Local High School Students at TC3

As the student population at TC3 grows, you may be wondering what is happening with Cortland and Tompkins County students. Are they still coming here? Are they as prepared to take college-level classes, or are more of them taking developmental classes?

To look at local students we usually focus on the most recent graduates from a group of local high schools we call the “feeder” schools because they have historically been the source of much of our entering enrollment. These schools in Cortland County are: Cincinnatus Central School, Cortland Junior Senior High School, Homer Senior High School, Marathon Central School, and McGraw Central School. In Tompkins County they include Charles O. Dickerson High School (Trumansburg), Dryden Senior High School, Groton Central School, Ithaca High School, Lansing High School, and Newfield Central School.

The charts show that both counties show an overall growth trend over the past few years. In Cortland the growth is driven by an increase in students coming from Cortland Junior Senior High School, the largest sending school in the county, while in Tompkins County, Newfield, Charles O. Dickerson, and Lansing have all experienced growth in recent years.

Turning to what experience they bring with them when they enroll, in both counties a little more than 70 percent of the entering students enroll with at least some concurrent enrollment credit (formerly dual credit) from their high school.

The proportion enrolling in developmental classes has risen for Cortland students and decreased somewhat for Tompkins students. Interestingly, some of the students in developmental classes have already taken college-level coursework in high school, usually one-credit computer classes.

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