Student Achievement Initiative

The Initiative

Completions*
1 point for completing certificates, degrees and apprenticeships

45 College Credits*
1 point for completing 45 college credits (one year).

College Math*
1 point for achieving 5 college-level math credits in computation, math, or logic.

30 College Credits*
1 point for completing 30 college credits.

15 College Credits*
1 point for completing the first 15 college credits.

College Readiness*
3 points for completing the highest pre-college (remedial) math course; 2 points for completing the highest-level pre-college English course. 1 extra point for completing a college-level math or English course within the same year.

Basic Skills
1 point for making nationally recognized test gains in math, English language, or reading as measured by pre- and post-testing or by earning a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.
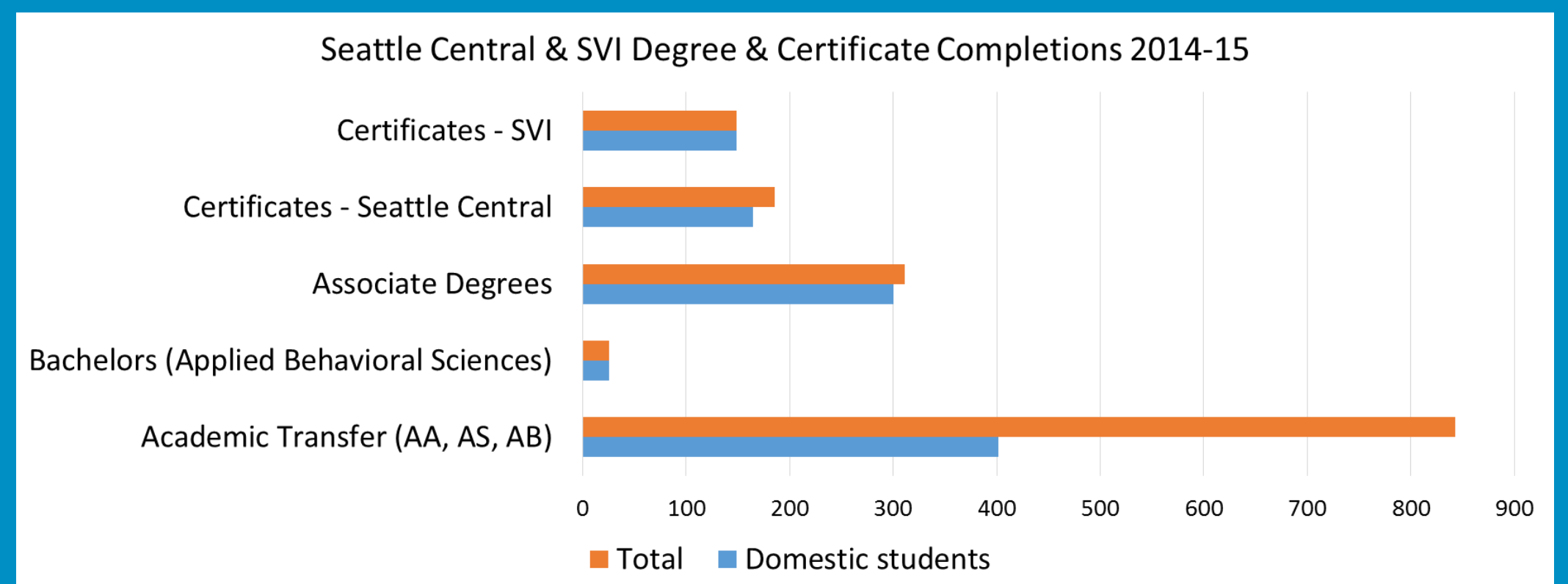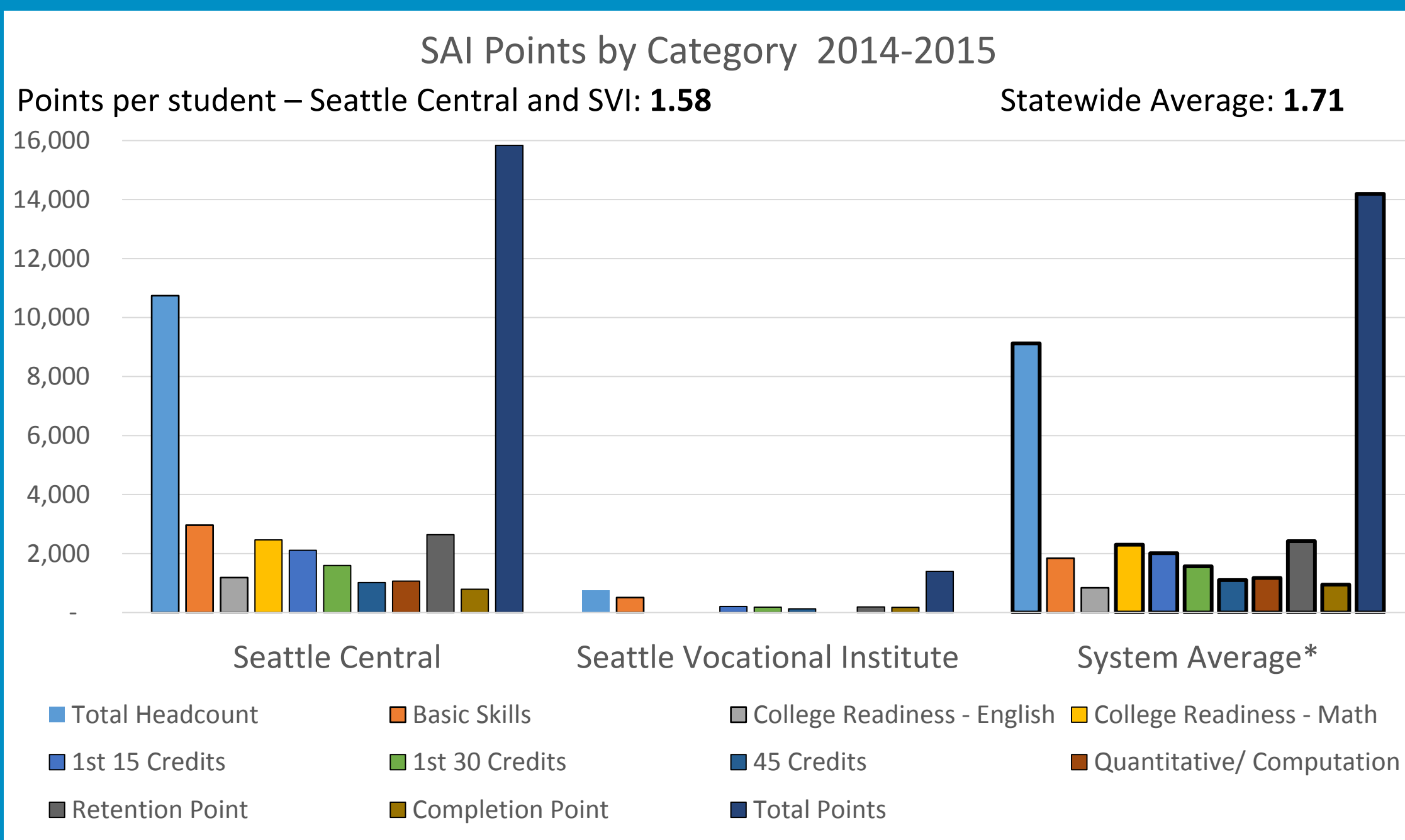
* Basic Skills students are awarded one extra point for each asterisked step.

System-wide Total $4.7m

$468,463
$2,108,082
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Seattle Central & SVI Total - $145K

$14,134
$75,473
$56,290

- Completions
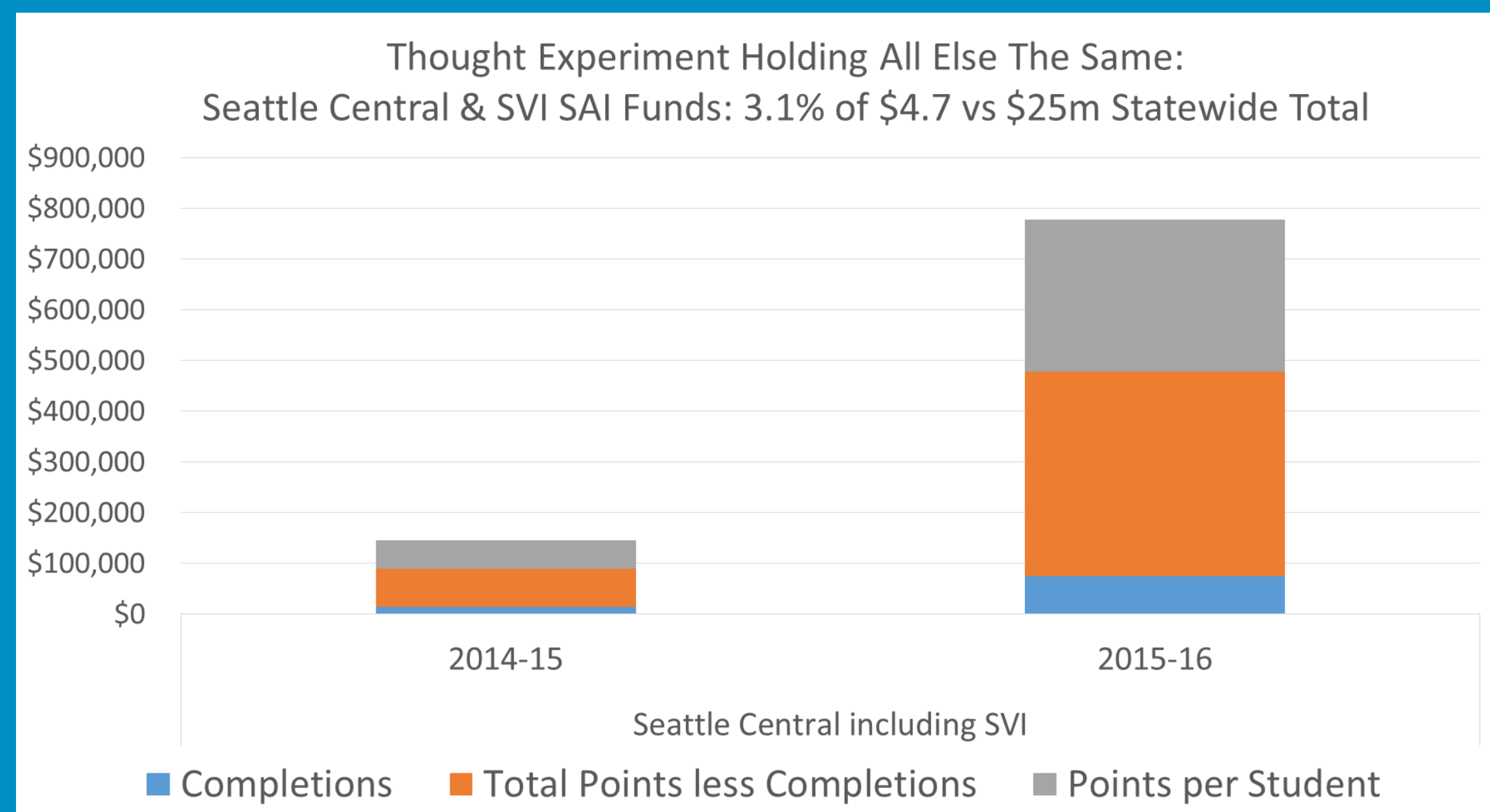- Total Points less Completions
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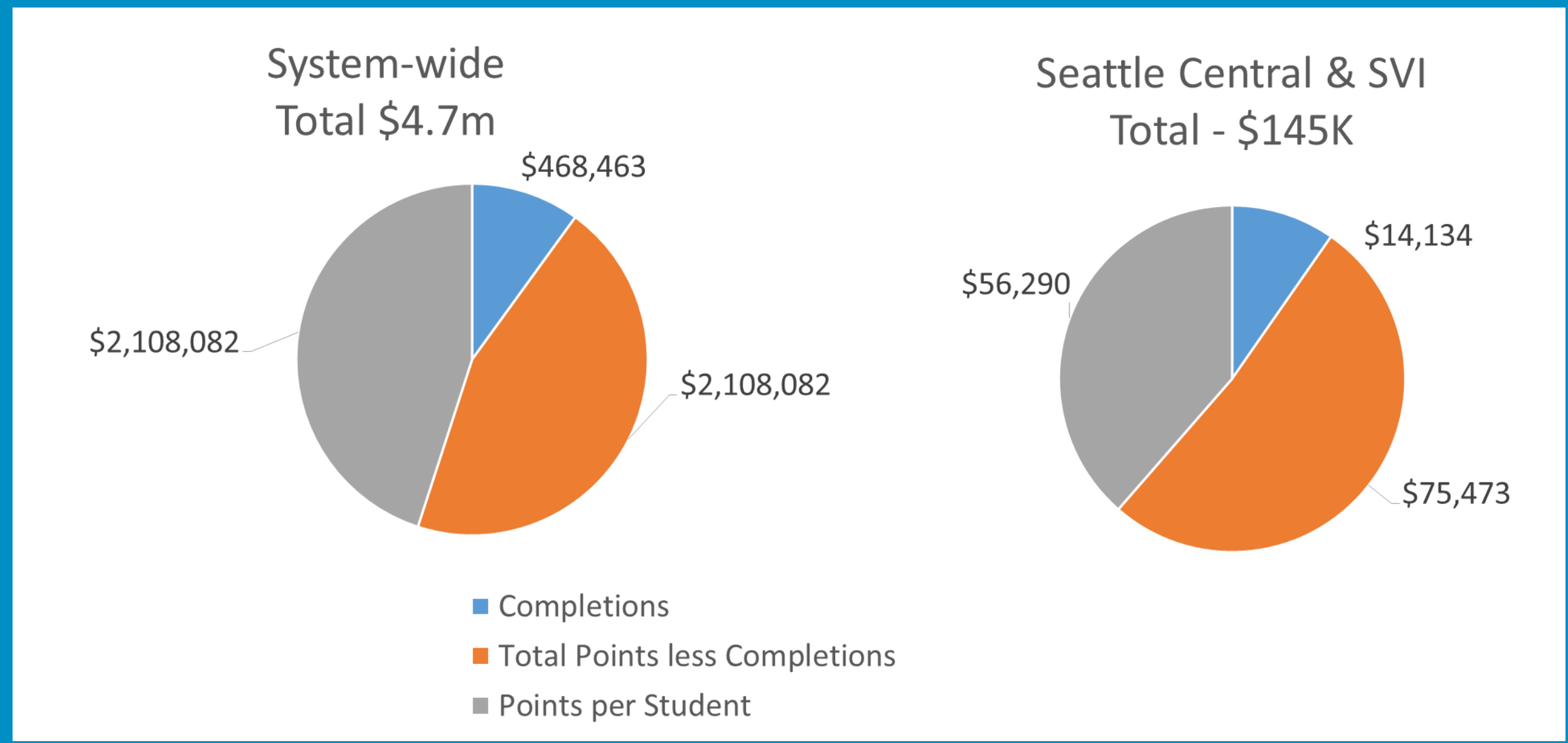
The purpose of the Student Achievement Initiative is to tie some funding for post-secondary education to student outcomes. The outcomes were the result of a long, collaborative process, and include those described in the stair graphic above: moving from pre-college to college level courses, completing 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?

SAI Points by Category 2014-2015

Points per student – Seattle Central and SVI: **1.58**   Statewide Average: **1.71**

- Total Headcount
- Basic Skills
- College Readiness - English
- College Readiness - Math
- 1st 15 Credits
- 1st 30 Credits
- 45 Credits
- Quantitative/ Computation
- Retention Point
- Completion Point
- Total Points

Seattle Central & SVI Degree & Certificate Completions 2014-15

- Certificates - SVI
- Certificates - Seattle Central
- Associate Degrees
- Bachelors (Applied Behavioral Sciences)
- Academic Transfer (AA, AS, AB)

- Total
- Domestic students

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?

Thought Experiment Holding All Else The Same:
Seattle Central & SVI SAI Funds: 3.1% of $4.7 vs $25m Statewide Total

2014-15   2015-16

Seattle Central including SVI

- Completions
- Total Points less Completions
- Points per Student

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.