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Media release

Hillsboro School District On-Time Graduation Rate Hits All-Time High

The District's 4-year cohort graduation rate jumped 1.37 percentage points to 87.55% for the class of 2024

January 30, 2025, Hillsboro, OR - Hillsboro School District graduated more students on-time than ever in 2024, with 87.55% of seniors districtwide achieving graduation within four years of their first entry into high school. Graduation rates at two high schools, Century and Glencoe, crested the 90% threshold - a first for Glencoe and just the second time for Century since Oregon began using the cohort calculation method in 2008-09. The District's graduation rate is 5.8 percentage points higher than the state average, and 1.37 percentage points higher than last year's rate of 86.18%.

	Total Students	2024 Grads	2024 Grad Rate	2023 Grad Rate	Δ (in pct. pts.)	Other completers*	2024 Completer Rate	5-yr Comp rate (class of 2023)
Century	384	348	90.63%	85.54%	+5.09	11	93.49%	89.70%
Glencoe	374	338	90.37%	89.85%	+0.52	5	91.71%	92.31%
Hilhi	322	270	83.85%	83.75%	+0.10	3	84.78%	88.14%
НОА	69	55	79.71%	70.27%	+9.44	7	89.86%	75.68%
Liberty	389	339	87.15%	90.13%	-2.98	7	88.95%	94.23%
HSD	1542	1350	87.55%	86.18%	+1.37	35	89.82%	90.28%

^{*}Other completers category includes students earning an Adult HS Diploma, Extended Diploma, or GED.

Sizable gains were made in the focal group categories of Migrant and Students Experiencing Poverty, with overall increases of 7.38 and 7.03 percentage points, respectively. Meanwhile, the gap between all students and Hispanic/Latino students has shrunk to just 1.31 percentage points, which aligns with the District's strategic priority to help students achieve success that is not predictable or predetermined by their race, ethnicity, or any other identities.

When asked about factors contributing to the increase, Assistant Superintendent Audrea Neville cited high schools' close monitoring of on-track data in every grade to ensure interventions and credit attainment/recovery opportunities can be offered in real time. She also praised the teachers, counselors, coaches, and others who play critical roles in connecting with students, getting them engaged in school, and supporting them as they prepare for both graduation and postsecondary plans.

Neville further expressed gratitude for the Governor's allocation of summer programming money to school districts: "having additional time, staffing, and resources in the summer is critical to helping a portion of our seniors attain the last few credits they need for graduation."

Alternative and supplementary options like the District's Pathways Center and Oak Street Campus, evening programming, and Hillsboro Online Academy provide other important avenues for students to reach their educational goals.

On-time graduation and high school completion are key goals in the District's <u>2023-2027</u> <u>Strategic Plan</u>. Staff will continue analyzing data; improving systems; hearing the voices of students, staff, and families; and working as a team to support students on their journey to graduation.

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For disaggregated data, comparison to other districts, and historical data, please refer to the document <u>2024 comparative grad rates</u>, and to understand more about the cohort graduation rate calculation, please refer to the document <u>understanding graduation rates</u>.