



News release

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District graduation rates continue to climb year after year

On-time graduation rate reaches a record high at 95.9 percent



Everett Public Schools celebrates another year of achieving a record high graduation rate. The four-year, or “on-time” graduation rate, is 95.9 percent – the highest rate on record for the district. The five-year graduation rate is 96.5 percent, also the highest rate on record.

The increase in graduation rates could only be accomplished through the strategically aligned work of district and school staff. It is a focus for everyone, no matter their role in our school district, to ensure each one of our students

graduates ready for college and career.

Cathy Woods, College and Career Readiness and On-Time Graduation Director at Everett Public Schools believes, “One of the most important qualities of those who work in our schools is that we do not give up on students and we find ways to provide them the supports they need to reach high standards. When graduation rates are this high, it means we have good systems in place for tracking each student’s progress. When someone falls off-track, we have developed successful interventions to help them get back on-track. Staff members at our schools create individual plans for students who are struggling. It is truly inspiring to see the hope come back into a student’s eyes when they realize they can succeed.”

Our goal is not only that students graduate, but they graduate ready for post-secondary learning. More students over time have been earning college credit while still in high school through our dual credit programs. And, more of our students are accessing internships and apprenticeships to connect to their future careers.

Students who graduate from Everett Public Schools may benefit from other interventions and support programs by the time they receive a diploma, including:

- Courses that offer both college and high school credit
- Free-for-students summer school opportunities
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)(grades 7-12)
- College Bound Scholarship (grades 7-8)
- Support from success coordinators and counselors
- Free-for-11th-graders SAT given during the school day
- Free-for-10th-graders PSAT given during the school day

- Credit retrieval and competency-based high school credit options
- Job-embedded instructional coaching
- FAFSA completion support

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