

## **Anoka-Ramsey Community College Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates**

### **What is Student Right-To-Know?**

Student Right-To-Know is a federal law that requires all colleges and universities to disclose certain information to students. This handout provides the information that a college must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

### **What is a graduation rate and what is a transfer-out rate?**

Federal regulations specify how to calculate the graduation and transfer rates. The rates come from a study of Anoka-Ramsey students who started at the college in the fall of 2005. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from Anoka-Ramsey within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Anoka-Ramsey, but instead transferred to another college or university within three years.

### **What do I need to know about these rates?**

These rates do not report on all students at Anoka-Ramsey. The 1,021 first-time, full-time students in the study were 14 percent of all students enrolled at Anoka-Ramsey in fall of 2005.

### **What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Anoka-Ramsey Community College students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?**

- The **graduation rate** for Anoka-Ramsey was 17 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Anoka-Ramsey was 38 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Anoka-Ramsey was 54 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 41 percent.

### **Why don't more Anoka-Ramsey Community College students graduate or transfer in three years?**

- Since Anoka-Ramsey has an “open door” mission, many new students need to take “developmental” courses to improve their reading, writing or math skills before taking other college courses;
- Students who switch from full-time to part-time enrollment or “stop out” for one or more semesters are more likely to take more than three years to graduate;
- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.