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Jeffco Graduation Rates Continue to Rise, Now Exceed State and Nation

GOLDEN, Colo. (Jan. 16, 2019) – Jeffco Public Schools on-time graduation rates continue to improve, according to the most recent data provided to the Colorado Department of Education. Over the last five years, Jeffco Public Schools graduation rate has increased by 2.4 percentage points. Jeffco's rate is higher than the average on-time graduation rate of both Colorado and the U.S.

Jeffco Public Schools graduation rate for 2017-18 is 85.3%; it was 82.9% in 2013-14. Jeffco's graduation rate is significantly higher than the 2017-18 state graduation rate of 80.7%, and surpasses the all-time high national graduation rate of 84%. This upward trend also holds true for minority and female students in Jeffco. The minority rate increased from 77.2% in 2013-14 to 79.7% in 2017-18 while the female rate jumped from 86.3% in 2013-14 to 89.2% in 2017-18.

Additionally, the five-year trend of dropout rates shows improvement in Jeffco, as does the extended graduation and completion rate.

"We know we have great work happening in our school district," said Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass. "Seeing that hard work reflected in our graduation rate is very gratifying. I commend our educators and staff for going the extra mile to ensure our students succeed. Our schools continue to raise the bar, and we expect to see this positive trend continue."

Detailed information on Jeffco Public Schools graduation, dropout, and completion rates for 2017-2018 is below.

About Jeffco Public Schools

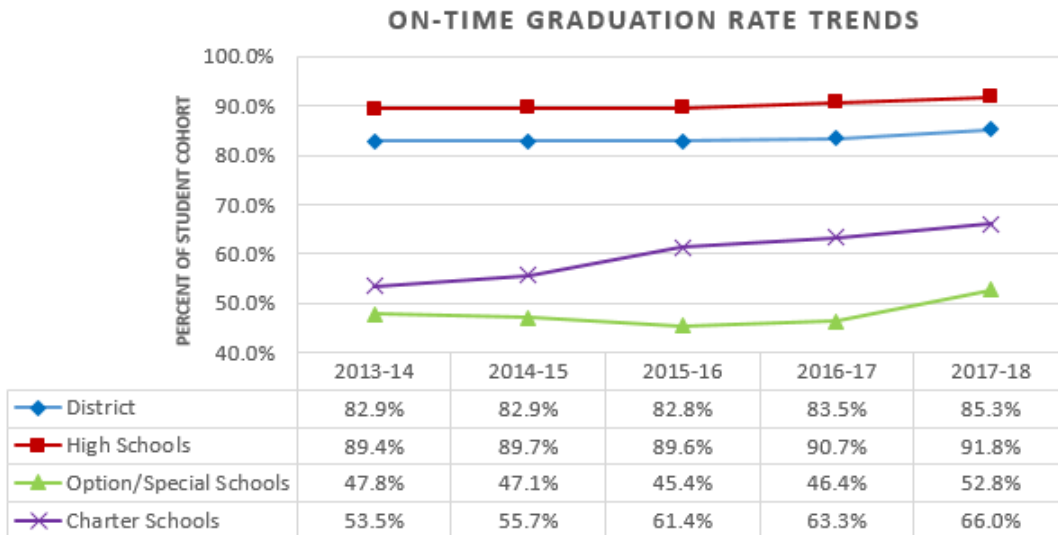
Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 65 years. The district serves over 85,000 students at 155 schools. Jeffco Public Schools is dedicated to changing the classroom experience through Readiness for Learning, Conditions for Learning, and Learning as outlined in the [Jeffco Generations strategic vision](#). Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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On-Time Graduation Rates

Graduation rate trends:

- A five-year trend of on-time graduation rates indicates a general overall improvement. Specifically, the rate over five years shows an increase of 2.4 percentage points for the district with a 2.4 percentage point increase for high schools, a 5.0 percentage point increase for option and special schools, and a 12.5 percentage point increase for charter schools.



On-time graduation rate improvements:

- The district percentage rate increased 1.8 percentage points.
- The high school percentage rate increased 1.1 percentage points.
- The charter school percentage rate increased 2.7 percentage points.
- The option/special schools percentage rate increased 6.4 percentage points.
- The limited English proficient percentage rate increased 2.1 percentage points.
- The student with disabilities percentage rate increased 0.4 percentage points.
- The homeless percentage rate increased 3.5 percentage points.

Dropout Rates

Dropout rate trends:

- A five-year trend of dropout rates indicates a general overall improvement. Specifically, the rate over five years indicates no change for the district and high schools, a 0.1 percentage point decrease for middle schools, a 0.6 percentage point decrease for charter schools, and a 1 percentage point decrease for option and special schools.

Dropout rate improvements:

- The district percentage rate decreased 0.1 percentage points.
- The charter school percentage rate decreased 0.2 percentage points.
- The option and special school percentage rate decreased 0.8 percentage points.
- The migrant percentage rate decreased 4.5 percentage points.

On-Time Completion Rates

Completion rate improvements:

- The district completion percentage rate increased 1.9 percentage points.
- The high school completion percentage rate increased 1.2 percentage points.
- The charter school completion percentage rate increased 1.5 percentage points.
- The option and special schools completion percentage rate increased 6.4 percentage points.
- The limited English proficient percentage rate increased 1.4 percentage points.
- The homeless percentage rate increased 3.5 percentage points.
- The gifted and talented percentage rate increased 0.6 percentage points.

Extended Graduation and Completion Rates

- The district graduation percentage rate for the 2014-2015 graduation cohort increased from 88.2 to 88.7% with the addition of the seventh year graduates.
- The district completion percentage rate for the 2014-2015 completion cohort increased from 90.8% to 91.5% with the addition of the seventh year graduates and completers.
- The district graduation percentage rate for the 2015-2016 graduation cohort increased from 86.8% to 88.0% with the addition of the sixth year graduates.
- The district completion percentage rate for the 2015-2016 completion cohort increased from 89.0% to 90.4% with the addition of the sixth year graduates and completers.
- The district graduation percentage rate for the 2016-2017 graduation cohort increased from 83.5% to 87.6% with the addition of the fifth year graduates.
- The district completion percentage rate for the 2016-2017 completion cohort increased from 84.9% to 89.5% with the addition of the fifth year graduates and completers.