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Wyoming 2010-11 High School Graduation Rate

Cheyenne –Using the established United States Department of Education methodology, the Wyoming Department of Education’s Federal Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate, or “on-time” graduation rate, is 79.74% for the class of 2011 (the 2009-2010 rate was 80.42%) . Wyoming graduated 52 more students than last year (see chart below).

School Year	# of Students Graduating	# of Students Eligible to Graduate	% Graduating
2009-2010	5,416	6,735	80.42%
2010-2011	*5,468	6,857	79.74%

*52 more graduates than in the previous year

It should be noted that thirty-nine (39) of Wyoming’s forty-eight (48) districts have graduation rates above the state average; twenty-four (24) districts have graduation rates at or above eighty-five (85%) percent.

For 2010-2011, Wyoming’s Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Graduation Rate goal approved by the United States Department of Education, as included in Wyoming’s Accountability Workbook, is 80%. Below is a list of those districts that did not achieve the 80% AYP goal:

Washakie #1	78.30%
Sweetwater #1	74.59%
Carbon #1	71.97%
Laramie #1	71.94%
Natrona #1	71.32%
Niobrara #1	47.78%
Fremont #14	43.75%
Fremont #38	17.39%
Fremont #21	14.29%

Calculating graduation rates is a complex process. The cohort graduation rate is based on a group of students who begin as first-time 9th graders in a particular school year and then graduate with a regular high school diploma in four or fewer years.

The graduation rate calculation process began by collecting student-level cohort data in the 2006-2007 school year. That data permitted the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to calculate



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the Federal Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate for the 2009-2010 and 2010-11 school years.

The WDE understands many successful students take more than four years to graduate and applauds their commitment. Because of this, the WDE has also calculated five-year graduation rates to provide a more complete picture of student outcomes. For the 2009-10 cohort, the five-year graduation rate was 82.8% (the 2010-2011 five-year graduation rate will not be known until 2013 and will be reported in that year).

Please view the current and past graduation rates plus explanatory materials by visiting <http://edu.wyoming.gov/DataInformationAndReporting/GraduateData.aspx> (also attached).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Drew Dilly, Chief Information Officer and Director of the Information Management Division at 307.777.6503.

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