



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Initiated Goals Governance (B.I.G.G)

**Graduation Rates
August 19, 2025**

Purpose

- Report the progress of B.I.G.G. programmatic goal, “The percentage of SPPS students who graduate in 4 years will increase from **68%** in 2023 to **80%** in 2029; returning to pre-pandemic levels for all student groups”.
- Reporting parameters:
 - Measure: 4-year graduation results
 - Metric: The percentage of students in the graduating class of 2024 who graduated in 4 years.

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About the data

- Source: Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
- Graduation rates are based on 9th grade cohorts;
 - Class of 2024 started 9th grade in the fall of 2020
- Summer graduation is combined with the previous spring's results*
- Care and Treatment programs are excluded from 4-year graduation results⁹⁶ (e.g., Agape, Hospital programs, etc)
- Graduation results provided by MDE include related data:
 - Continuation, Drop-outs, Unknowns
 - 5 year graduation
 - 6 year graduation
 - 7 year graduation

2024 Results



Four-Year Graduation Rates 2024			
School	2023~	2024	Change*
District	68.5%	76.5%	8.0%
AGAPE Teen Parent	52.2%	66.7%	14.5%
Gateway to College^	42.3%	54.8%	12.5%
Central Senior	81.4%	87.0%	5.6%
Como Park Senior	71.8%	79.9%	8.1%
Creative Arts Secondary School	63.0%	76.7%	13.7%
Gordon Parks High School^	21.5%	17.9%	-3.6%
Harding Senior	71.7%	82.9%	11.2%
Highland Park Senior	88.4%	91.8%	3.4%
Humboldt High School	72.2%	76.4%	4.2%
Johnson Senior	74.4%	86.7%	12.3%
Journeys Secondary School	30.0%	33.9%	3.9%
LEAP High School^	14.6%	15.6%	1.0%
Open World Learning Secondary	81.0%	88.7%	7.7%
SPPS Online High School	49.2%	63.2%	14.0%
Washington Tech Secondary Magnet	74.9%	84.4%	9.5%

^ = Alternative Learning Center (ALC)
 ~ = does not include summer graduates

2024 Results (cont.)

- Almost all student groups in SPPS increased in the 4-year graduation rate from 2023
 - English language learners (+12)
 - Hispanic students (+12)
 - Black students (+10)
 - Students receiving special education services (+10)
 - Students qualifying for free/reduced price meals (+9)
 - Asian students (+8)
 - White students (+7)
 - American Indian (-2)
- Asian, Black, Free/Reduced, Special Education, Two or More Races, and White students have gains in 4-year graduation rates compared to 2019.

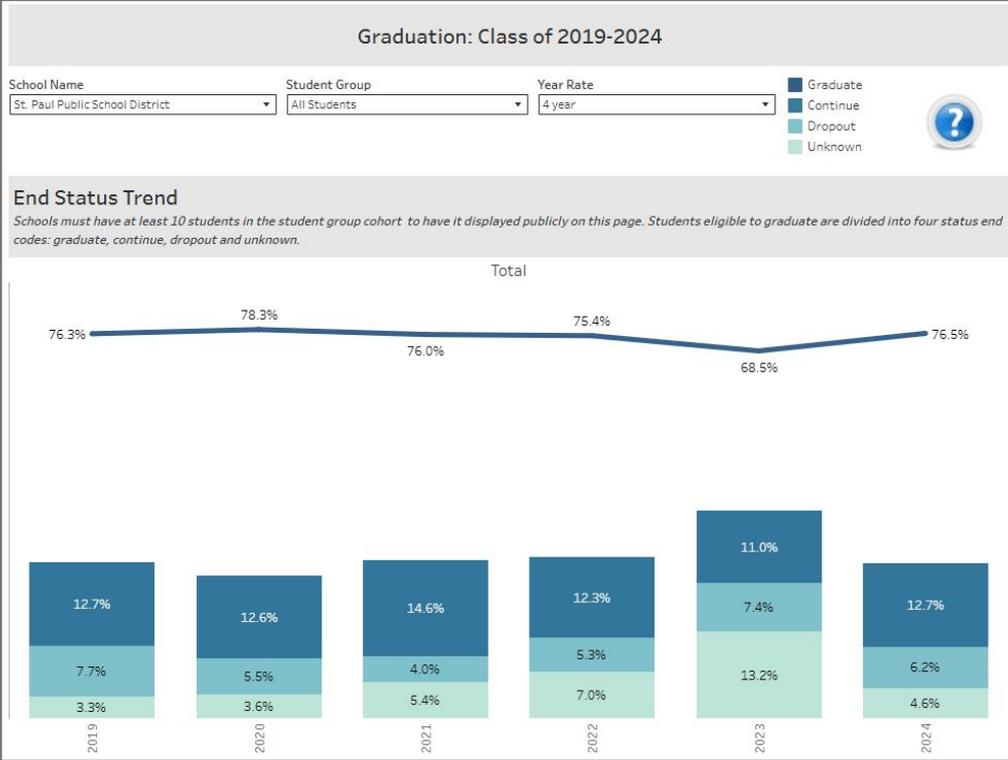
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Influencers

- **(Ongoing)** Expanding access to **internships, industry-recognized certifications, work-based learning experiences, and partnerships** to connect classroom learning with real-world applications
- **(Ongoing)** Support for students through their compulsory age:
 - Students continuing in an ALC through their 21st birthday
 - Students learning English (EL) through their 21st birthday
 - Students with interrupted formal education (SLIFE) through their 22nd birthday
 - Students with IEPs through 22nd birthday
- **(2022)** Expanding/enhancing **academic support courses** across all SPPS high schools
- **(2021)** Increased **credit recovery options**, including after school, online and experiential learning programs for students to stay on track for graduation

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Additional Interest In Graduation Rates?



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- Continuation/Dropout
- 4 & 7 year rates
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