

STUDENT-READY RELIEF

Using HEERF to Fund Equitable Student Success

ABOUT MULTIPLE MEASURES ASSESSMENT FOR PLACEMENT (MMAP)

Across the country, when students enter a postsecondary institution, they are placed into math and English courses based on an evaluation of their academic readiness. Often, the evaluation is a one-time, high-stakes exam that students do not know is required and for which they are not given the opportunity to prepare. When institutions utilize MMAP, they can maximize a student's opportunity to access their required mathematics and English courses without taking prerequisite developmental courses. **Institutions that use a multiple measures approach are more student-ready because they provide students with equitable access to college-level courses aligned to their chosen program of study.**

IN THE PANDEMIC

There have always been racial and economic disparities in access to typical placement exams and the preparation for them. The pandemic, however, created universal inaccessibility and forced an unprecedented dependence on alternate placement measures, like high school GPA. This led to an acceleration of MMAP as a permanent placement policy. Institutions should consider implementing this evidence-based student success reform to save students valuable time and money and address inequities in access.

EQUITABLE DESIGN

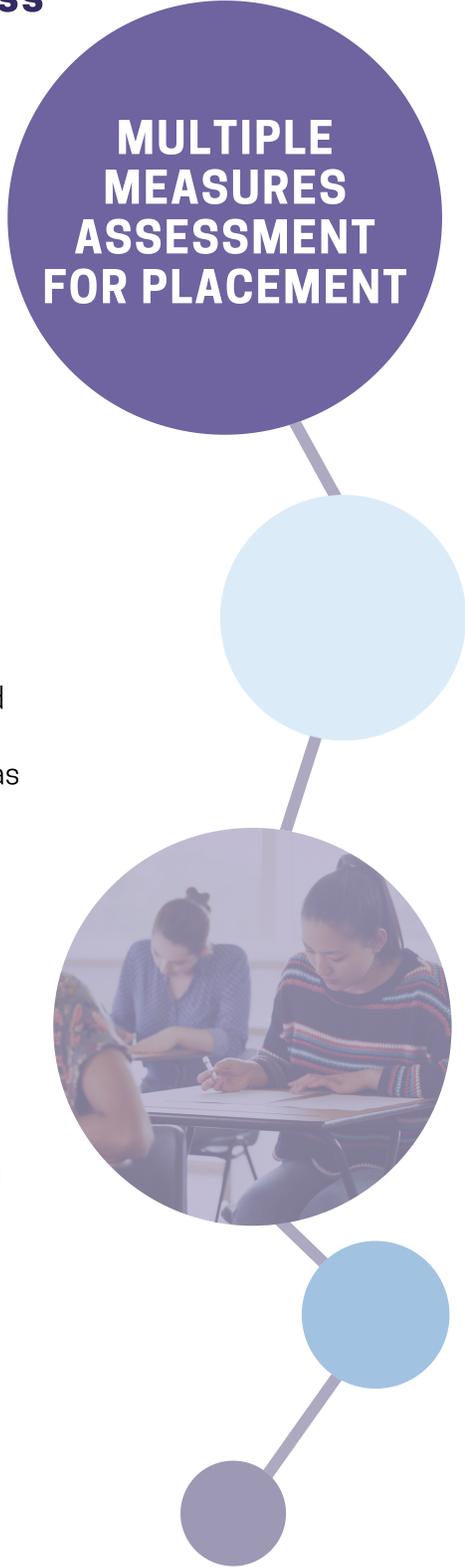
Use these tactics to design an equitable and effective multiple measures assessment for placement policy:

- Ensure selected measures and cut scores increase the number of students who can access college-level courses their first term
- Rely on high school GPA to mitigate known biases in standardized testing
- Provide a systematic mechanism for students to be advised about, validate, and change their placement

HOW HEERF CAN HELP

Use HEERF to fund these activities:

- Add internal or external capacity to analyze potential placement measures and inform a new placement approach
- Engage an outside facilitator to cultivate awareness and buy-in for the new placement approach
- Train advisors to facilitate the process of placement validation



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ABOUT STUDENT-READY STRATEGIES

Student-Ready Strategies (SRS) is a woman-owned consulting and technical assistance organization that believes every student can succeed and supports transformative efforts to ensure they do. Learn more at <http://studentreadystrategies.com>