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Muscogee County Marks Another Year of Graduation Rate Growth

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COLUMBUS, GA — The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has newly released graduation rates for the 2025-2026 graduating class. Muscogee County School District (MCSD)'s seniors excelled and out-performed the state's average once again. The District's graduation rate grew 0.2% over the previous year resulting in a new personal best for MCSD of 96.3%.

Superintendent Dr. David Lewis acknowledges the community effort that enables our graduates to succeed stating "We are pleased and proud to see the graduation rate continue to improve in 2026. This progress reflects the perseverance of our students, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and our intentional efforts to identify students who need additional support and intervene early. Our goal is not simply graduation, but ensuring every student is prepared for what comes next, whether they choose to enroll, enlist, or enter the workforce. We celebrate the Class of 2026 and remain committed to helping every student succeed in school and beyond."

These percentages represent the district's four-year cohort graduation rate and includes all students who have successfully completed high school within four years. In addition to being a commonly used metric for school and student success, it is a key indicator used by the state for calculating the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI). At the state and national-level, a graduation rate of 90% is the standard for success.

Graduation Rate	2023	2024	2025	2026
Muscogee County	93.5	94.1	96.1	96.3
State	84.4	85.4	87.2	88.5
Difference	9.1	8.7	8.9	7.7

At an individual level, most MCSD high schools exhibited an improvement in their graduation rates as well for the 2026 cohort.

- All nine high schools achieved a graduation rate of 92% or above
- 5 schools achieved an all-time high graduation rate: Carver, Hardaway, Jordan, Kendrick, and Shaw
- Two schools maintained a 100% graduation rate: Columbus and Rainey-McCullers
- All MCSD High Schools (nine) were above the State average: Carver, Columbus, Hardaway, Jordan, Kendrick, Northside, Rainey-McCullers, Shaw and Spencer.

School	2023	2024	2025	2026
Carver	90.8	89.6	92.1	92.5
Columbus	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hardaway	90.4	92.3	94.6	96.8
Jordan	94.9	91.7	94.5	96.6
Kendrick	90.0	92.7	95.9	98.2
Northside	96.9	96.0	97.3	95.7
Rainey-McCullers	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Shaw	94.3	95.1	97.0	97.8
Spencer	85.4	91.2	94.8	94.0

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About Muscogee County School District

The Muscogee County School District is committed to providing an education that inspires and equips students to reach their full potential and become productive citizens in a global society. Focusing on excellence, equity, and innovation, the district serves a diverse student population, fostering academic success, personal growth, and community engagement.

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