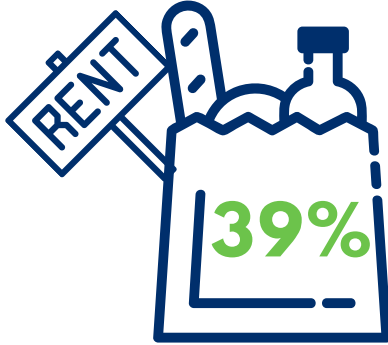


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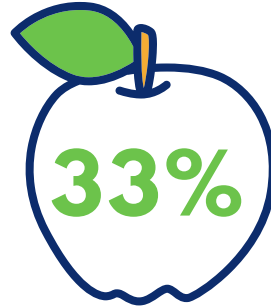
STUDENT SUCCESS BASIC NEEDS BARRIER REDUCTION, SF1631

HUNGER IMPACTS STUDENT SUCCESS

Food insecurity, housing insecurity and other basic needs insecurity impacts thousands of Minnesota community and technical college students ability to be successful in college.



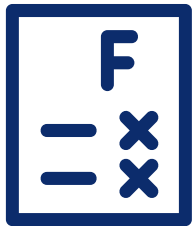
Are Concerned About
Being Able to Afford Food
or Housing in the Next 30
Days¹



Of Students Cut the Size or
Skipped Meals Because There
Was Not Enough Money For
Food²



Of Students Did Not Eat
For a Whole Day Because
They Didn't Have Enough
Money For Food²



25%
Of Students
Dropped Courses
Due To Hunger³



53%
Of Food Insecure
Students Missed
Classes³



55%
Of Food Insecure
Students Did Not
Purchase A Textbook³



+2 MILLION
College Students Were
Eligible For SNAP in
2016, But Did Not
Utilize The Program⁴

POLICY PROPOSAL

Student Success Basic Needs Barrier Reduction

Would require each Minnesota State to implement the following basic needs reduction strategies:

- Create a basic needs resource hub that is available at every community and technical college to provide students information on campus, local, state, and federal programs and support to reduce basic needs insecurity.
- Requires each college to have a designated employee to connect students to basic needs support.
- Would create an automatic basic needs resource referral trigger that would provide students with information on available basic needs based on their financial aid information when they enroll in college.
- Includes an appropriation to help colleges implement these requirements and other strategies that reduce basic. needs insecurity.

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