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College Readiness and FAFSA Completion in the Ohio 8 Coaliton Districts

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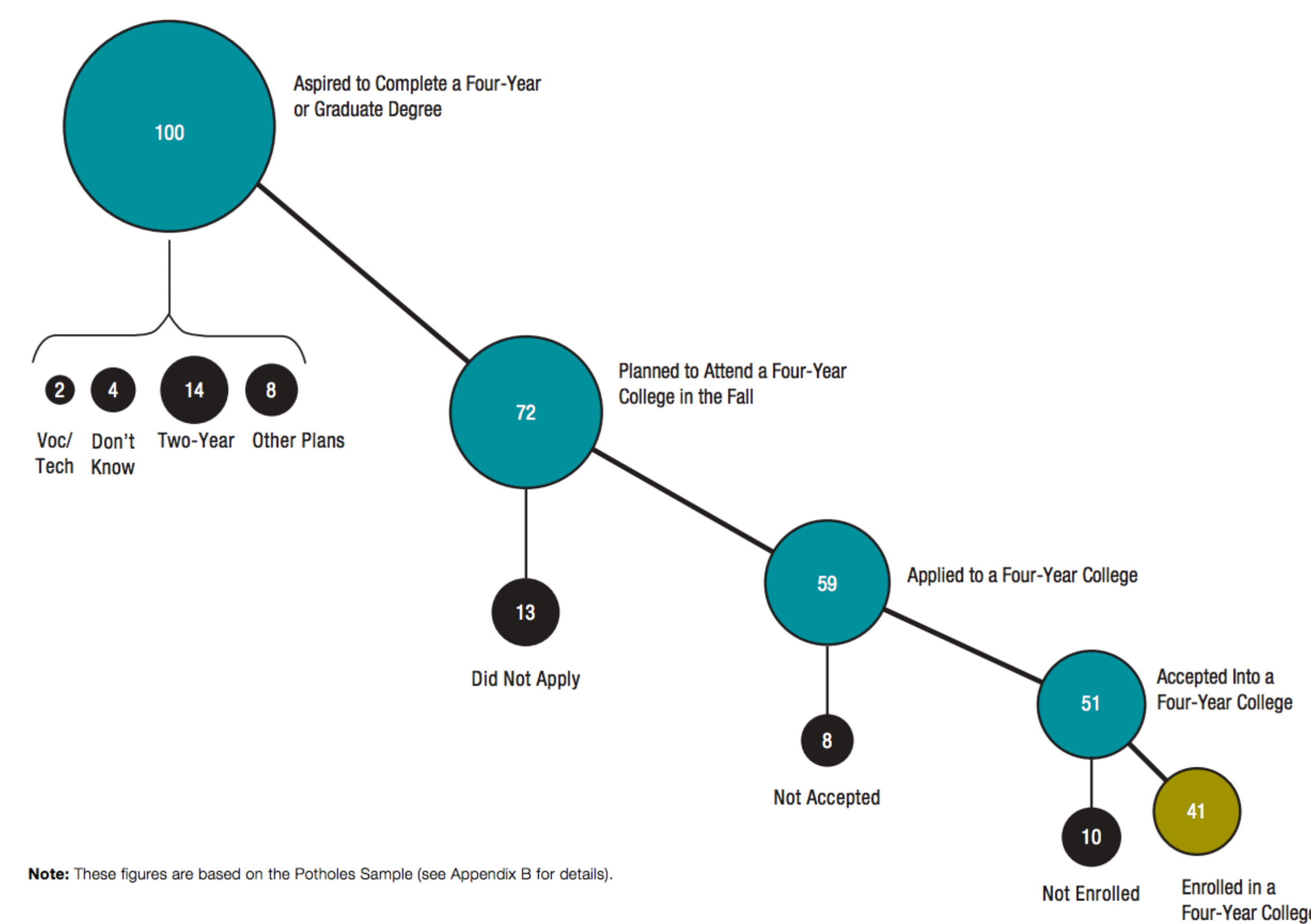
Research Questions

- When looking at Ohio 8 Urban Districts which schools have the highest and lowest completion rates for the FAFSA?
- What policies and programs are being implemented in the top performing districts to increase completion rates?



Ohio 8: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo & Youngstown

Tracking students through the steps to college enrollment:



Why FAFSA?

- Attainment – Achievement Gap is growing in the last 30 years. Students need social resources to reach their potential.
- Difficult to navigate
- **Taking goals and making concrete actions to attain them.**
- Student who has completed FAFSA and accepted to a four-year university is almost 50% more likely to enroll

College Readiness:

- Four categories
 - Content Knowledge
 - Core academic skills
 - Non-academic or behavioral skills
- **College Knowledge: the ability to effectively search for and apply to colleges.**

Important Case Studies:

- Chicago Public Schools – “College Coaches”
- DECA and Other Early College Academies
- H&R Block Experiment

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