

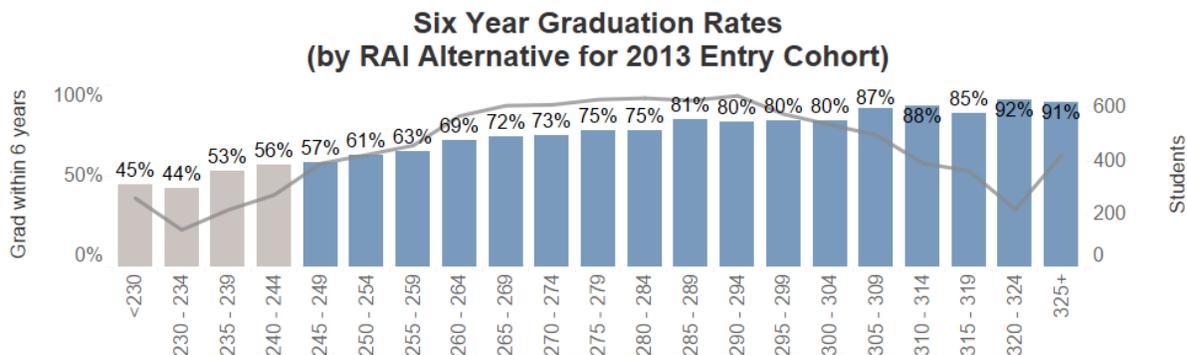
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2019-20 REGENT ADMISSION INDEX (RAI) BIENNIAL REVIEW

Actions Requested: Accept findings of the Admissions Study Team to maintain the current RAI threshold core for automatic admission at 245.

Key Findings: Every two years an inter-institutional Admissions Study Team completes an analysis of the RAI to assess the effectiveness of the automatic admission thresholds in relation to successful student outcomes, access and other priorities.

An examination of the impact of RAI scores on different undergraduate outcome metrics (earned grades, retention, and graduation rates) supports maintaining the current automatic admission cut point of 245 (see below).



A separate review of the same data using regression analysis with decision trees found the following RAI cut points for the associated six-year graduation rates (the overall average six-year graduate rate among students in the dataset was 75%). In general, the RAI profile of a given class is a strong predictor of its likely six-year graduation rate. Improving the graduation rates of students with lower RAI scores at entry is a priority at all three institutions.

RAI score	Six-Year Graduation Rate
• 269 +:	81%
• 247 - 268:	67%
• 238 - 246:	56%
• Below 237:	47%

The Future of the RAI

The COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of many test dates for the ACT and SAT nationally. In order to address this situation, the Regent universities suspended the requirement for ACT/SAT scores for the entering classes of 2021 and 2022. With the future of the ACT/SAT tests uncertain, as well as the increased use of competency-based and standards-based grading at high schools in Iowa and nationally (i.e. that do not necessarily generate a traditional GPA), the Regents are starting conversations about the future operationalization of the RAI.