140 | 0.129 | 0.123 | 0.123 | 0.126 | 0.136 | 0.140 | 0.151 | 0.164 | 0.188 | 0.186 |
| Model 3 | $R^{2}$ | 0.144 | 0.132 | 0.127 | 0.128 | 0.133 | 0.143 | 0.147 | 0.158 | 0.172 | 0.195 | 0.188 |
| Model 1 | $N$ | 101,793 | 105,361 | 09,087 | 126,850 | 138,424 | 146,259 | 157,527 | 166,689 | 173,966 | 191,781 | 156,437 |
| Model 2 | $N$ | 92,098 | 96,637 | 101,925 | 116,878 | 130,643 | 41,368 | 54,056 | 164,056 | 171,803 | 189,302 | 154,438 |
| Model 3 | $N$ | 91,099 | 95,778 | 101,254 | 116,225 | 129,954 | 40,721 | 153,436 | 163,380 | 171,033 | 187,617 | 135,998 |

Notes: Standardized coefficients of HSGPA predicting first English course grade in the California Community Colleges. Dependent variable is course grade. Year indicates year in which a student enrolled in the first community college course in English at the transfer level. Model $1=$ HSGPA. Model $2=$ HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in English. Model 3 = HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in English + grade in highest course completed in high school in English. Includes students with four years or fewer of high school data whose first course in the community college was a transfer-level English course.

[^5]Table 4. Standardized Coefficients of HSGPA Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in Math at Transfer Level, Students with Four or Fewer Years of High School Data, by Year

|  |  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pre AB 705 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Post AB 705 |  |
| Model 1 | Coefficient | 0.328 | 0.314 | 0.321 | 0.309 | 0.315 | 0.329 | 0.332 | 0.340 | 0.353 | 0.407 | 0.402 |
| Model 2 | Coefficient | 0.304 | 0.292 | 0.291 | 0.277 | 0.283 | 0.299 | 0.302 | 0.308 | 0.324 | 0.369 | 0.384 |
| Model 3 | Coefficient | 0.267 | 0.259 | 0.256 | 0.238 | 0.241 | 0.261 | 0.263 | 0.264 | 0.271 | 0.314 | 0.336 |
| Model 1 | $R^{2}$ | 0.108 | 0.099 | 0.103 | 0.095 | 0.099 | 0.108 | 0.111 | 0.116 | 0.125 | 0.166 | 0.162 |
| Model 2 | $R^{2}$ | 0.130 | 0.116 | 0.122 | 0.118 | 0.119 | 0.127 | 0.126 | 0.130 | 0.140 | 0.184 | 0.175 |
| Model 3 | $R^{2}$ | 0.133 | 0.118 | 0.125 | 0.121 | 0.122 | 0.130 | 0.129 | 0.133 | 0.142 | 0.185 | 0.169 |
| Model 1 | $N$ | 115,260 | 117,238 | 119,880 | 140,708 | 151,532 | 160,500 | 168,589 | 73,055 | 172,831 | 163,413 | 139,411 |
| Model 2 | $N$ | 99,018 | 102,736 | 106,025 | 123,333 | 136,915 | 150,430 | 160,199 | 166,754 | 167,866 | 159,105 | 135,840 |
| Model 3 | $N$ | 97,779 | 101,630 | 105,044 | 122,420 | 135,932 | 149,534 | 159,284 | 165,581 | 166,153 | 156,646 | 124,887 |

Notes: Standardized coefficients of HSGPA predicting first math course grade point in the California Community Colleges. Dependent variable is course grade. Year indicates year in which a student enrolled in the first community college course in English at the transfer level. Model $1=$ HSGPA. Model $2=$ HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in math. Model $3=$ HSGPA + highest course completed in high school in math + grade in highest course completed in high school in math. Includes students with four years or fewer of high school data whose first course in the community college was a transfer-level math course.

Table A1. Standardized Coefficients Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in English at Transfer Level, by Year
Note: Standardized coefficients with raw coefficients in parentheses. ${ }^{* * *} p<.001,{ }^{* *} p<.01,{ }^{*} p<.05$

|  |  | Complete Transcript Data <br> Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  | Incomplete Transcript Data <br> Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
| 2010 | High School GPA | 0.423 (1.133)*** | 0.415 (1.11)*** | 0.351 (0.942)*** | 0.366 (0.813)*** | 0.383 (0.883)*** | 0.321 (0.741)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language Arts |  | 0.044 (0.144) | 0.041 (0.135) |  | $0.102(0.324)^{* * *}$ | 0.111 (0.354)*** |
|  | English 9 |  | -0.004 (-0.165) | -0.003 (-0.145) |  | 0.045 (0.465)*** | 0.049 (0.511)*** |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.016 (0.27) | 0.016 (0.268) |  | 0.101 (0.59)*** | 0.108 (0.627)*** |
|  | English 11 |  | -0.041 (-0.341) | -0.037 (-0.312) |  | 0.069 (0.359)*** | 0.075 (0.389)*** |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.03 (0.088) | 0.025 (0.074) |  | 0.076 (0.255)** | 0.084 (0.281) ** |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.034 (0.193) | 0.033 (0.189) |  | $0.051(0.331)^{* * *}$ | 0.055 (0.355)*** |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.057 (0.263) | 0.068 (0.31) |  | 0.096 (0.527)*** | 0.11 (0.601)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.054 (0.405) | 0.061 (0.453)* |  | 0.075 (0.553)*** | 0.086 (0.632)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.109 (0.171)*** |  |  | 0.097 (0.143)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.179 | 0.185 | 0.193 | 0.134 | 0.155 | 0.161 |
|  | $N$ | 11323 | 11323 | 11303 | 43120 | 39159 | 38856 |
| 2011 | High School GPA | 0.427 (1.142)*** | 0.419 (1.121)*** | 0.361 (0.966)*** | 0.356 (0.773)*** | 0.369 (0.825)*** | 0.313 (0.7)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language Arts |  | 0.063 (0.221) | 0.081 (0.285) |  | 0.079 (0.255)** | 0.095 (0.308)*** |
|  | English 9 |  | 0.011 (0.325) | 0.015 (0.455) |  | 0.088 (0.549)*** | $0.098(0.612)^{* * *}$ |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.021 (0.359) | 0.026 (0.446) |  | 0.085 (0.427)*** | 0.097 (0.483)*** |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.001 (0.009) | 0.011 (0.103) |  | 0.06 (0.305)*** | 0.07 (0.355)*** |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.102 (0.306) | 0.122 (0.366) |  | 0.053 (0.181)* | 0.067 (0.228)** |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.048 (0.275) | 0.059 (0.337) |  | 0.024 (0.178)* | 0.031 (0.225)* |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.087 (0.402) | 0.111 (0.513) |  | 0.069 (0.411)*** | 0.085 (0.5)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.058 (0.421) | 0.074 (0.535) |  | 0.062 (0.449)*** | 0.075 (0.543)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.104 (0.164)*** |  |  | 0.088 (0.127)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.183 | 0.185 | 0.192 | 0.127 | 0.144 | 0.149 |
|  | $N$ | 10858 | 10858 | 10826 | 45155 | 41617 | 41333 |

[^6]|  |  | Complete Transcript DataStandardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  | Incomplete Transcript Data Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
| 2012 | High School GPA | 0.412 (1.105)*** | 0.402 (1.08) *** | 0.346 (0.929)*** | 0.346 (0.743)*** | 0.361 (0.804)*** | 0.305 (0.681)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language <br> Arts |  | -0.105 (-0.364) | -0.1 (-0.346) |  | -0.016 (-0.052) | -0.006 (-0.02) |
|  | English 9 |  | -0.032 (-0.745) | -0.032 (-0.743) |  | 0.027 (0.162) | 0.035 (0.21)* |
|  | English 10 |  | -0.02 (-0.339) | -0.02 (-0.329) |  | 0.029 (0.149) | 0.036 (0.183)* |
|  | English 11 |  | -0.042 (-0.432) | -0.037 (-0.379) |  | -0.001 (-0.005) | 0.006 (0.029) |
|  | English 12 |  | -0.11 (-0.329) | -0.102 (-0.303) |  | -0.034 (-0.112) | -0.025 (-0.085) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | -0.078 (-0.441) | -0.076 (-0.426) |  | -0.02 (-0.146) | -0.016 (-0.119) |
|  | AP English Literature |  | -0.047 (-0.211) | -0.031 (-0.139) |  | 0.03 (0.172) | 0.042 (0.242)** |
|  | AP English Language |  | -0.021 (-0.172) | -0.011 (-0.09) |  | 0.026 (0.202)* | 0.035 (0.27)** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.1 (0.161)*** |  |  | 0.087 (0.126)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.169 | 0.172 | 0.178 | 0.12 | 0.139 | 0.144 |
|  | $N$ | 10980 | 10980 | 10958 | 47319 | 44214 | 43986 |
| 2013 | High School GPA | 0.391 (1.058)*** | 0.382 (1.035)*** | 0.317 (0.859)*** | 0.347 (0.755)*** | 0.358 (0.802)*** | 0.288 (0.648)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language Arts |  | 0.173 (0.609) | 0.169 (0.596) |  | 0.077 (0.259)** | 0.092 (0.308)** |
|  | English 9 |  | 0.013 (0.422) | 0.011 (0.371) |  | 0.06 (0.413)*** | 0.071 (0.49)*** |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.033 (0.635) | 0.032 (0.624) |  | 0.067 (0.399) *** | 0.078 (0.464)*** |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.06 (0.613) | 0.062 (0.632) |  | 0.06 (0.27)** | $0.074(0.334){ }^{* * *}$ |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.177 (0.53) | 0.175 (0.525) |  | 0.043 (0.143) | 0.06 (0.198)* |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.084 (0.454) | 0.08 (0.432) |  | 0.028 (0.179) | 0.035 (0.228)* |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.155 (0.677) | 0.167 (0.731) |  | 0.079 (0.429)*** | 0.098 (0.536) *** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.093 (0.779) | 0.1 (0.838) |  | 0.07 (0.508)*** | 0.085 (0.618)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.114 (0.18)*** |  |  | 0.107 (0.156)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.153 | 0.155 | 0.164 | 0.12 | 0.137 | 0.144 |
|  | $N$ | 11744 | 11744 | 11728 | 56852 | 52994 | 52775 |
| 2014 | High School GPA | 0.386 (1.048)*** | 0.378 (1.026)*** | $0.302(0.821)^{* * *}$ | 0.35 (0.777)*** | 0.356 (0.811)*** | 0.275 (0.629)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language <br> Arts |  | 0.157 (0.591) | 0.18 (0.678) |  | 0.003 (0.009) | 0.019 (0.068) |
|  | English 9 |  | 0.009 (0.286) | 0.011 (0.327) |  | 0.013 (0.093) | 0.024 (0.175) |

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|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.036 (0.79) | 0.039 (0.876)* |  | 0.018 (0.123) | 0.028 (0.188)* |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.063 (0.701) | 0.072 (0.813)* |  | -0.001 (-0.004) | 0.015 (0.061) |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.183 (0.558) | 0.213 (0.652) |  | -0.024 (-0.083) | -0.006 (-0.021) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.121 (0.528) | 0.14 (0.609) |  | -0.005 (-0.026) | 0.006 (0.032) |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.161 (0.701) | 0.198 (0.863)* |  | 0.036 (0.199) * | 0.058 (0.315)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.083 (0.748) * | 0.1 (0.901)* |  | 0.035 (0.219) * | $0.054(0.338) * * *$ |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.136 (0.217)*** |  |  | 0.125 (0.182)*** |
|  | R-squared | 0.149 | 0.151 | 0.164 | 0.123 | 0.136 | 0.145 |
|  | $N$ | 11350 | 11350 | 11337 | 61934 | 58754 | 58525 |
| 2015 | High School GPA | 0.409 (1.105)*** | $0.399(1.08)^{* * *}$ | $0.333(0.903) * * *$ | 0.367 (0.832)*** | 0.368 (0.851)*** | 0.293 (0.679)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language Arts |  | -0.079 (-0.292) | -0.071 (-0.262) |  | 0.046 (0.163) | 0.056 (0.2)* |
|  | English 9 |  | -0.02 (-0.61) | -0.023 (-0.725) |  | 0.018 (0.137) | 0.025 (0.194)* |
|  | English 10 |  | -0.014 (-0.276) | -0.014 (-0.268) |  | 0.021 (0.11) | 0.032 (0.169) |
|  | English 11 |  | -0.017 (-0.182) | -0.012 (-0.125) |  | 0.006 (0.027) | 0.015 (0.073) |
|  | English 12 |  | -0.147 (-0.461) | -0.135 (-0.424) |  | 0.004 (0.014) | 0.014 (0.05) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | -0.101 (-0.374) | -0.093 (-0.342) |  | 0.007 (0.031) | 0.015 (0.068) |
|  | AP English Literature |  | -0.056 (-0.241) | -0.033 (-0.141) |  | $0.055(0.283) * *$ | 0.073 (0.375)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | -0.04 (-0.356) | -0.028 (-0.25) |  | 0.034 (0.233)* | 0.048 (0.327)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.118 (0.186) *** |  |  | 0.117 (0.172)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.167 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.134 | 0.145 | 0.153 |
|  | $N$ | 15000 | 15000 | 14975 | 67349 | 65222 | 64989 |
| 2016 | High School GPA | $0.424(1.13)^{* * *}$ | 0.415 (1.107)*** | 0.338 (0.9)*** | 0.376 (0.863)*** | 0.373 (0.867)*** | 0.296 (0.688)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language Arts |  | 0.054 (0.195) | 0.079 (0.282) |  | 0.047 (0.167) | 0.071 (0.252)** |
|  | English 9 |  | 0.003 (0.111) | 0.001 (0.022) |  | 0.016 (0.111) | 0.032 (0.219)* |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.015 (0.246) | 0.02 (0.33) |  | 0.024 (0.148) | 0.04 (0.248)** |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.022 (0.252) | 0.03 (0.338) |  | 0.013 (0.076) | 0.03 (0.171) |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.012 (0.038) | 0.04 (0.129) |  | 0.003 (0.01) | 0.026 (0.09) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.022 (0.076) | 0.048 (0.164) |  | 0.001 (0.003) | 0.019 (0.083) |

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|  |  | Complete Transcript DataStandardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  | Incomplete Transcript Data Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  |
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|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.052 (0.218) | 0.091 (0.379) |  | 0.059 (0.291)** | 0.087 (0.426)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.026 (0.233) | 0.042 (0.38) |  | 0.035 (0.26)** | 0.054 (0.399)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | $0.139(0.218) * * *$ |  |  | 0.123 (0.181)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.18 | 0.182 | 0.196 | 0.142 | 0.15 | 0.16 |
|  | $N$ | 23696 | 23696 | 23672 | 79172 | 77631 | 77409 |
| 2017 | High School GPA | $0.434(1.177)^{* * *}$ | 0.422 (1.144)*** | 0.347 (0.941)*** | 0.383 (0.899)*** | 0.381 (0.904)*** | 0.306 (0.728)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language Arts |  | -0.086 (-0.326) | -0.087 (-0.327) |  | 0.001 (0.004) | 0.012 (0.043) |
|  | English 9 |  | -0.016 (-0.557) | -0.019 (-0.655)* |  | -0.001 (-0.01) | 0.006 (0.051) |
|  | English 10 |  | -0.012 (-0.208) | -0.014 (-0.247) |  | 0.003 (0.023) | 0.011 (0.075) |
|  | English 11 |  | -0.026 (-0.289) | -0.026 (-0.293) |  | -0.004 (-0.022) | 0.004 (0.022) |
|  | English 12 |  | -0.141 (-0.489) | -0.14 (-0.486) |  | -0.051 (-0.178)* | -0.04 (-0.14) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | -0.125 (-0.397) | -0.127 (-0.402) |  | -0.04 (-0.148) | -0.032 (-0.117) |
|  | AP English Literature |  | -0.055 (-0.231) | -0.038 (-0.161) |  | 0.029 (0.139) | 0.048 (0.229)** |
|  | AP English Language |  | -0.017 (-0.153) | -0.011 (-0.099) |  | 0.021 (0.16)* | 0.032 (0.246)** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | $0.138(0.221)^{* * *}$ |  |  | 0.119 (0.179)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.189 | 0.192 | 0.206 | 0.147 | 0.157 | 0.166 |
|  | $N$ | 37307 | 37307 | 37257 | 95714 | 94443 | 94164 |
| 2018 | High School GPA | $0.451(1.238) * * *$ | 0.436 (1.199)*** | 0.355 (0.977)*** | 0.399 (0.95)*** | 0.395 (0.949)*** | 0.318 (0.765)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language <br> Arts |  | 0.149 (0.548)** | 0.163 (0.6)** |  | 0.042 (0.158)* | 0.052 (0.195)** |
|  | English 9 |  | 0.008 (0.273) | 0.007 (0.238) |  | 0.023 (0.215)** | 0.03 (0.28)*** |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.037 (0.607)** | 0.039 (0.642)** |  | 0.026 (0.202 ** | 0.032 (0.253)*** |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.039 (0.457)* | 0.042 (0.496)* |  | 0.021 (0.131)* | 0.029 (0.18)** |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.112 (0.388) | 0.128 (0.441)* |  | -0.011 (-0.04) | -0.002 (-0.007) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.114 (0.372) | 0.13 (0.421)* |  | -0.023 (-0.084) | -0.014 (-0.051) |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.143 (0.636)** | 0.173 (0.769)*** |  | 0.056 (0.277)*** | 0.076 (0.374)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.067 (0.645)** | 0.079 (0.76)*** |  | 0.032 (0.268)*** | 0.043 (0.36)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.145 (0.235)*** |  |  | 0.124 (0.189)*** |

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|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.203 | 0.208 | 0.222 | 0.159 | 0.17 | 0.18 |
|  | $N$ | 60343 | 60343 | 60279 | 124351 | 123109 | 122682 |
| 2019 | High School GPA | 0.478 (1.227)*** | 0.463 (1.188)*** | 0.388 (0.997)*** | 0.426 (0.962)*** | 0.424 (0.964)*** | 0.352 (0.804)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language <br> Arts |  | 0.074 (0.272) | 0.093 (0.343)* |  | 0.071 (0.27)*** | 0.079 (0.303)*** |
|  | English 9 |  | 0.004 (0.111) | 0.004 (0.118) |  | 0.032 (0.317)*** | 0.037 (0.369)*** |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.022 (0.358) * | 0.025 (0.409)* |  | 0.047 (0.369)*** | $0.054(0.427)^{* * *}$ |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.023 (0.271) | 0.028 (0.34)* |  | 0.043 (0.274)*** | 0.05 (0.323)*** |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.031 (0.107) | 0.051 (0.179) |  | 0.026 (0.091) | 0.034 (0.12)* |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.035 (0.114) | 0.056 (0.186) |  | 0.028 (0.099) | 0.036 (0.129)* |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.081 (0.4) * | 0.11 (0.542)*** |  | $0.081(0.457)^{* * *}$ | 0.097 (0.544)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.036 (0.373) * | 0.048 (0.5)** |  | 0.048 (0.434)*** | $0.057(0.519)^{* * *}$ |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.131 (0.209)*** |  |  | 0.112 (0.168)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.229 | 0.233 | 0.245 | 0.182 | 0.193 | 0.199 |
|  | $N$ | 94933 | 94933 | 94815 | 178408 | 176260 | 174774 |
| 2020 | High School GPA | 0.466 (1.246)*** | 0.464 (1.239)*** | 0.395 (1.051)*** | 0.423 (0.984)*** | 0.43 (1.009)*** | 0.366 (0.85)*** |
|  | Basic English/Language <br> Arts |  | 0.092 (0.456)** | 0.083 (0.399)* |  | 0.035 (0.169)** | 0.03 (0.143)* |
|  | English 9 |  | -0.002 (-0.05) | -0.007 (-0.152) |  | 0.02 (0.199) *** | 0.021 (0.199)*** |
|  | English 10 |  | 0.022 (0.388)* | 0.016 (0.332) |  | 0.04 (0.322)*** | 0.043 (0.339)*** |
|  | English 11 |  | 0.047 (0.544)** | 0.038 (0.433)* |  | 0.029 (0.18)*** | 0.026 (0.158)** |
|  | English 12 |  | 0.092 (0.327)* | 0.073 (0.26) |  | -0.012 (-0.046) | -0.02 (-0.075) |
|  | Composition/Expository |  | 0.109 (0.363)* | 0.098 (0.328) |  | 0.006 (0.022) | 0.007 (0.023) |
|  | AP English Literature |  | 0.061 (0.451)** | 0.072 (0.492)** |  | 0.021 (0.173)** | 0.027 (0.219)*** |
|  | AP English Language |  | 0.028 (0.461)** | 0.032 (0.498)** |  | 0.02 (0.221)*** | 0.025 (0.268)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.118 (0.198)*** |  |  | 0.093 (0.144) *** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.217 | 0.219 | 0.226 | 0.179 | 0.187 | 0.188 |
|  | $N$ | 78298 | 78298 | 66491 | 152481 | 150569 | 132539 |

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Table A2. Standardized Coefficients Predicting Course Grades in First Community College Course in Math at Transfer Level, by Year
Note: Standardized coefficients with raw coefficients in parentheses. ${ }^{* * *} \mathrm{p}<.001,{ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<.01,{ }^{*} \mathrm{p}<.05$

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|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
| 2010 | High School GPA | 0.396 (1.181)*** | 0.367 (1.095)*** | 0.32 (0.955)*** | 0.368 (0.941)*** | 0.364 (0.957)*** | $0.305(0.804)^{* * *}$ |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.009 (-0.705) | -0.011 (-0.871) |  | -0.007 (-0.289) | -0.006 (-0.242) |
|  | Algebral |  | 0.001 (0.012) | 0.002 (0.031) |  | 0.007 (0.058) | 0.011 (0.093) |
|  | Algebra II |  | -0.019 (-0.191) | -0.012 (-0.124) |  | 0.006 (0.033) | 0.018 (0.101) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.101 (-0.363)* | -0.078 (-0.281) |  | -0.009 (-0.031) | 0.018 (0.06) |
|  | Statistics |  | -0.008 (-0.038) | 0.004 (0.02) |  | 0.021 (0.146) | 0.031 (0.212)* |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | -0.07 (-0.222) | -0.036 (-0.115) |  | 0.01 (0.036) | 0.045 (0.153) |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.034 (0.121) | 0.067 (0.238) |  | 0.078 (0.303)** | $0.109(0.428) * * *$ |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.024 (0.203) | 0.035 (0.298) |  | 0.056 (0.505)*** | 0.067 (0.604)*** |
|  | Missing |  | -0.015 (-0.13) | -0.014 (-0.122) |  | 0.004 (0.037) | 0.009 (0.081) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.089 (0.124)*** |  |  | $0.097(0.136) * * *$ |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.157 | 0.171 | 0.178 | 0.136 | 0.155 | 0.161 |
|  | $N$ | 8046 | 8046 | 8003 | 29289 | 26578 | 26398 |
| 2011 | High School GPA | 0.354 (1.06)*** | 0.326 (0.976)*** | 0.298 (0.893)*** | 0.342 (0.865)*** | 0.338 (0.88)*** | $0.294(0.768)^{* * *}$ |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.013 (-0.661) | -0.013 (-0.7) |  | -0.008 (-0.369) | -0.006 (-0.298) |
|  | Algebra I |  | -0.033 (-0.448) | -0.029 (-0.396) |  | -0.013 (-0.086) | -0.004 (-0.026) |
|  | Algebra II |  | -0.043 (-0.426) | -0.042 (-0.426) |  | -0.028 (-0.129) | -0.009 (-0.043) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.157 (-0.576)** | -0.148 (-0.542)** |  | -0.063 (-0.212)* | -0.033 (-0.11) |
|  | Statistics |  | -0.068 (-0.362) | -0.064 (-0.344) |  | -0.016 (-0.121) | -0.004 (-0.032) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | -0.125 (-0.399)* | -0.109 (-0.349) |  | -0.027 (-0.095) | 0.009 (0.031) |
|  | Calculus I |  | -0.052 (-0.184) | -0.037 (-0.13) |  | 0.036 (0.149) | 0.069 (0.284)** |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.008 (0.061) | 0.012 (0.1) |  | 0.031 (0.304)** | 0.042 (0.407)*** |
|  | Missing |  | -0.037 (-0.296) | -0.035 (-0.279) |  | 0.006 (0.048) | 0.015 (0.12) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | $0.051(0.072)^{* * *}$ |  |  | $0.072(0.101)^{* * *}$ |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.125 | 0.136 | 0.137 | 0.117 | 0.133 | 0.137 |
|  | $N$ | 7286 | 7286 | 7257 | 28861 | 26296 | 26137 |
| 2012 | High School GPA | 0.364 (1.075)*** | 0.349 (1.03)*** | 0.312 (0.926)*** | 0.36 (0.892)*** | 0.35 (0.895)*** | 0.308 (0.789)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.005 (-0.309) | -0.005 (-0.289) |  | 0.002 (0.08) | 0.004 (0.138) |
|  | Algebra I |  | -0.007 (-0.106) | 0.002 (0.037) |  | -0.017 (-0.107) | -0.009 (-0.058) |

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|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
|  | Algebra II |  | -0.035 (-0.318) | -0.023 (-0.213) |  | -0.029 (-0.127) | -0.013 (-0.055) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.114 (-0.415)* | -0.069 (-0.251) |  | -0.041 (-0.142) | -0.016 (-0.053) |
|  | Statistics |  | -0.066 (-0.367)* | -0.041 (-0.231) |  | -0.016 (-0.12) | -0.006 (-0.048) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | -0.131 (-0.428)* | -0.074 (-0.243) |  | -0.017 (-0.063) | 0.014 (0.051) |
|  | Calculus I |  | -0.038 (-0.134) | 0.015 (0.052) |  | 0.055 (0.215)* | $0.084(0.33) * * *$ |
|  | Calculus II |  | -0.006 (-0.044) | 0.016 (0.128) |  | 0.053 (0.469)*** | $0.064(0.567)^{* * *}$ |
|  | Missing |  | -0.049 (-0.341) | -0.029 (-0.207) |  | -0.004 (-0.03) | 0.005 (0.046) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.073 (0.103)*** |  |  | 0.07 (0.097)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.133 | 0.141 | 0.146 | 0.13 | 0.149 | 0.153 |
|  | $N$ | 7200 | 7200 | 7166 | 29595 | 27208 | 27060 |
| 2013 | High School GPA | 0.355 (1.044)*** | 0.34 (0.999)*** | $0.288(0.85)^{* * *}$ | 0.35 (0.886)*** | 0.336 (0.873)*** | 0.283 (0.739)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | 0.005 (0.315) | 0.007 (0.405) |  | 0.01 (0.496) | 0.012 (0.557)* |
|  | Algebra I |  | 0.014 (0.191) | 0.013 (0.185) |  | -0.013 (-0.088) | -0.002 (-0.012) |
|  | Algebra II |  | 0.035 (0.305) | 0.055 (0.488)* |  | -0.002 (-0.012) | 0.02 (0.101) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.015 (-0.054) | 0.044 (0.16) |  | -0.031 (-0.109) | 0.007 (0.025) |
|  | Statistics |  | 0.022 (0.133) | 0.053 (0.321) |  | 0 (-0.001) | 0.016 (0.119) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | 0.02 (0.067) | 0.094 (0.308) |  | 0.015 (0.053) | 0.062 (0.215)* |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.068 (0.235) | 0.142 (0.489)** |  | 0.079 (0.3)** | 0.123 (0.469)*** |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.03 (0.256) | 0.058 (0.492)* |  | 0.056 (0.5)*** | 0.073 (0.646)*** |
|  | Missing |  | -0.006 (-0.038) | 0.025 (0.163) |  | -0.008 (-0.069) | 0.007 (0.059) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.097 (0.137)*** |  |  | 0.085 (0.118)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.126 | 0.132 | 0.14 | 0.122 | 0.142 | 0.147 |
|  | $N$ | 7980 | 7980 | 7942 | 34789 | 32230 | 32090 |
| 2014 | High School GPA | 0.377 (1.131)*** | 0.358 (1.074)*** | 0.303 (0.912)*** | 0.351 (0.9)*** | 0.341 (0.893)*** | 0.287 (0.755)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | 0.001 (0.125) | 0.002 (0.221) |  | 0.004 (0.177) | 0.003 (0.15) |
|  | Algebra I |  | 0.027 (0.452) | 0.025 (0.432) |  | 0.015 (0.126) | 0.019 (0.156) |
|  | Algebra II |  | 0.017 (0.154) | 0.026 (0.238) |  | 0.001 (0.006) | 0.013 (0.07) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.051 (-0.19) | -0.013 (-0.05) |  | -0.031 (-0.111) | -0.006 (-0.023) |
|  | Statistics |  | -0.03 (-0.172) | -0.009 (-0.053) |  | 0 (0.001) | 0.01 (0.068) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | -0.036 (-0.12) | 0.022 (0.072) |  | 0.014 (0.049) | 0.049 (0.166) |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.038 (0.132) | 0.093 (0.322) |  | 0.085 (0.317)*** | 0.118 (0.44)*** |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.048 (0.357) | 0.07 (0.52)** |  | 0.057 (0.486)*** | 0.07 (0.589)*** |

[^7]Complete Transcript Data
Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients)

|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Missing |  | 0.004 (0.027) | 0.024 (0.157) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | $0.102(0.14)^{* * *}$ |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.142 | 0.153 | 0.162 |
|  | N | 8116 | 8116 | 8085 |
| 2015 | High School GPA | 0.4 (1.2)*** | 0.38 (1.142)*** | 0.33 (0.995)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | 0.003 (0.201) | 0.003 (0.215) |
|  | Algebra I |  | 0.025 (0.378) | 0.023 (0.367) |
|  | Algebra II |  | 0.012 (0.114) | 0.02 (0.188) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.066 (-0.272) | -0.047 (-0.193) |
|  | Statistics |  | -0.024 (-0.136) | -0.012 (-0.07) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | -0.034 (-0.114) | 0.002 (0.006) |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.031 (0.103) | 0.07 (0.234) |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.029 (0.219) | 0.045 (0.334)* |
|  | Missing |  | -0.037 (-0.249) | -0.026 (-0.176) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.087 (0.12)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.175 |
|  | N | 9968 | 9968 | 9944 |
| 2016 | High School GPA | 0.422 (1.252)*** | 0.401 (1.188)*** | 0.347 (1.029)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.008 (-0.632) | -0.007 (-0.624) |
|  | Algebra I |  | 0.016 (0.285) | 0.017 (0.292) |
|  | Algebra II |  | 0.01 (0.108) | 0.02 (0.225) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.029 (-0.126) | 0 (0.002) |
|  | Statistics |  | 0.005 (0.024) | 0.026 (0.134) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | 0.002 (0.006) | 0.051 (0.174) |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.056 (0.187) | 0.112 (0.371)*** |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.047 (0.325)** | 0.07 (0.482)*** |
|  | Missing |  | -0.005 (-0.038) | 0.012 (0.093) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.093 (0.129)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.178 | 0.185 | 0.191 |
|  | N | 14753 | 14753 | 14724 |
| 2017 | High School GPA | 0.415 (1.274)*** | 0.387 (1.188)*** | 0.321 (0.986)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | 0.001 (0.039) | 0.002 (0.129) |

[^8]
## Complete Transcript Data

Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients)

|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Algebra I |  | 0.015 (0.228) | 0.016 (0.25)* |
|  | Algebra II |  | 0.007 (0.082) | 0.018 (0.2)* |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.009 (-0.041) | 0.021 (0.089) |
|  | Statistics |  | 0.014 (0.071) | 0.035 (0.174)* |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | 0.006 (0.02) | 0.059 (0.208)** |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.089 (0.302)*** | 0.146 (0.496)*** |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.072 (0.537)*** | $0.094(0.694)^{* * *}$ |
|  | Missing |  | 0.007 (0.054) | 0.021 (0.164) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.118 (0.167)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.172 | 0.182 | 0.192 |
|  | $N$ | 22485 | 22485 | 22436 |
| 2018 | High School GPA | 0.411 (1.277)*** | 0.384 (1.191)*** | 0.325 (1.012)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.015 (-0.891)** | -0.014 (-0.853)** |
|  | Algebra I |  | -0.014 (-0.175)* | -0.011 (-0.133) |
|  | Algebra II |  | $-0.021(-0.207) * *$ | -0.009 (-0.082) |
|  | Geometry |  | $-0.046(-0.185) * *$ | -0.012 (-0.048) |
|  | Statistics |  | -0.024 (-0.109) | 0 (-0.001) |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | -0.028 (-0.101) | 0.022 (0.078) |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.047 (0.167)** | 0.099 (0.355)*** |
|  | Calculus II |  | $0.039(0.29) * * *$ | $0.061(0.45)^{* * *}$ |
|  | Missing |  | -0.013 (-0.101) | 0 (0.003) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.106 (0.15)*** |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.169 | 0.178 | 0.186 |
|  | $N$ | 34863 | 34863 | 34820 |
| 2019 | High School GPA | 0.463 (1.262)*** | 0.421 (1.148)*** | 0.371 (1.012)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.005 (-0.187) | -0.005 (-0.183) |
|  | Algebral |  | -0.007 (-0.069) | -0.004 (-0.04) |
|  | Algebra II |  | -0.003 (-0.025) | 0.009 (0.061) |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.017 (-0.064)* | 0.011 (0.041) |
|  | Statistics |  | 0.007 (0.032) | 0.024 (0.105)** |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | 0.019 (0.071)* | 0.053 (0.199)*** |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.096 (0.393)*** | 0.127 (0.523)*** |

Incomplete Transcript Data Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients)

| Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.022 (0.192)** | 0.029 (0.252)*** |
|  | 0.023 (0.14)* | 0.04 (0.244 *** |
|  | 0.013 (0.052) | 0.042 (0.169)** |
|  | 0.027 (0.149)* | 0.046 (0.249)*** |
|  | 0.035 (0.127)* | 0.078 (0.285)*** |
|  | $0.122(0.436)^{* * *}$ | $0.167(0.6)^{* * *}$ |
|  | 0.088 (0.706)*** | 0.106 (0.846)*** |
|  | 0.028 (0.239)*** | 0.039 (0.327)*** |
|  |  | 0.101 (0.144)*** |
| 0.149 | 0.166 | 0.172 |
| 57499 | 56211 | 56021 |
| 0.392 (1.1)*** | 0.37 (1.05)*** | $0.307(0.873) * * *$ |
|  | 0 (-0.022) | -0.001 (-0.028) |
|  | 0.013 (0.111)* | 0.02 (0.169)** |
|  | 0.009 (0.054) | 0.025 (0.157)** |
|  | -0.011 (-0.044) | 0.02 (0.076) |
|  | 0.004 (0.018) | 0.022 (0.114)* |
|  | 0.019 (0.072) | 0.062 (0.228)*** |
|  | 0.097 (0.362)*** | 0.138 (0.518)*** |
|  | 0.067 (0.551)*** | 0.084 (0.693)*** |
|  | 0.009 (0.07) | 0.02 (0.16)** |
|  |  | $0.104(0.146)^{* * *}$ |
| 0.154 | 0.168 | 0.174 |
| 72882 | 71543 | 71071 |
| 0.435 (1.079)*** | 0.4 (1.001)*** | 0.342 (0.857)*** |
|  | 0.004 (0.137) | 0.004 (0.125) |
|  | 0.016 (0.105)*** | 0.023 (0.153)*** |
|  | 0.014 (0.075)** | 0.029 (0.161)*** |
|  | 0.008 (0.029) | 0.036 (0.129)*** |
|  | 0.02 (0.1)*** | 0.035 (0.176)*** |
|  | 0.047 (0.184)*** | 0.079 (0.311)*** |
|  | 0.126 (0.537)*** | 0.151 (0.649)*** |

[^9]|  |  | Complete Transcript Data Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  | Incomplete Transcript Data <br> Standardized coefficients (Raw Coefficients) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.046 (0.399)*** | 0.059 (0.509)*** |  | 0.059 (0.584)*** | 0.071 (0.695)*** |
|  | Missing |  | -0.007 (-0.051) | 0 (-0.003) |  | 0 (0.003) | 0.006 (0.051) |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.09 (0.122)*** |  |  | $0.091(0.124)^{* * *}$ |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.214 | 0.224 | 0.23 | 0.189 | 0.206 | 0.208 |
|  | $N$ | 62468 | 62468 | 62359 | 118316 | 115890 | 114525 |
| 2020 | High School GPA | 0.432 (1.216)*** | 0.4 (1.127)*** | 0.367 (1.035)*** | 0.412 (1.024)*** | 0.394 (0.987)*** | 0.347 (0.867)*** |
|  | Pre-Algebra |  | -0.005 (-0.218) | -0.005 (-0.224) |  | 0.002 (0.072) | 0.003 (0.088) |
|  | Algebra I |  | 0.001 (0.012) | 0.004 (0.036) |  | $0.031(0.2)^{* * *}$ | 0.036 (0.233)*** |
|  | Algebra II |  | 0.004 (0.026) | 0.01 (0.072) |  | 0.03 (0.168)*** | 0.042 (0.226)*** |
|  | Geometry |  | -0.002 (-0.007) | 0.016 (0.058) |  | 0.034 (0.122)*** | 0.053 (0.192)*** |
|  | Statistics |  | 0.002 (0.007) | 0.004 (0.017) |  | 0.013 (0.073)** | 0.018 (0.102)*** |
|  | Pre-Calculus |  | 0.021 (0.085)** | $0.04(0.162)^{* * *}$ |  | 0.055 (0.232)*** | 0.076 (0.324)*** |
|  | Calculus I |  | 0.083 (0.35)*** | 0.092 (0.397)*** |  | 0.107 (0.493)*** | 0.117 (0.553)*** |
|  | Calculus II |  | 0.027 (0.323)*** | 0.034 (0.395)*** |  | 0.038 (0.516)*** | 0.047 (0.608)*** |
|  | Missing |  | 0.006 (0.056) | 0.009 (0.081) |  | 0.01 (0.099)** | 0.014 (0.135)*** |
|  | Latest Course Grade Points |  |  | 0.054 (0.076)*** |  |  | $0.062(0.085)^{* * *}$ |
|  | $R^{2}$ | 0.186 | 0.192 | 0.188 | 0.17 | 0.183 | 0.177 |
|  | $N$ | 57612 | 57612 | 52248 | 114330 | 111883 | 102598 |

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[^1]:    ${ }^{12}$ Standardized coefficients are a measurement of units of standard deviation which allow for a comparison of the relative magnitude of effects between variables by adjusting the standard deviations so that all variables have equal standard deviations. To interpret a standardized coefficient a beta value of 1.25 would indicate that a change in one standard deviation in the independent variable would result in a 1.25 increase in the standard deviations of the dependent variable.

[^2]:    ${ }^{13}$ Our prior work indicated Accuplacer test placement scores correlating with course GPA ranging from . 1 to . 21 . We therefore use the descriptors of strong correlation if the coefficients range from .21- to 4 (about twice as strong as the correlation with test scores) and very strong correlation if the coefficients are above .4 (more than twice as strong as test scores).

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