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### District graduation rates rise again

Five percent jump in those graduating in four years

It takes the state a year to calculate a number that districts around the state eagerly await each spring –statistics for last year's graduating class.

For Everett Public Schools, a decade's worth of work toward the goal of 100 percent graduation pays off year after year.

Almost nine out of 10 students (89.3 percent) in the class of 2014 graduated on time, which is within four years of entering high school. That number is up from 84.4 percent the year before – an increase of 5 percent in one year.

For students who chose a five-year path to graduation, the rates are equally impressive. A year ago that number was 88.5 percent. This week the state confirmed Everett Public School's five-year graduation rate in 2014 as 91.2 percent.

"Quality instruction, personalized intervention and strong community support are critical to producing these impressive individual student achievements," noted Superintendent Gary Cohn when the results were announced.

| Four-year         | 2011  | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| graduation rate   |       |        |        |        |
| (students who     |       |        |        |        |
| graduated in four |       | 04.00/ | 04.40/ | 90 20/ |
| years)            | 82.4% | 81.8%  | 84.4%  | 89.3%  |

| Five-year                       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| graduation rate                 |       |       |       |       |
| (students who graduated in five |       |       |       |       |
| years)                          | 84.2% | 85.8% | 88.5% | 91.2% |

# Some district history of graduation improvement rate success and work

- 2014 SAT offered free for all seniors
- 2014 <u>Everett Herald</u> article about graduate
- 2012, <u>PSAT offered free</u> <u>for all sophomores</u>
- 2012, <u>AVID graduate</u> success
- 2012, <u>Foundation is</u> graduation success partner
- 2012, <u>Special education</u> earns graduation grant
- 2012, <u>FAFSA helps</u> graduation rates
- 2012, <u>JHS in nation's</u> top 5%
- 2012, \$250,000 grant for AVID
- 2012, Starting early
- 2011, <u>District earns award</u> for graduation success
- 2011, <u>District on AP</u> <u>Honor Role</u>
- 2010, <u>Graduation rate</u> <u>jumps</u>
- 2010, <u>Campus visits</u> inspire college goals
- 2009, <u>AP classes and scores increase</u>
- 2009, <u>JHS principal</u> honored for grad rates
- 2009, EHS holds College Day
- 2008, "Most Effective Administrator" for improved graduation rates