Bridging K–12 and Higher Education
Putting the Pieces Together

- Vision
- College and Career Ready Definition
- Mathematics/ELA Standards
- High School Graduation Requirements
- College and Career Ready Assessment
- State Accountability System
- Supports and Interventions
College and Career Ready Definition

“All high school graduates will complete a rigorous course of study that best prepares them for successfully completing, without remediation, a postsecondary pathway leading to certification, associate and/or bachelor degree completion.”
Standards Work

- **Mathematic Standards**
  - Launched in 2007
  - Collaborative process
  - SBE Adoption, 2008
    - Implementation Fall 2009, Assessment 2010

- **English Language Arts**
  - Launched Fall 2008
  - Target adoption, 2010
    - Implementation Fall 2011, Assessment 2012
State has signed on to adopt Common Core State Standards – target summer, 2010

ELA standards work “slowed” awaiting release of final standards

Anticipation is that ADP standards will align closely to Common Core Standards
Graduation Requirements

High School Graduation Requirements

- Increased math requirements
  - Three credits (2012 graduates)
  - Four credits (2013 graduates)

- Increased science requirements
  - Three credits (2013 graduates)

- Increased social science requirement
  - Three credits (2012 graduates)
Assessment

- Current Landscape
  - Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)
    - High stakes, graduation requirement
    - Basic proficiency
    - Reading, Writing, Mathematics
Assessment

- AIMS Task Force Findings (2009)
  - Maintain as graduation requirement (no additional subject areas)
  - Future state test development to focus on college and career readiness
  - All 11th grade students must take college and career readiness test (with opt out provision), test must be paid for by state
AIMS Task Force Findings (continued)

- Replace required 9th grade test with 9th grade college and career ready potential test

- Future committee to consider high school graduation endorsement that signifies student readiness for college and career
Assessment

- Arizona pilot projects
  - End-of-Course Algebra Exam
    - Spring 2008 and 2009
    - Higher Education study
  - ACT Pilot Project
    - Chair, House Education Committee
Arizona has signed on with multiple consortia agreeing to partner on development of multi-states common core assessment
- Anchor assessment of college- and career readiness
- Postsecondary engagement key
Next Steps – Gaining Focus

- Greater Engagement of Higher Education
  - Admissions versus Placement
    - 16 competency areas
    - No common placement
    - Universities do not provide remediation
  - Alignment of K12 Standards/Requirements to First-Year College Courses – Math and Writing
  - Higher Education role in Supports/Intervention

- Making the Anchor Assessment *Meaningful*
  - K–12 Accountability System
  - Higher Education course placement and/or admissions
Assessment

Challenges

- Higher Education Governance
  - Lack of overall system approach

- Multiple Assessment Pilots, Initiatives
  - AIMS – Perceived role
  - ACT Pilot
  - End of Course Algebra II (Achieve)
  - Move On When Ready Legislation

- Available Resources