



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.

We 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.

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.

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>

Conclusion: 27J Schools' graduates from the class of 2024 earned graduation rates that decreased from the previous year. The class of 2024 earned a graduation rate of 87.2%. We report noncompliance seeing 27J Graduation Rate decrease by 0.9% over the previous year's total.

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Colorado Graduation Rate	79.0	80.7	81.1	81.9	81.7	82.3	83.1	84.2
27J Schools	77.4	81.5	84.1	86.2	88.2	90.9	88.1	87.2
Bolt/Online Academy	75.0	86.4	70.4	100	NA	82.1	72.0	72.7
Innovations and Options	14.4	30.0	31.7	57.8	58.9	74.3	59.0	67.6
Brighton High School	81.0	83.1	88.2	88.9	90.1	89.9	92.2	93.4
Colorado Connections Academy*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	85.7	71.4
Eagle Ridge Academy	98.0	98.2	96.3	94	95.9	96.2	94.3	97.2
Prairie View High School	84.3	88.3	89.5	89.9	92.1	93.8	89.8	87.0
Riverdale Ridge High School	NA	NA	NA	NA	94.2	93.6	93.6	96.2

Table 1 Note: We report noncompliance seeing 27J Graduation Rate decrease 0.9% over previous year's total. 27J still remained above the state graduation rate by 3%.

Table 2.1: Cohort Size and Graduation Rate Percentage of Adams County Districts (%)

	2023-2024 AYG Cohort Size	2023-2024 Graduation Rate
Colorado Graduation Rate	69,301	84.2
27J Schools	1,690	87.2
Adams 12 Five Star	2,912	85.2
Adams 14 Commerce City	514	75.9
Bennett 29J	103	78.6
Mapleton	465	71.2
Strasburg	86	96.5
Westminster Public Schools	561	68.6

Table 2.1 Note: 27J is the 2nd largest school district in Adams County. Cohort size in other districts does impact percentages in disaggregated data.

Table 2.2: Longitudinal Graduation Rate Percentage of Adams County Districts (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Colorado Graduation Rate	79	80.7	81.1	81.9	81.7	82.3	83.1	84.2
27J Schools	77.4	81.5	84.1	86.2	88.2	90.9	88.1	87.2
Adams 12 Five Star	83.6	84.3	83.3	84	80.5	82.8	84.8	85.2
Adams 14 Commerce City	65.6	64.3	63.3	66.8	67	69.3	68.8	75.9
Bennett 29J	88.6	87.2	87.8	93.3	94.2	89.5	84.7	78.6
Mapleton	59	60.4	68.7	78.3	75.6	74.9	68.5	71.2
Strasburg	85.6	86.2	89.3	88.6	87.9	79.5	91.4	96.5
Westminster Public Schools	57.8	67.9	69.3	72.5	68.2	67.3	69.7	68.6

Table 2 Note: 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 is second overall in Graduation Rate in Adams County behind Strasburg (Cohort of 86).

Table 3: Graduation Data for Number of Years After Entering High School

	Number of Years After Entering High School			
	4 Years 2023-2024	5 Years 2022-2023	6 Years 2021-2022	7 Years 2020-2021
Colorado Graduation Rate	84.2	86.8	87.1	87.1
27J Schools	87.2	92.2	93.5	93.0
Adams 12 Five Star	85.2	89.3	88.7	89.4
Adams 14 Commerce City	75.9	73.9	73.4	74.9
Bennett 29J	78.6	90.7	92.6	94.3
Mapleton	71.2	76.9	84.1	84.8
Strasburg	96.5	94.4	92.4	94.4
Westminster Public Schools	68.6	77.3	81.3	81.2

Table 3 Note: 27J Schools Graduation Data for the years after entering high school demonstrates that even after four years, the district sustains and reaches students to achieve graduation even if it does not occur in the expected four years. 27J is first in our five year rate in Adams County and remains in the 90th percentile for the 5th, 6th and 7th year cohorts. 27J continues to remain well above the Colorado Graduation Rate for all four cohorts.

This data can be accessed and reviewed for all Colorado School Districts at: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/gradratecurrent>. The site also provides the prior years' data up to the 2019-2020 class.

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
American Indian or Alaska Native	80	71.4	75	90.9	55.6	100	100	75
Asian	89.7	90	90.5	100	95.5	100	94.1	88.7
Black or African American	70	73.3	82.4	88	83.3	87	94.9	84.4
Hispanic or Latino	72.9	73.3	81.2	82.8	86.7	89	87.1	84.2
White	81	84.2	86.1	88.3	90.6	93	90.8	91.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100	100	100	100	75	75	75.0	33.3
Two or More Races	91.7	91.7	96.8	87.2	85.7	91	88.2	91.2
All Students	77.4	81.5	84.1	86.2	88.2	90.9	88.1	87.2

Table 4 Note: The following subgroups represent increases:

- Two or More Races - 3.0%
- White - 0.3%
- 27J also demonstrated a 84.6% graduation rate for our Students of Color, a decrease from the previous year of 86.8%

Table 5: 27J Graduation Rate By Instructional Program Service Type (IPST)

This data represents the Mobility and Stability data for our graduation class of 2023. Information about Mobility and Stability can be found at

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/mobility-stabilitycurrentdefinitions>

IPST	2022			2023			2024		
	Cohort	Grad Count	Graduation Rate	Cohort	Grad Count	Graduation Rate	Cohort	Grad Count	Graduation Rate
Students with Disabilities	127	99	78.0	157	124	79.0	161	117	72.7
Economically Disadvantaged	574	499	86.9	789	663	84.0	928	786	84.7
English Language Learner	163	137	84.0	201	162	80.6	209	164	78.5
Title I	68	58	85.3	84	68	81.0	110	84	76.4
Migrant	5	4	80.0	13	9	69.2	8	7	87.5
Foster	8	6	75.0	5	2	40.0	8	3	37.5
Homeless	27	20	74.1	59	40	67.8	67	49	73.1
Gifted and Talented	103	100	97.1	97	93	95.9	83	80	96.4

Table 5 Note: 27J experienced an increase in total students in all but two of these IPST subgroups from the previous year. Notably, increases in: SPED 3%, Economically Disadvantaged 29%, ELL 4%, Title I 24%, Homeless 12%. 27J demonstrated an increase in graduation rate in Economically Disadvantaged 0.4%, Migrant 18.3%, Homeless 5.3% and Gifted and Talented 0.5%

Table 6: 27J 2023 Graduation Rate Instructional Program Service Type (IPST) Compared to Adams County Districts. <https://www.cde.state.co.us/code/gradvisual2223>

District	Students with Disabilities	Economically Disadvantaged	English Language Learner	Title I	Migrant	Foster	Homeless	Gifted and Talented
27J Schools	72.7	84.7	78.5	76.4	87.5	37.5	73.1	96.4
Adams 12	75.7	77.4	65.9	60.9	66.7	31.3	74.0	97.3
Adams 14	70.0	76.9	71.9	75.9	98.0	2.0	51.9	96.4
Bennett 29J	70.0	73.0	59.3	66.7	98.0	98.0	2.0	75.0
Mapleton	61.4	69.9	71.6	63.9	2.0	33.3	58.6	91.8
Strasburg*	83.3	93.0	94.7	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0
Westminster	51.5	68.1	64.7	58.7	50.0	50.0	55.8	87.9

Table 6 Note: 27J ranked in Adams County by each IPST Subgroup Graduation Rate:

- Students with Disabilities 79.0% - 3rd
- Economically Disadvantaged 84.7% - 2nd
- English Language Learners 78.5% - 2nd
- Title I 76.4% - 2nd
- Migrant 87.5% - 2nd
- Foster 37.5% - 3rd
- Homeless 73.1% - 3rd
- Gifted and Talented 96.4% - 3rd

*Strasburg School District Cohort is significantly smaller than all other districts and skews the data when compared to all other districts.

Conclusion: We report non compliance due to the 0.9% decrease in overall graduation rate for the 2023-2024 school year.