

# The Thinning Crowd



For every 100 high school freshmen in Missouri ...

22%  
LOSS



78 will earn their high school diploma.

40%  
LOSS



47 will enter college.

33%  
LOSS



32 will still be enrolled their sophomore year.

30%  
LOSS



22 will earn a college degree by their early 20s.



Associate's Degree (6)



Bachelor's Degree (16)

## DECREASING PYRAMID OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

In Missouri, only 2 in 10 ninth-grade students will go on to complete a college degree by their early 20s (within 150% time for their degree). Income trends show that postsecondary education is needed to earn a family-supporting wage. Schools must do more to help students bridge transitions between educational environments and to assist students through their first year and into their second year in a new school setting.

The Career Clusters framework was designed to aid development of partnerships among institutions of all educational levels to create seamless transitions that improve entrance and completion rates, as well as success in the workplace.

Sources: National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (2008)