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College Success and the Preparation Problem

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Curriculum and Academic Preparation Track*

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Who We Are

- WISCAPE established in 2001, housed in the School of Education
- *Mission:* Help policymakers, researchers, and other policy actors acquire and share knowledge throughout Wisconsin's postsecondary education policymaking process
- Variety of activities, including research, publications, programs, and collaborations



Research Field

- Access: pathways to postsecondary education
- Success: persistence to and through degree completion
- State of college access → What do we know?
 - College still pays off
 - We need more college graduates
 - Disparities persist and may continue to grow



The Preparation Problem

- Curriculum gaps
 - Course taking and core standards
 - Subject areas (e.g. math and science)
- College readiness
 - SAT/ACT
 - AP/IB/dual enrollment



Next Steps

- Define what “access and success for all” means
- Identify key preparation problems
- Pinpoint intervention:
 - When?
 - Where?



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