The purpose of the Student Achievement Initiative is to tie some funding for post-secondary education to student outcomes. The outcomes were the result of a long, collaborative process, and include those described in the stair graphic above: moving from pre-college to college level courses, completing college-level math, completing certain levels of credits. In 2014-15, only $4.7 million worth of funding was tied to achievement across the state. In 2015-16, it will be $25 million that is disbursed not by enrollment but by achievement. This opens up opportunities and challenges for every college.

How Do We Fare?

On average, Seattle Central and SVI have slightly fewer SAI points per student, although SVI’s high completion rate puts it ahead, per student, than the system average.

What Does It Mean?

Holding all else equal, if Central and SVI perform the same in 2015-16, we can get about 3.1% of the total, or under $800,000. This would replace part of the old FTE-based allocation.

Which students are included?

• All state-supported, award seeking and running start students
• Excludes all international students, and any other non-state and/or non-award seeking students

What counts?

• Points based on credits earned from the college.
• All college level courses must have a minimum decimal grade of 1.0 or better, or a letter grade of P, S or CR.