



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Graduation Rates
August 18, 2026

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 2025 who graduated in 4 years.

About the data

- Source: Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
- Graduation rates are based on 9th grade cohorts;
 - Class of 2025 started 9th grade in the fall of 2021
- Summer graduation is combined with the previous spring's results*
- Care and Treatment programs are excluded from 4-year graduation results (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

2025 Results

Graduation: Class of 2019-2025

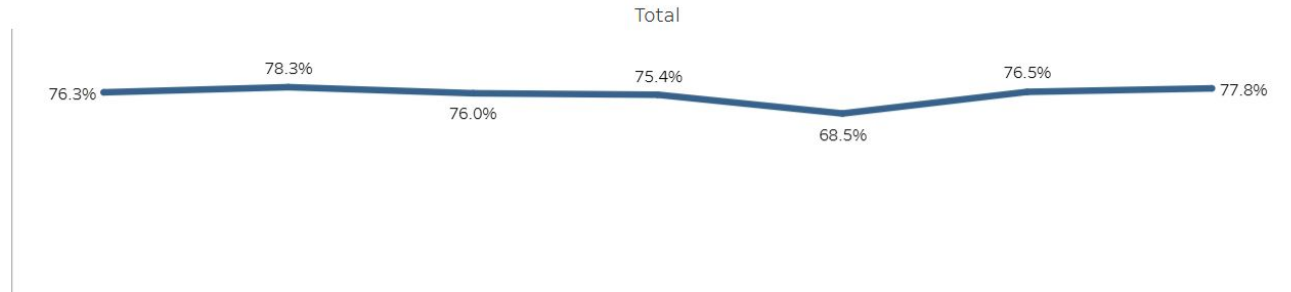
Graduation Data School Name Student Group Year Rate

Visualization St. Paul Public School District All Students 4 year

Graduate
Continue
Dropout
Unknown

End Status Trend

Schools must have at least 10 students in the student group cohort to have it displayed publicly on this page. Students eligible to graduate are divided into four status end codes: graduate, continue, dropout and unknown.



- 78% of The Class of 2025 graduated in 4 years, 2 pct. pts. away from the goal.

2025 Results (cont.)

- Almost all student groups in SPPS increased in the four-year graduation rate from 2024
- Notable percentage point increases by student group include:
 - American Indian students (+14)
 - Asian students (+3)
 - Black students (+2)
 - White students (+2)
 - English language learners (+1)
 - Students receiving special education services (+1)
 - Students qualifying for free/reduced price meals (+1)

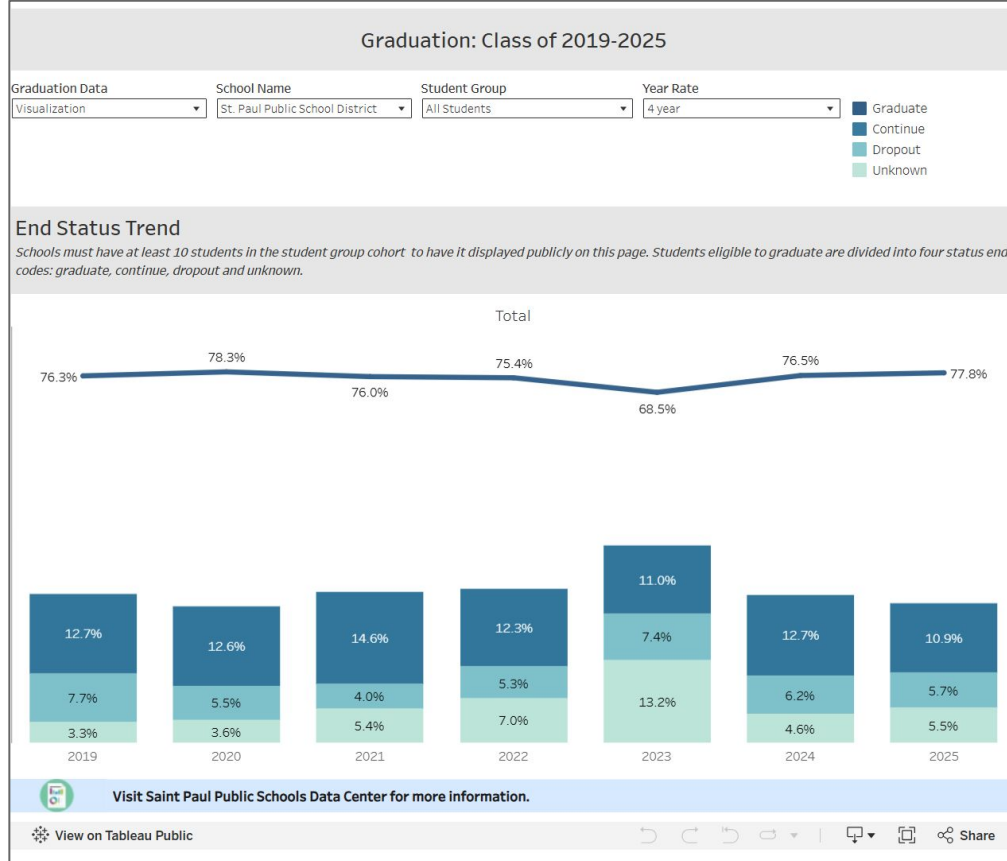
2025 Results (cont.)

- Students who are classified as American Indian, Asian, Special Education, or Two or More Races have made gains in four-year graduation rates compared to 2020.
- 11% of students continued their education past the traditional four years, a decrease of two percentage points compared to 2024. These students may graduate in 5, 6 or 7 years.
- The percentage of students dropping out is 6%; the same rate as 2024.
- The percentage of students whose enrollment is unknown is 6%; one percentage point higher than 2024.

Impacts

- Fair and equitable grading practices, combined with teacher and student support, to consistently improve passing rates while maintaining academic standards..
- Focus on ninth grade success/continued implementation of ninth grade academic support courses at all high schools.
- Daily Advisory to increase student engagement and build positive relationships with and among students through social emotional learning, college and career readiness, and academic support.
- Credit recovery options, including after school, online and summer learning

Additional Interest In Graduation Rates?



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- Continuation/Dropout
- 4 & 7 year rates
- School
- Student Group

Questions

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