

Experimental Sites ATB Initiative

<i>Data Dictionary</i>	
Item	Description
ATB Test	To be eligible for Title IV funds, students must have a high school diploma or “the equivalent of such a certificate” [HEA, Sec. 101(a)(1)]. Federal regulations (34 CFR 668.32) allow a student who does not meet this requirement to take an Ability To Benefit Test. The test must have been approved by the US Secretary of Education and administered according to federal regulations. (See USDE Student Financial Aid Handbook, Volume 1, Chapter 1)
Average Cum. GPA	The average of the current cumulative GPAs as calculated by your institution.
Avg. # Units Attempted	Include all degree applicable units in which students were officially enrolled, based on institutional definitions and policies.
Avg. # Units Completed	Include all units for which students received a grade, CR or NC.
College Units	Units counted must be applicable toward a college degree or certificate.
Random sample of FA recipients with HS diploma:	If units and average GPA for the entire population of FA recipients with HS diplomas is not available, the data may be calculated for a random sample of the students selected from the entire population. Random sample is a method of choosing a smaller selection from a large group so that each member of the group has an equal chance of being selected. Examples of sampling techniques are selecting items in sequence from an unorganized list (such as every 5 th or 10 th entry on an unsorted list) or starting with a sorted list, such as an alphabetical list, and randomly selecting the same number of items from each page, but not in the same order, such as, selecting the 3 rd , 5 th and 10 th name from one page and the 7 th , 13 th and 20 th from the next. It is recommended that you consult with your institutional research personnel for appropriate sampling procedures. If institutional scientific sampling methods are not available, the sample size should be at least 6% of the total number of FA students with HS diplomas and no fewer than 100 students. A larger sample size may yield more significant results.
Students enrolled in degree or certificate applicable classes:	Unduplicated head count of students enrolled in at least one degree or certificate applicable class during the 2001-2002 award year.
Successful Completion	For the purposes of this report, successful completion is an earned grade of “C” or better.