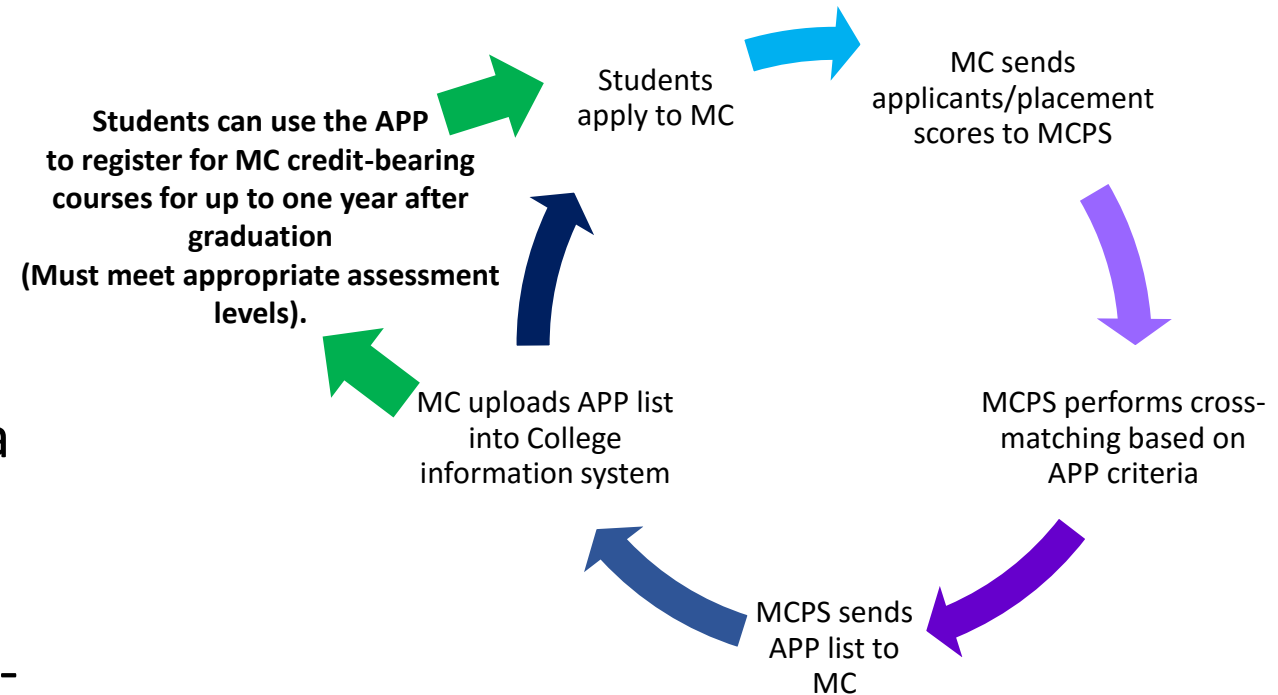# Montgomery College
Alternate Placement Program (APP)
AY15-16 to AY 16-17 Cohorts

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATE PLACEMENT PROGRAM(APP)?

- The Alternate Placement Program provides an alternate pathway for placing MC students into credit-bearing courses.

- Placement is based on a final semester grade of "B" or higher in approved MCPS coursework.

- Implementation involves a multi-step data exchange between MC and MCPS Institutions.

- The pilot year of the program was AY2015-16

- The APP was formally introduced in AY2016-17.

Students apply to MC

MC sends applicants/placement scores to MCPS

MCPS performs cross-matching based on APP criteria

MCPS sends APP list to MC

MC uploads APP list into College information system

Students can use the APP to register for MC credit-bearing courses for up to one year after graduation (Must meet appropriate assessment levels).

APP PARTICIPATION

APP Eligible Students	AY15/S16	AY16/17
APP Math	950+	1000+
APP English	650+	750+

**APP eligible students are those needing developmental coursework, as indicated by traditional assessment testing. However, these students earned the appropriate MCPS final semester grades, qualifying them for the APP

APP Participating Students	AY15/16	AY16/17
APP Math	49	12
APP English	143	27

**APP participating students are the APP eligible students who elected to take a credit-bearing course as permitted by the Program.

APP RESULTS
APP MATH(APPM) ~ MATH110, MATH117

	AY15/16	AY16/17
N	49	12
% C or better	71%	75%
% D	8%	8%
% F	16%	8%
% W	4%	8%

In total, 44 out of 61 APPM (72%) students earned a C or better.

APP RESULTS
APP ENGLISH(APPE) ~ ENGL101A

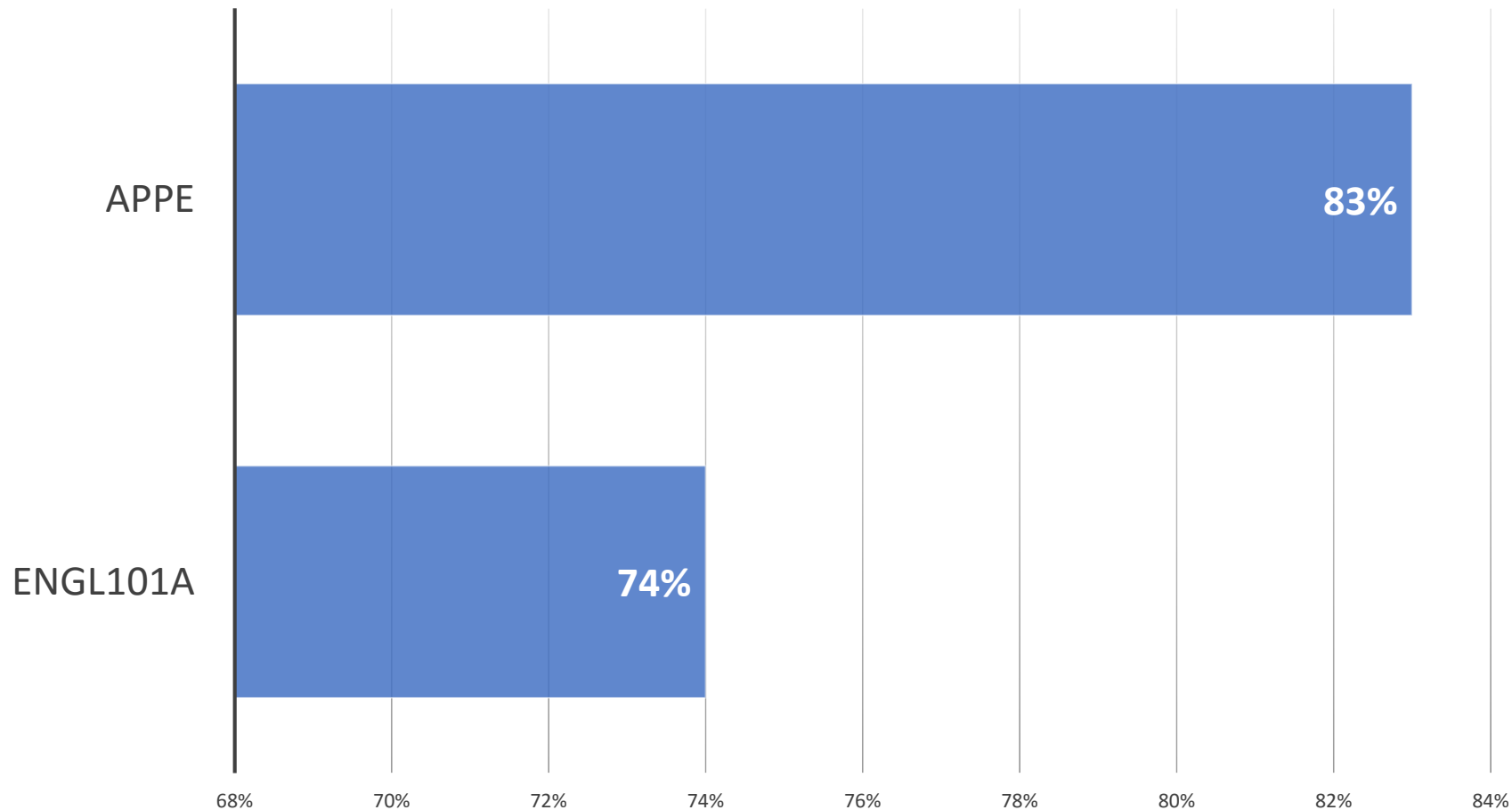|	AY15/16	AY16/17
N	102	68
% C or better	85%	81%
% D	6%	12%
% F	9%	4%
% W	0%	3%

In total, 142 out of 170 APPE (83%) students earned a C or better.

APP PERFORMANCE, %C OR BETTER
APPM V. ALL STUDENTS (MATH 110, MATH 117)
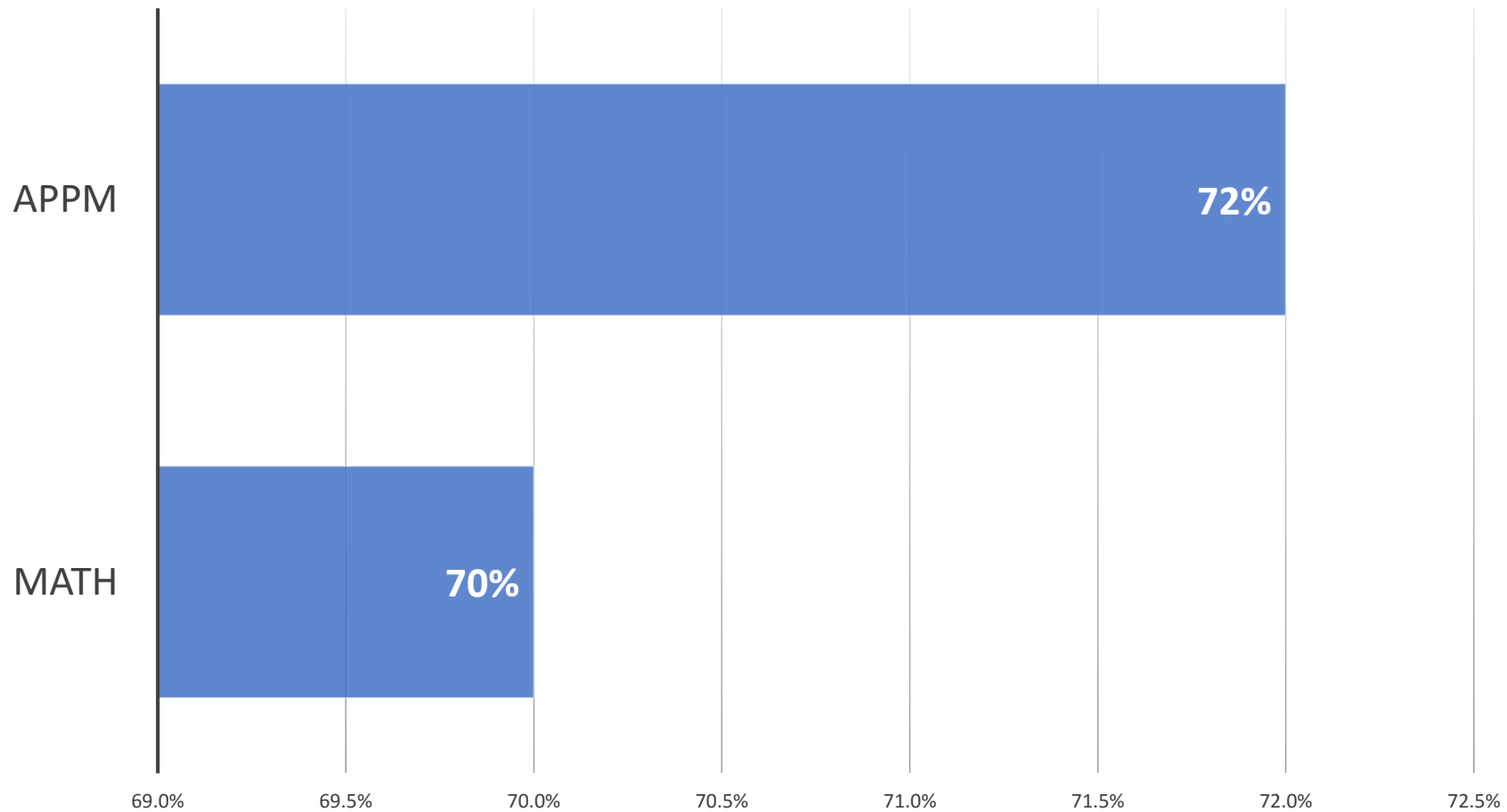
When comparing the APPM cohort to all other students taking those same math courses, APPM performs slightly better.

APP PERFORMANCE, %C OR BETTER APPE V. ALL STUDENTS (ENGL 101A)

When comparing the APPE cohort to all other students taking those same English courses, APPE has better performance.

APP: Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities:

- Students move into credit-level courses faster

- Decrease the misplacement of students

- Lower student cost to completion

- Increased student motivation to completion

- Ongoing review to streamline processes

Challenges:

- Increase student participation

- Make changes quickly, between semesters

- Improving communication about APP