



COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
GOVERNING POLICY OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Goal: Academic 1.1

Date Adopted/Last Revised: March 2021

- 1.1 The graduation rate will increase by 2% per year until 95% is attained at which it will not drop lower.

I interpret graduation rate to mean: the same as the definition from the Colorado Department of Education: The graduation rate is a cumulative or longitudinal rate which calculates the number of students who actually graduate as a percent of those who were in membership and could have graduated over a four-year period. The rate is calculated by dividing the number of graduates by the membership base. The membership base is derived from the end-of-year count of eighth graders four years earlier and adjusted for the number of students who have transferred into or out of the district during the years covering grades 9 through 12. Graduation rates are calculated based on high school graduates only. A graduate is a student who completed locally-defined requirements for graduation. If a student is not considered a graduate by the local board of education, then he/she is not included in the graduation rate calculation.

I interpret completer rate to mean: the same as the definition from the Colorado Department of Education: The Completer Rate is a cumulative or longitudinal rate which calculates the number of students who graduate, receive certificates or other designations of high school completion. It is also calculated as a percent of those who were in membership and could have graduated or completed over a four-year period (i.e., from Grades 9-12). Completer rates are calculated based on all students who are graduates, plus those who are not considered graduates but receive another certificate or designation of high school completion.

Achievement of Goal 1.1: Graduation

Data Reported

Graduation rate is calculated based on October count and graduation data, according to a formula followed by the Colorado Department of Education “Rules for the Administration of Colorado Data Reporting for School Accreditation.”

This report on the expectations of the board through Goal 1.1 presents historical graduation rate data as the goal requires an increase in the graduation rate over time. Graduation rate calculation has been revised by the Colorado Department of Education.

Beginning with the 2010 graduating class, Colorado began calculating a four-year graduation rate, a five year, a six year and a seven-year graduation rate. Colorado has maintained that calculation structure. The formula and methodology are based on the standards set by the National Governors Association “Graduation Counts Compact.”

Colorado defines “on-time” graduation as students who graduate from high school four years after entering ninth grade. In addition to this 4-year rate, the state calculates 5-,6-, and 7- year graduation rates. The state also calculates corresponding completion rates, which include graduates along with students who are determined to have completed high school upon receipt of a GED or some other form of certification.

For the purposes of this report, we have included multiple years of graduation data, also with completion data so that the impact of the changing criterion can be clearly seen. Complete graduation and dropout statistics for the state can be found on the Colorado Education Statistics and Data website:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/gradratecurrent> and on the CDE District Dashboard <https://www.cde.state.co.us/code/schooldashboard>

CDE Dropout Statistics can be found <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/dropoutcurrent>

Graduation

Table 1: School District 27J Total Four Year Graduation Rate (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Colorado Graduation Rate	79	80.7	81.1	81.9	81.7
27J Schools Graduation Rate	77.4	81.5	84.1	86.2	88.2
Bolt	75	86.4	70.4	100	NA
Innovations and Options	14.4	30	31.7	57.8	58.9
Brighton High School	81	83.1	88.2	88.9	90.1
Eagle Ridge Academy	98	98.2	96.3	94	95.9
Prairie View High School	84.3	88.3	89.5	89.9	92.1
RRHS					93.8

Table 1: 27J Schools overall graduation rate increased 2% over last year's record high. The graduation rate for 27J schools has increased each year over the past 5 years. Innovations and options was a bright spot with its second year of growth in graduation rate and this is the first year that all comprehensive high schools in 27J have experienced a graduation rate above 90%.

Table 2: Graduation Rate Percentage of Adams County Districts (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bennett 29J	88.6	87.2	87.8	93.3	94.2
27J Schools	77.4	81.5	84.1	86.2	88.2
Strasburg	85.6	86.2	89.3	88.6	87.9
Colorado	79	80.7	81.1	81.9	81.7
Adams 12 Five Star	83.6	84.3	83.3	84	80.5
Mapleton 1	59	60.4	68.7	78.3	75.6
Westminster Public Sc.	57.8	67.9	69.3	72.5	68.2
Adams 14 Commerce City	65.6	64.3	63.3	66.8	67.0

Table 2: 27J Schools graduation rates in comparison to the state and other Adams County school districts. Adams 12 Five Star is the largest comparative school district. Strasburg and Bennett represent the smallest cohorts of students in Adams County.

27J Schools increased its graduation rate to 2nd overall in Adams county.

Table 3: 27J 4 Year Graduation Rate by Gender and Ethnicity by Percentage (%)

27J 4 Year Graduation Rate by Gender and Ethnicity by Percentage

		2014 Rate (%)	2015 Rate (%)	2016 Rate (%)	2017 Rate (%)	2018 Rate (%)	2019 Rate (%)	2020 Rate (%)	2021 Rate (%)
American Indian	Male	0.0	66.7	66.7	75.0	66.7	83.3	75.0	40
	Female	85.7	75.0	66.7	100.0	75.0	50.0	100.0	75
	Total	85.7	71.4	66.7	80.0	71.4	75.0	90.9	55.6
Asian	Male	93.3	68.8	77.8	86.7	83.3	91.7	100.0	92.9
	Female	77.8	86.7	100.0	92.9	100.0	88.9	100.0	100
	Total	87.5	77.4	87.1	89.7	90.0	90.5	100.0	95.5
Black	Male	55.6	80.0	60.0	61.5	68.4	77.8	72.7	88.2
	Female	87.5	90.9	85.0	85.7	81.8	87.5	100.0	76.9
	Total	70.6	87.5	80.0	70.0	73.3	82.4	88.0	83.3
Hispanic or Latino	Male	71.1	64.3	64.9	68.2	74.4	74.9	79.9	82.3
	Female	78.0	78.7	76.7	78.5	83.5	87.5	85.9	91.1
	Total	74.7	71.2	70.9	72.9	73.3	81.2	82.8	86.7
White	Male	77.4	76.2	77.0	76.2	78.7	80.6	87.5	88
	Female	91.2	85.9	89.4	86.9	89.2	91.9	89.2	94.1
	Total	84.2	81.2	82.9	81.0	84.2	86.1	88.3	90.6
Native Hawaiian	Male	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100
	Female	50.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	66.7
	Total	50.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	75
Two or More Races	Male	57.1	77.8	91.7	81.8	86.7	100.0	77.3	85.7
	Female	88.9	92.9	87.5	100.0	100.0	95.5	100.0	85.7
	Total	75.0	87.0	90.0	91.7	91.7	96.8	87.2	85.7
District Total	Male	74.5	70.2	71.6	72.4	76.5	78.5	84.0	85.2
	Female	84.8	83.0	83.4	83.3	86.7	89.8	88.7	91.7
	District Total	79.8	76.7	77.5	77.4	81.5	84.1	86.2	88.2

Table 3: The following subgroups represent 27J All-time highs:

- Black Males - 88.2%
- Hispanic Total - 86.7%
 - Hispanic Males - 82.3%

- Hispanic Females - 91.1%
- White Total - 90.6%
 - White Males - 88%
 - White Females - 94.1%
- District Total - 88.2%
 - District Males - 85.2%
 - District Females - 91.7%

Improvement since 2012 Graduation Rates (The 2012 graduation data can be found in past monitoring reports and on the CDE website)

- Black Total 2012 - 60.9% (+22.4%)
 - Black Males 2012 - 53.7% (+34.5%)
 - Black Females 2012 - 75% (+1.9%)
- Hispanic Total 2012 - 62.6% (+24.1%)
 - Hispanic Males 2012 - 54.3% (+28%)
 - Hispanic Females 2012 - 72.1% (+19%)
- White Total 2012 - 80.5% (+10.1%)
 - White Males 2012 - 78.5% (+9.5%)
 - White Females 2012 - 82.7% (+11.4%)
- District Total 2012 - 71.5% (+16.7%)
 - District Males 2012 - 65.5% (+19.7%)
 - District Females 2012 - 78.1% (+13.6%)

Completion Rate

The completion rate includes all students who graduate with a regular diploma plus students who complete 4-years with a high school equivalent or non-diploma certificate. It is important to note that graduates are included in the completer rate, therefore the completion rates for any school or district will be greater than or equal to the graduation rate.

Completion Rate is a significant data point for 27J students. As we consider the significance of the 27J Mission of “*every child having a future*”, a diploma or its equivalent is a must. It is more important that a student obtains a diploma and is prepared for a future, than it is that they graduate on time. This will be especially true as we move to demonstrations with the class of 2022.

Table 4: Completer rate seven years after entering high school.

	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Strasburg	95.6	94.4	91	92.3
Adams 12 Five Star	87.6	90.3	91.1	91.1
Colorado	88.4	89.1	89.2	87.0
27J Schools	87.4	87.8	87.1	90.8
Bennett 29J	81.5	87.0	97.7	95.7
Adams 1 Mapleton	80.8	82.1	76.8	79.1
Westminster	77.2	75.5	79.5	83.9
Adams 14 Commerce City	76.6	75.9	76	77.1

Table 5: Completer rate seven years after entering high school per 27J School.

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Total 27J 7 Completion	87.4	87.8	87.1	90.8
Bolt	85.7	80.0	85	91.3
Innovations and Options	48.8	60.5	58.3	72
Brighton High School	89.1	88.5	87.6	91.7
Eagle Ridge Academy	98.9	97.8	99	99.1
Prairie View High School	91.6	92.8	92.2	93.9

Table 5: All 27J Schools continue to improve on seven-year completer rates.

Table 6: 27J 7 Year Completion Rate by Gender and Ethnicity by Percentage

	2014- 2015	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018
All Students	87.4	87.8	87.1	90.8
All White Students	92	91.9	90.2	92
White Female	93.4	96.3	94.8	93.1
White Males	90.5	87.9	86.5	90.7
All Hispanic Students	82.2	82.7	83.3	89.1
Hispanic Female	89.1	86.9	89.9	93.2
Hispanic Male	75.9	78.3	77.7	85.3

Dropout Rates for Alternative Education Campuses (AEC)

Table 7: Comparison of Drop-out Rates for Alternative Education Campuses in Adams County.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Innovations and Options	29.6	20.7	16.8	12.4	8.4	8.8
Westminster Public Schools Alternative Schools	18.2	17.2	16.6	13.5	9.8	17.5
Colorado School Dropout Rate All Alternative Schools	18.6	18.3	16.9	15.4	14.7	14.5
Adams 12 Five Star Alternative Schools	12.4	13.6	11.6	16	13.9	20.5
Mapleton Alternative Schools	NA	NA	NA	27.7	20	14
Adams 14 Alternative Schools	40.7	35.3	32	31.9	26.1	34.5

Table 7: Innovations and options continues to demonstrate the lowest dropout rate in Adams County and one of the lowest dropout rates for alternative schools in the state of Colorado.

The graduation rate will increase by 2% per year until 95% is attained at which it not drop will lower.

Conclusion: I report compliance