

Northwest Educational
Council for
Student Success

Early College Credit

Harper College
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NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus

Grant management

- CTEI and Perkins
- Endorsement Coordinator Grant
- Educators Pathway Grant
- Elementary Career Exploration
- Scaling Transformative Advanced Manufacturing Pathways (STAMP) Grant

Equity for All

- Regional plan to increase college readiness for special populations
- Poverty Simulation follow-up

Regional Alignment

- Dual Credit
- Pathway Review
- Education Summit

Student Transitions

- College and Career Pathway Endorsements



The Benefits of Dual Credit

Power of 15

Students who earn 15 hours or more of college credit before graduating from high school are two times more likely to complete a post-secondary program.

35 Career Courses

Career-focused, an early college dual credit course, as part of a College and Career Pathway instructional sequence.

In 2020-21, included courses in: Accounting, Business, Nursing Asst., Electronics, Entrepreneurship, Fashion, Fire Science, Food Science, Graphics, Health Science, Forensics, Manufacturing, Medical Office, Networking and Sign Language.

32 Transfer Courses

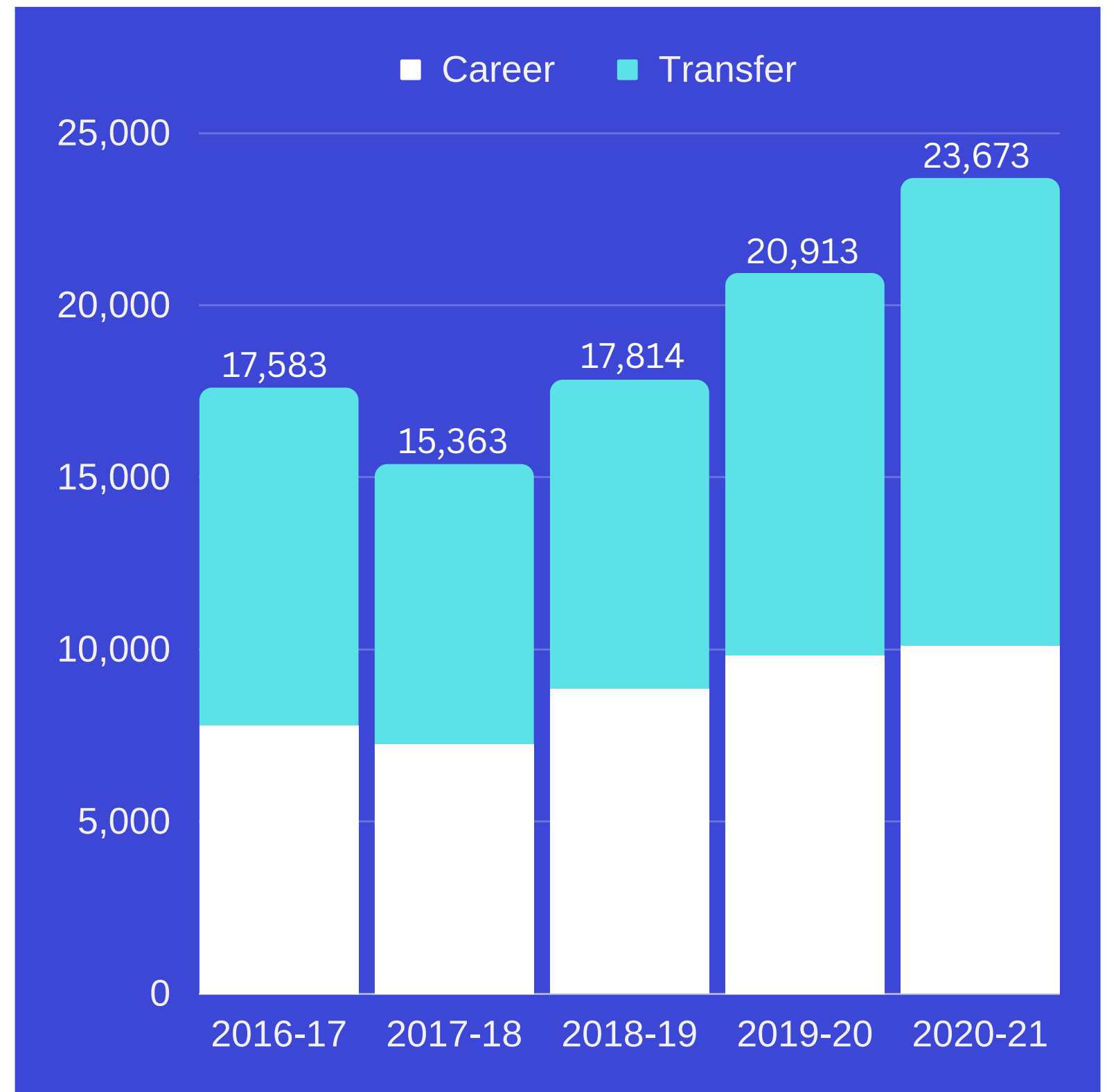
General education, early college dual credit course, generally used toward the completion of a 2 or 4 year degree.

In 2020-21, included courses in: Art, Biology, Early Childhood, Education, English, French, First Year Seminar, Health Science, Japanese, Criminal Justice, Management, Math, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Speech.

Dual Credit Through the Years

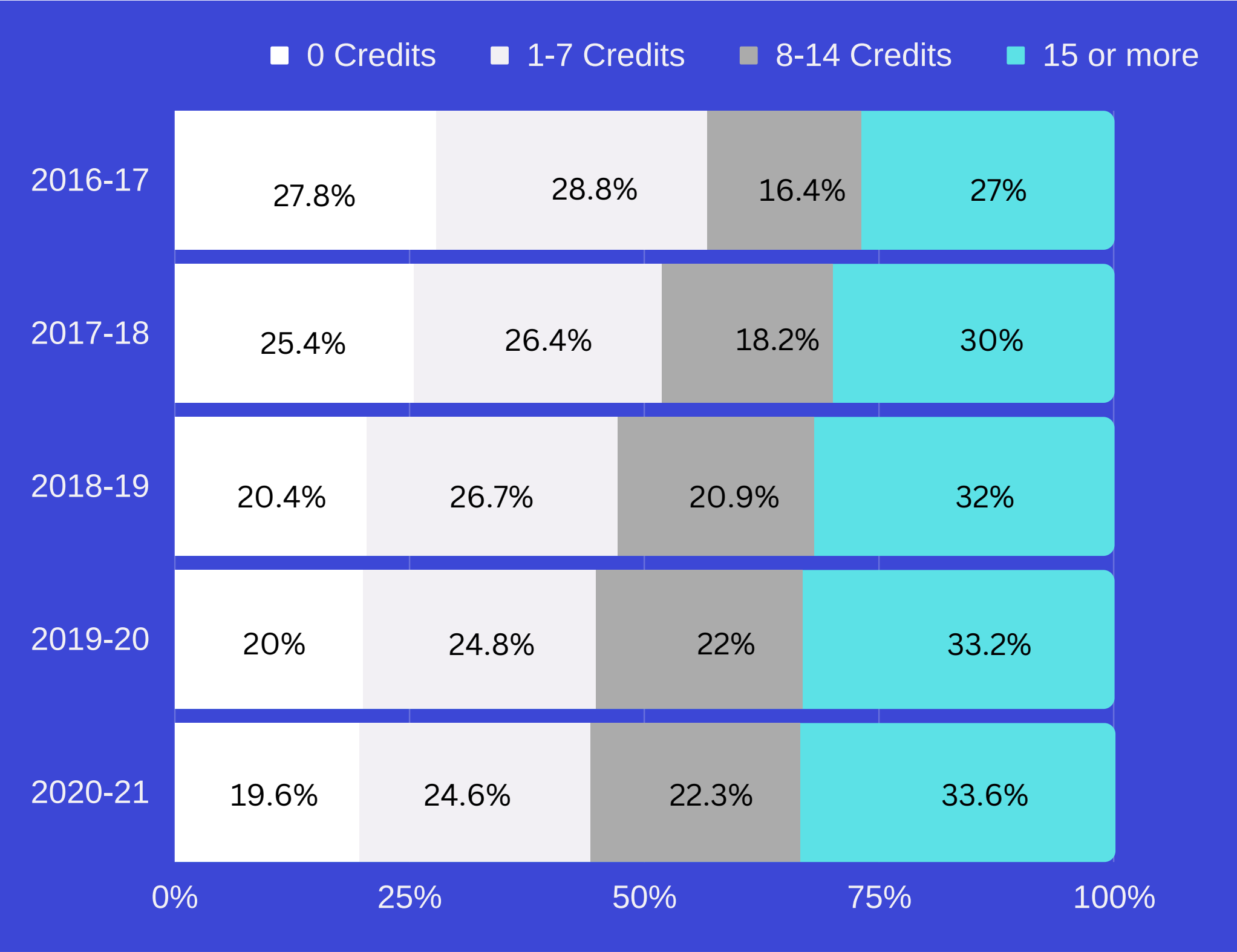
The Power of 15

Since August 2014, this initiative has worked to increase the number of dual credit courses offered, the number of students enrolled in those courses, and the alignment with credential completion.



Dual Credit Participation

This chart depicts the percentage of the graduating cohort earning the corresponding college credits while in high school.



College and Career Pathway Endorsements

Students who earn a college and career pathway endorsement on their HS transcript have met technical and essential employability competencies.

INDIVIDUAL PLAN

Each student completing an endorsement must have an individualized plan, which includes college planning linked to early understanding of career goals, financial aid, resume, and personal statement.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Awareness, exploration, and preparation activities that provide opportunities for students to interact with adults in their workplace

9th	10th	11th	12th
At least 2 career exploration activities or 1 intensive experience		60 cumulative hours of paid or credit supervised career development experience with a professional skills assessment	
At least 2 team-based challenges with adult mentoring			

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Through these experiences, a student gains essential employability and technical competencies in their identified sector.
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CAREER-FOCUSED INSTRUCTIONAL SEQUENCE

Two years of secondary coursework, or equivalent competencies, that articulate to a postsecondary credential with labor market value. Must include at least 6 hours of early college credit.

9th	10th	11th	12th
Orientation / Introduction			
		Skill Development	
		Capstone / Advanced Courses	

ACADEMIC READINESS

Ready for non-remedial coursework in reading and math by high school graduation through criteria defined by district and local community college

2021/22 Regional College and Career Pathway Endorsements



Pathway Endorsement	Related Career Cluster	Number of Students Earned SY22	State Total for SY22
FBS - Finance and Business Services	Business Management and Administration, Finance, Marketing, Hospitality and Tourism, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics	126	127
HPS- Human & Public Services	Education and Training, Secondary, Elementary, Early Childhood, Government and Public Administration, Law and Corrections, Human Services	140	225
HST- Health & Science Technology	HST- Health Sciences	174	196
IT- Information Technology	Information Technology	4	5
METT (Manufacturing, Engineering Technology, and Trades)	Architecture and Construction, Manufacturing, STEM - Engineering, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics(Auto), Energy	4	22
Totals		448	575

2021/22 NECSS

College and Career

Pathway Endorsements

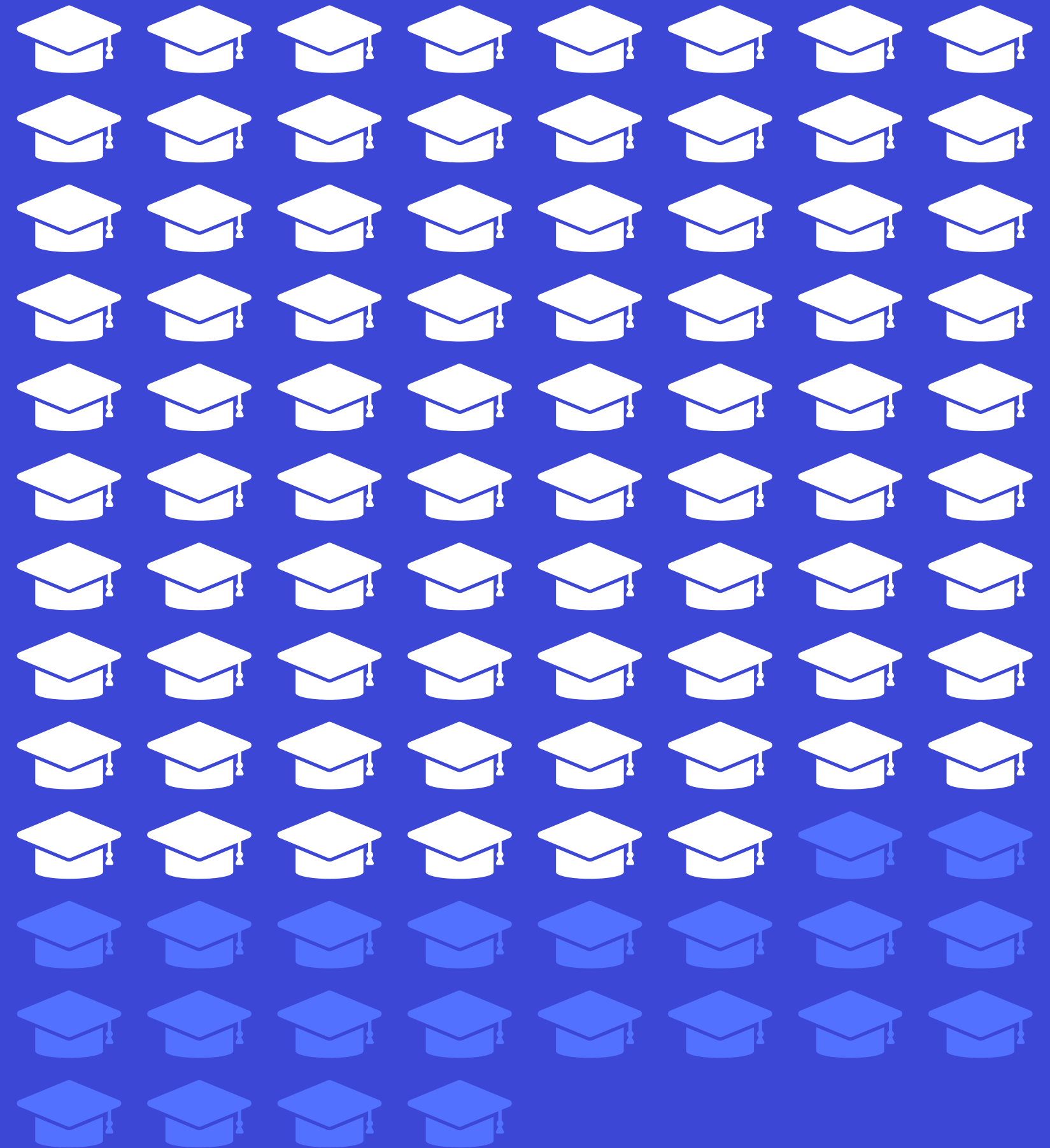
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NECSS: 448 Endorsements

NECSS schools

made up 78%

of the total.





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