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Hillsboro School District Realizes Steady Growth in Graduation Rates

District sees fourth year in a row of increased on-time graduation rates as well as a narrowing of the achievement gap

January 24, 2019, Hillsboro, OR—Hillsboro School District is pleased to announce its 2018 graduation rates:

	Total Students	2018 Grads	2018 Grad Rate	2017 Grad Rate	Δ (in pct. Pts.)	2018 Drop-outs	2018 Drop-out Rate
Century HS	377	336	89.12%	91.61%	-2.49	8	0.51%
Glencoe HS	393	345	87.79%	87.56%	+0.23	20	1.30%
Hillsboro HS	333	279	83.78%	82.20%	+1.58	12	0.93%
Hillsboro Online	30	20	66.67%	58.62%	+8.05	0	0.00%
Liberty HS	399	341	85.46%	81.77%	+3.69	15	0.98%
HSD	1,565	1,322	84.47%	84.10%	+0.37	119	1.88%
State of Oregon	46,081	36,257	78.68%	76.65%	+2.03	6,401	3.55%

In addition to increasing its four-year cohort graduation rate by 0.37 percentage points, the District also raised its completer rate* by 1.4 percentage points to 88.88%. (*The completer rate takes into account students earning regular and modified diplomas, as well as adult high school diplomas, extended diplomas, and general equivalency diplomas or GEDs).

The District’s dropout rate, which is calculated using a different model, dropped from 2.58% (167 students) in 2016-17 to 1.88% (119 students) in 2017-18—a decrease of 0.7 percentage points.

And a very encouraging data point is the narrowing of the achievement gap between white and Latino students – from 6.48 percentage points in 2016-17 (86.08% vs. 79.60%) to 5.55 percentage points in 2017-18 (85.66% vs. 80.11%).

Assistant Superintendent Dayle Spitzer credits a consistent focus on highly effective strategies, formative and summative assessments, and providing appropriate supports to students to ensure they are learning and staying on pace. The District uses data systems to identify students who are at risk of falling behind and activates a network of support—including outreach workers, graduation coaches, teachers, administrators, and others—to connect with them and get them back on track.

“We are very proud of our students for their relentless efforts to graduate,” praises Superintendent Mike Scott, “and we are deeply grateful for all of the staff, parents, volunteers, coaches, and others who are invested in our students’ success.”

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For additional information and disaggregated data, please visit hsd.k12.or.us/graduationrates

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