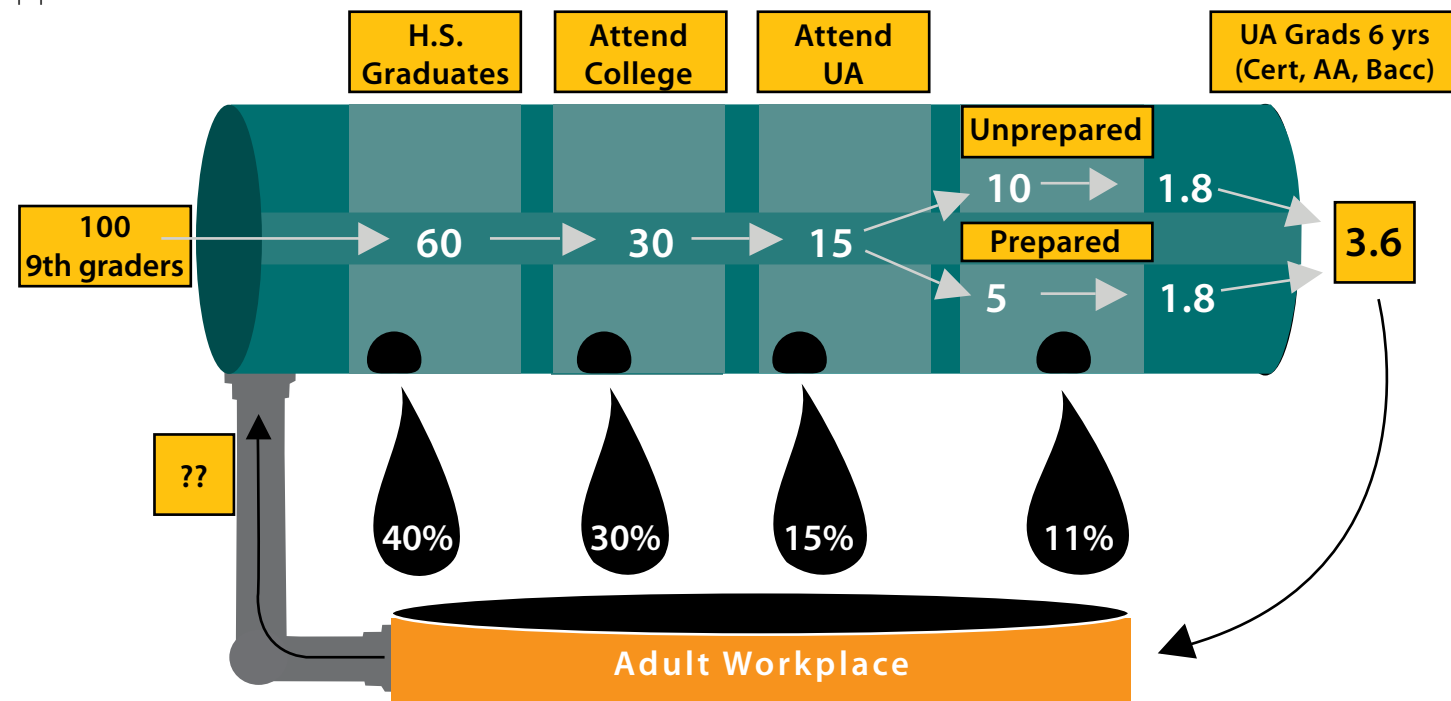


The Vision: A World-Class System of Education for Alaska's Future

To be successful in the on-going pursuit of the vision, Alaska must first look honestly and openly at the leaks in the education pipeline.



Alaska's future may be enhanced by a gas pipeline, but is dependent upon a quality education pipeline.

Currently only 3.6 students out of every 100 ninth graders in Alaska receive a post-secondary degree from UA within 6 years of their expected high school graduation date.

- 40% of 9th graders never graduate from high school.
- 30% never go on to post-secondary education – for most, this is the minimum requirement for economic advancement in today's society.
- 15% – half of those Alaskans going on to post-secondary education – attend out of state.
- 11% attend UA but do not graduate; two-thirds of entering students are not academically prepared for the rigors of college level work.
- As a result, only 3.6 students of the original 100 earn a degree from UA within the time it should take to graduate.

Exploring, understanding and responding to these leaks in the education pipeline are the first steps required to create the momentum for change - the momentum for investment and innovation that will lead to more opportunity for all Alaskans.

UA student success is one piece in a larger vision to create a world-class system of education for Alaska. Just as UA must make efforts to improve student success, K12 must graduate more students from high school and better prepare them for the rigors of college and work, parents and families must make a child's education a priority and the state must provide the resources and policy environment to enable continuous improvement. While rich in resources, Alaska's most important resource is the human capital that will define the future of our state. UA is committed to investing in all Alaskans, to allow them to reach their full potential.



“Student success does not arise by chance.
We must be intentional, proactive and intrusive.”

-Vince Tinto

Syracuse University, Distinguished University Professor
Chair, Higher Education Program

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