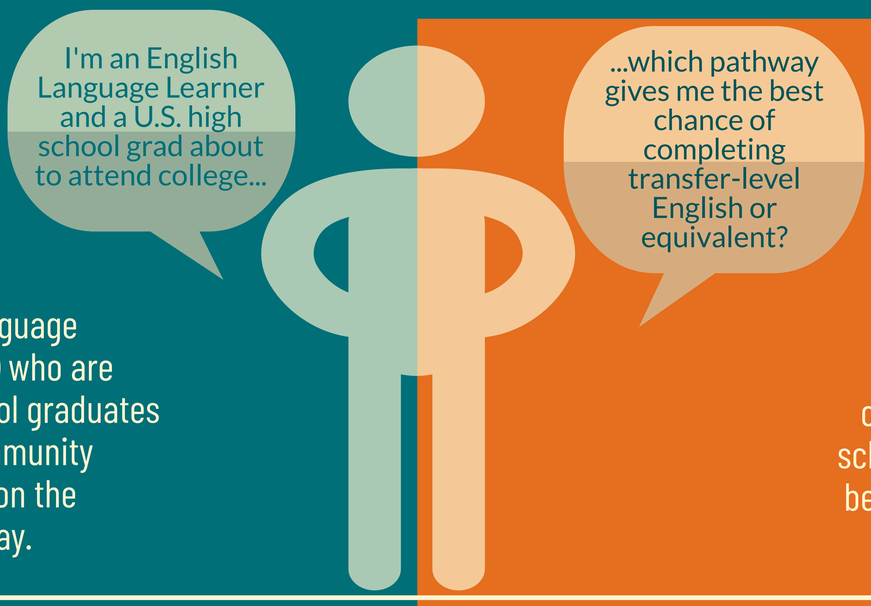
English or ESL Pathway for English Language Learners Who Are U.S. High School Graduates?

Effective Community College Placement Strategies



86%

of English Language Learners (ELL) who are U.S. high school graduates attending community college begin on the English pathway.

14%

of ELL U.S. high school graduates begin on the ESL pathway.

Which Pathway Has Had Historically Higher Success?

English Pathway **ESL Pathway**

Historically, completion of transfer-level English (TLE) has been **higher for students on the English pathway.**

42% vs. **24%**

The ESL path required an average of 2.8 classes before entering TLE; **1.2 more than the English pathway.**

What Best Predicts Success?

High school GPA predicts completion of TLE for ELLs on the **English pathway.**



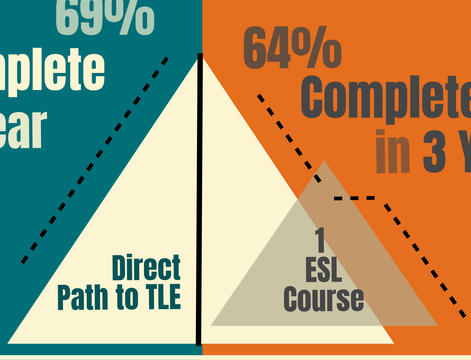
Offer Simpler Sequences? ✓

Evaluate ESL Placement Process? ✓

Starting point in ESL sequence and **complexity** of sequence predicts completion of the **ESL pathway.**

What are My Options for Optimizing TLE Completion?

ELL U.S. high school **graduates who enter directly into TLE maximize their likelihood of completing TLE** within one year.



An option for ELL U.S. high school **graduates who desire ESL coursework would be an ESL "stepping stone" to TLE** or equivalent.

Methodology: Findings based on a study of 134,338 students who enrolled at a California Community College and were identified as English Language Learners through their high school records. View the report: https://bit.ly/2RSnicr

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