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AVERAGE WYOMING FOUR YEAR GRADUATION RATE 77.6%

Student Graduation Rate at 82.9% for students graduating within six years

CHEYENNE - More than two-thirds of districts are above the state average four year graduation rate of 77.6% with 30 of the 48 districts above 80% according to data compiled and released by the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE).

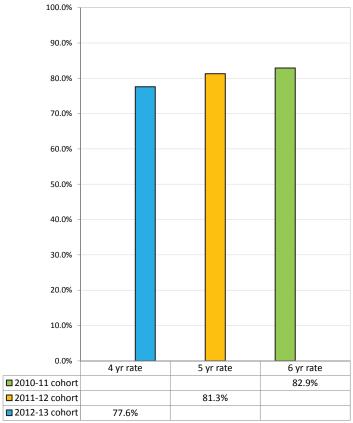
"There is always room for improvement. Any school that does not have all of their students graduating would agree," Superintendent Cindy Hill stated.

Also calculated by the WDE are rates of students that graduate within five and six years. The 2013 rate for students graduating from high school in five years or less is 81.3%, and the 2013 rate for students graduating from high school in six years or less is 82.9%.

For full graduation rate statistics, visit http://edu.wyoming.gov/data/graduation-rates/

"We all want 100% of our students to graduate and the keys to that are quality instruction and parents who value education," Hill continued. "We know that districts work hard to ensure every student graduates, and some students take more than four years. There is more to the story than data points. There are a lot of reasons why students do not graduate in four years. There are a lot of unknowns, but I do know that a number of those who do not graduate in four years are not dropouts, they are five or six year graduates."

Wyoming 4 year (on-time), 5 year, and 6 year Cohort-Based Graduation Rates for 2012-13



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The data on four year graduation rates is collected by the WDE using a formula and methodology developed by the United States Department of Education (USDE) as mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The methodology used does not account for why a student did not graduate in four years or less. "Unfortunately we have no means of collecting data that would clarify what happens to the students that do not graduate with their four year cohort, aside from those who graduate in five or six years," Vince Meyer, Senior Statistician at the WDE said.

"Some immediately join the workforce, many will graduate within five or six years, others will complete their high school equivalency on their own, and a few may even score high enough on their ACT to go directly to college without a high-school diploma. We simply don't have the data to tell us specifically what happened to all of them." Meyer continued.

Groups of students who are scheduled to graduate in the same four-year period are called "cohorts." Federal requirements define the "four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate," as the num-

ber of students who graduate at the end of four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who entered high school four years earlier.

The districts are working hard to provide the most accurate and up to date data for the collection process. The WDE is now in the fourth year of using the methodology prescribed by the USDE that requires all states to use the same criteria, which allows for greater accuracy and discourages any tendency for inflated graduation rates.

"I'm very confident these data are accurate." Leslie Zimmerschied, Education Data Governance Coordinator for the WDE said. "The raw data are submitted to WDE by the districts and the rates are calculated by the WDE data team. The data is then returned to the districts for confidential review. They check our work and help us find any issues. It's a collaborative process that leads to a better result. That collaboration makes me very confident that the rates are accurate."

The Wyoming school districts four, five, and six year graduation rates for 2012-13 are below.

For full comments from Superintendent Cindy Hill regarding the graduation rate please view her address at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHiiQlpcsBo&feature=youtu.be

For more information about the 2012-2013 graduation rate please contact Travis Hoff at <u>travis</u>. <u>hoff@wyo.gov</u> or 307-777-2053.

2012-13 Wyoming District <u>4yr</u> Graduation Rates for the 2012-13 Cohort

The 2012-13 cohort is the group of students expected to graduate "on-time" (in 4 years) in 2012-13. The 4yr graduation rate for this cohort is the number of students graduating in 4 or fewer years divided by the number of students in the cohort (expected graduates)

District Name	Expected Graduates	Graduates	Graduation Rate	
Big Horn #4	22	21	95.45%	
Crook #1	86	82	95.35%	
Converse #2	44	40	90.91%	
Sublette #9	48	43	89.58%	
Lincoln #2	182	163	89.56%	
Weston #7	19	17	89.47%	
Teton #1	155	138	89.03%	
Sublette #1	83	73	87.95%	
Sweetwater #2	176	153	86.93%	
Washakie #2	15	13	86.67%	
Sheridan #1	66	57	86.36%	
Albany #1	274	236	86.13%	
Big Horn #2	56	48	85.71%	
Fremont #2	14	12	85.71%	
Uinta #6	64	54	84.38%	
Weston #1	67	56	83.58%	
Platte #2	24	20	83.33%	
Big Horn #3	35	29	82.86%	
Washakie #1	98	81	82.65%	
Goshen #1	129	106	82.17%	
Campbell #1	563	461	81.88%	
Fremont #24	22	18	81.82%	
Hot Springs #1	55	45	81.82%	
Lincoln #1	38	31	81.58%	
Platte #1	75	61	81.33%	
Sheridan #2	243	197	81.07%	
Laramie #2	63	51	80.95%	
Uinta #1	213	172	80.75%	
Johnson #1	117	94	80.34%	
Park #1	126	101	80.16%	
Park #6	189	150	79.37%	
Fremont #6	24	19	79.17%	
Carbon #2	66	52	78.79%	
Uinta #4	65	50	76.92%	
Converse #1	148	113	76.35%	
Fremont #25	190	145	76.32%	
Sweetwater #1	356	269	75.56%	
Park #16	8	6	75.00%	
Natrona #1	997	739	74.12%	
Fremont #1	139	101	72.66%	
Laramie #1	1,066	763	71.58%	
Sheridan #3	10	703	70.00%	
Big Horn #1	68	46	67.65%	
Carbon #1	158	103	65.19%	
Fremont #14	30	18	60.00%	
Niobrara #1	96	44	45.83%	
Fremont #21	30	1	3.33%	
Fremont #38	23	0	0.00%	
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< 77.5% State Rate

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2012-13 Wyoming District <u>5yr</u> Graduation Rates for the 2011-12 Cohort

The 2011-12 cohort is the group of students expected to graduate "on-time" (in 4 years) in 2011-12. The 5yr graduation rate for this cohort is the number of students graduating in 5 or fewer years divided by the number of students in the cohort (expected graduates)

	Expected		Graduation
District Name	=	Graduates	
Washakie #2	Graduates 7	7	Rate 100.00%
Big Horn #3	40	39	97.50%
Big Horn #4	29	28	96.55%
Crook #1	92	87	94.57%
Carbon #2	35	33	94.29%
Sublette #1	78	73	93.59%
Fremont #6	31	29	93.55%
Big Horn #2	51	47	92.16%
Lincoln #2	222	204	91.89%
Weston #7	23	21	91.30%
Big Horn #1	64	58	90.63%
Sheridan #1	73	66	90.41%
Laramie #2	72	65	90.28%
Hot Springs #1	57	51	89.47%
Sublette #9	46	41	89.13%
Uinta #4	62	55	88.71%
Park #6	154	136	88.31%
Johnson #1	108	95	87.96%
Sheridan #2	238	208	87.40%
Albany #1	276	241	87.32%
Washakie #1	93	81	87.10%
Fremont #1	123	107	86.99%
Sweetwater #2	189	164	86.77%
Weston #1	72	62	86.11%
Converse #2	63	54	85.71%
Park #16	7	6	85.71%
Converse #1	145	124	85.52%
Park #1	126	106	84.13%
Campbell #1	601	505	84.03%
Fremont #24	31	26	83.87%
Platte #1	86	72	83.72%
Teton #1	176	146	
Goshen #1	164	135	82.95% 82.32%
Uinta #6	42	34	
			80.95%
Sweetwater #1	376	299	79.52%
Platte #2	18	14	77.78%
Uinta #1	233	181	77.68%
Lincoln #1	49	38	77.55%
Natrona #1	975	754	77.33%
Fremont #2	13	10	76.92%
Sheridan #3	4	3	75.00%
Laramie #1	1,011	755	74.68%
Fremont #25	181	134	74.03%
Carbon #1	146	108	73.97%
Niobrara #1	82	43	52.44%
Fremont #14	54	24	44.44%
Fremont #38	21	5	23.81%
Fremont #21	18	2	11.11%

< 81.3% State Rate

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2012-13 Wyoming District <u>6yr</u> Graduation Rates for the 2010-11 Cohort

The 2010-11 cohort is the group of students expected to graduate "on-time" (in 4 years) in 2010-11. The 6yr graduation rate for this cohort is the number of students graduating in 6 or fewer years divided by the number of students in the cohort (expected graduates)

District Name	Expected		Graduation
	Graduates	Graduates	Rate
Park #16	8	8	100.00%
Washakie #2	5	5	100.00%
Lincoln #1	44	41	93.18%
Crook #1	96	89	92.71%
Big Horn #2	41	38	92.68%
Lincoln #2	224	206	91.96%
Park #6	182	167	91.76%
Laramie #2	81	74	91.36%
Sublette #9	45	41	91.11%
Sheridan #1	66	60	90.91%
Sweetwater #2	203	184	90.64%
Fremont #2	21	19	90.48%
Converse #1	150	135	90.00%
Uinta #6	68	61	89.71%
Johnson #1	97	87	89.69%
Big Horn #4	19	17	89.47%
Platte #1	85	76	89.41%
Teton #1	172	153	88.95%
Weston #1	54	48	88.89%
Fremont #1	150	133	88.67%
Albany #1	294	260	88.44%
Fremont #25	171	151	88.30%
Campbell #1	629	553	87.92%
Uinta #4	33	29	87.88%
Carbon #2	46	40	86.96%
Platte #2	23	20	86.96%
Hot Springs #1	52	45	86.54%
Fremont #24	22	19	86.36%
Sublette #1	66	57	86.36%
Goshen #1	161	139	86.34%
Uinta #1	222	191	86.04%
Big Horn #1	57	49	85.96%
Park #1	128	110	85.94%
Sheridan #3	7	6	85.71%
Sheridan #2	292	244	83.56%
Big Horn #3	45	37	82.22%
Washakie #1	105	86	81.90%
Weston #7	22	18	81.82%
Carbon #1	125	100	80.00%
Converse #2	50	40	80.00%
Fremont #6	25	20	80.00%
Sweetwater #1	302	239	79.14%
Natrona #1	910	697	76.59%
Laramie #1	1,064	797	74.91%
Niobrara #1	88	45	51.14%
Fremont #14	46	21	45.65%
Fremont #21	14	5	35.71%
Fremont #38	26	7	26.92%

< 82.9% State Rate

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