

## COLLEGIATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROFICIENCY-BASED EDUCATION & GRADUATION

The University of Massachusetts Amherst, a most selective institution of higher education, accepts applications for admission from students attending secondary schools from across the United States and the world. We admit students from a wide variety of educational settings, rural and urban, private and public schools.

Regarding the New England Secondary School Consortium and its efforts to implement proficiency-based practices and graduation in schools throughout the region and beyond, parents and the public should be advised that the University of Massachusetts Amherst:

1. Accepts a wide range of student transcripts if they meet our stated admissions requirements and provide a full and accurate presentation of what an applicant has learned and accomplished
2. Assures applicants to our institution from schools with proficiency-based transcripts that they will not be disadvantaged in any way.

We are pleased to join the New England Secondary School Consortium in support of stronger academic preparation for postsecondary study; leading to increased collegiate enrollments and higher college completion rates.

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