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## Hillsboro School District’s Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Tops 84 Percent

*Sustained efforts and targeted interventions help ensure more students in the District are graduating on time*

**January 25, 2018, Hillsboro, OR** –Hillsboro School District is pleased to announce its 2017 graduation rates.

	Total Students	2017 Grads	<b>2017 Grad Rate</b>	HSD 2016 Grad Rate*	Δ (in pct. points)	ODE 2016 Grad Rate	Δ (in pct. points)
Century HS	453	415	<b>91.61%</b>	85.71%	+5.90	81.98%	+9.63
Glencoe HS	410	359	<b>87.56%</b>	85.93%	+1.63	83.41%	+4.15
Hillsboro HS	354	291	<b>82.20%</b>	78.53%	+3.67	75.44%	+6.76
Hillsboro Online	29	17	<b>58.62%</b>	50.00%	+8.62	40.48%	+18.14
Liberty HS	351	287	<b>81.77%</b>	84.94%	-3.17	80.60%	+1.17
Hillsboro Sch. Dist.	1629	1370	<b>84.10%</b>	81.68%	+2.42	77.94%	+6.16

*\*Note that due to a data anomaly that was not corrected in time, there was a discrepancy between the 2016 graduation data reported by ODE and actual HSD data.*

Several factors likely play a role in the increase of 2.42\* percentage points in 2017 vs. 2016 graduation rates (\*6.16 percentage points vs. ODE-reported 2016 graduation rates, see explanation below table), such as:

- A sustained instructional focus over time on the Five Dimensions of Teaching and Learning, with specific emphasis on Purpose, Engagement, and Assessment;
- Expansion of the District’s Career and College Pathways program, including additional career-related and dual-articulated courses as well as greater access to internship opportunities;
- Using data to track students who might be at risk of falling behind and intervening quickly.

“One of the most important things we can do as a system is ensure that students have the tools and supports they need to be successful at every grade level,” explains Assistant Superintendent Dayle Spitzer. “With our freshmen in particular, it is critical that they not fall behind in grades or credits earned, and the real-time data we’ve had access to in recent years has been extremely helpful in allowing us to reach out to our students and families for partnership and support.”

Those targeted interventions, including making home visits and creating individual graduation plans for students, are also helping lower the District’s dropout rates. Each high school saw those rates improve in 2017.

“I am extremely proud of our students for their hard work in achieving these impressive graduation results,” says Superintendent Scott. “I am also very grateful to staff members at all levels of our district for their commitment to educating, inspiring, and supporting students on their journey to graduation.”

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