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Preview: College Completion Rates Remain Steady *Full Report Due from National Student Clearinghouse Research Center in December Will Include Expanded Cohort*

Herndon, Virginia, November 21, 2013 – The [National Student Clearinghouse® Research Center™](#), in an early look at results from its upcoming Signature Report on college completions, found that completion rates have remained steady this year in comparison to its 2012 college completions report.

The [Signature Completions Extra](#) examines six-year outcomes for the fall 2007 college entering cohort, allowing apples-to-apples comparison to the fall 2006 cohort results that were presented in November 2012 as part of [Signature Report 4](#), the Research Center’s first college completions study.

For similar cohorts, completion rates for 2007 entering students were the same, 54% in six years, as they were for 2006 students. However, completion rates increased 1.3 percentage points for students who started at four-year public institutions, and 1.1 percentage points for students who started at two-year public institutions.

The cohort definition for the full college completions report, Signature Report 6, has been expanded to include students who entered college after a previous dual enrollment. Dual enrollments are courses taken for both high school and college credit at the same time. The addition of dual enrollment students to the full completions report, “*Completing College: A National View of Student Attainment Rates – Fall 2007 Cohort*,” expands the overall cohort and draws attention to the multiple educational pathways taken by today’s students.

The Research Center releases its college completions report annually. The full report, Signature Report 6, will be released in December.

About the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center

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