#### Building and Using Data Systems to Improve Teacher Education in New York

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- 1. Elements of a P-16 Database
- 2. Where is New York?
- 3. Why should New York develop a comprehensive P-16 Educational database?
  - a. Management
  - b. Policy development
  - c. Accountability
- 4. Examples of Policy Evaluation
  - a. Alternative pathways
  - b. Components of teacher preparation
  - c. Teacher retention
  - d. Effects of teacher certification

## **Designing a P-16 Longitudinal Database for New York**

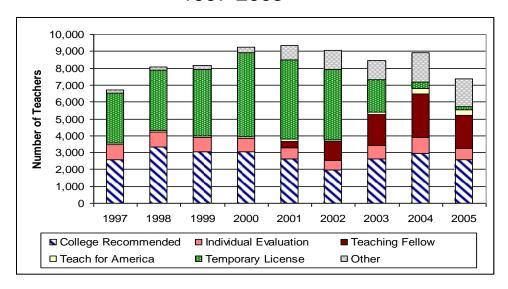
| Data Elements   | NYS | NYC      |
|---|-----|----------|
| Core Data (Data Quality Campaign)   |     |          |
| A unique statewide student identifier   | ✓   | ✓        |
| 2. Student-level enrollment, demographic and program participation information  |     | ✓        |
| <ol> <li>The ability to match individual students' test records from year to year to measure academic<br/>growth</li> </ol> |     | <b>✓</b> |
| 4. Information on untested students   |     |          |
| 5. A teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students   |     | ~        |
| <ol> <li>Student-level transcript information, including information on courses completed and grades<br/>earned</li> </ol>  |     |          |
| 7. Student-level college readiness test scores  |     |          |
| 8. Student-level graduation and dropout data  |     |          |
| 9. The ability to match student records between the Pre K–12 and higher education systems                                   |     | ~        |
| 10. A state data audit system assessing data quality, validity and reliability  |     |          |
| Teacher Preparation Data (teacher-level)  |     |          |
| Teacher socio-demographic information   | ~   | ~        |
| 2. Certification pathway  | ~   | ~        |
| Certification exam scores   | ✓   |          |
| 4. Program selectivity  |     |          |
| 5. Transcript, major  |     |          |
| Structure and content of field experiences  |     |          |
| 7. Qualifications of faculty  |     |          |
| 8. Development of specific knowledge and skills (e.g., subject-based pedagogy)  |     |          |
| Professional development (teacher-level)  |     |          |
| Quantity/frequency of professional development  |     |          |
| Content of professional development and connection to career development  |     |          |
| 3. Nature of professional development (e.g., embedded or not)   |     |          |
| 4. Quality of professional development  |     |          |
| 5. Identity and qualification of presenters   |     |          |
|   |     |          |

- ✓ In database
- ~ In some cases or for some variables

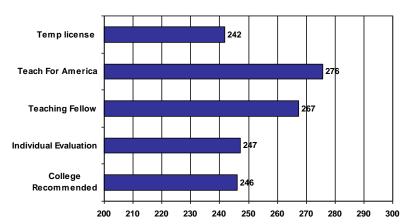
### **Teacher Pathways Project**

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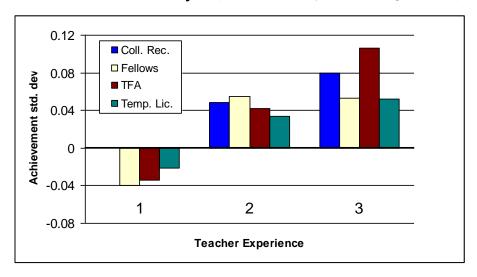
## Number of entering NYC teachers by pathway 1997-2005



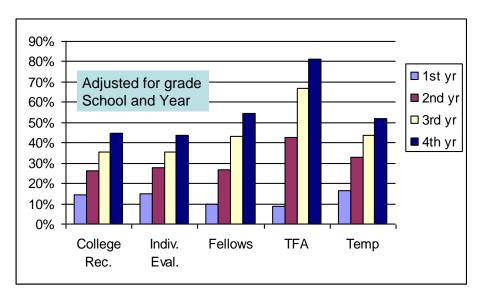
### Average LAST Certification Exam Scores Entering NYC Teachers, by Pathway 2004



# Student Achievement Gains Accruing to Teacher Pathways (Coll. Rec. 1 yr =0; 4-5 gr. Math)

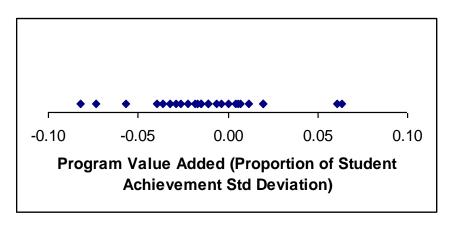


Grades 4-8 Teacher Attrition, 1<sup>st</sup> Four Years of Teaching, 1999-2003 Cohorts



#### Childhood Math Program Value-Added

Grades 4-8 & Programs with at least 50 observations, with school fixed effects and controlling for teacher attributes



As comparisons, passing the LAST = .02\*\*, 2nd year =~.05, 7th year=~.13\*\*\*

# Aspects of Teacher Preparation that Impact Student Achievement in NYC

- Opportunities to engage in assignments that are closely tied to practice (e.g. analyze student work)
- Opportunities to study the NYC curriculum
- Similarity between student teaching and first job for Math

| Construct                     | Coefficient |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Assignments based in Practice | 0.130***    |
| NYC curriculum                | 0.041***    |
| Field exp/job congruence      | 0.070***    |