

Date: October 13, 2022
To: Columbus City Schools Board of Education
From: Dr. Talisa Dixon
Subject: Board Goal #2: Close Opportunity Gaps

BACKGROUND

Ohio uses an adjusted cohort (“on-time”) graduation rate which is

“calculated by dividing the number of students who graduate in four years or less with a regular or honors diploma by the number of students who form the *final adjusted cohort* for the graduating class. This final adjusted cohort includes students who are identified as first-time 9th graders four years earlier and is adjusted by:

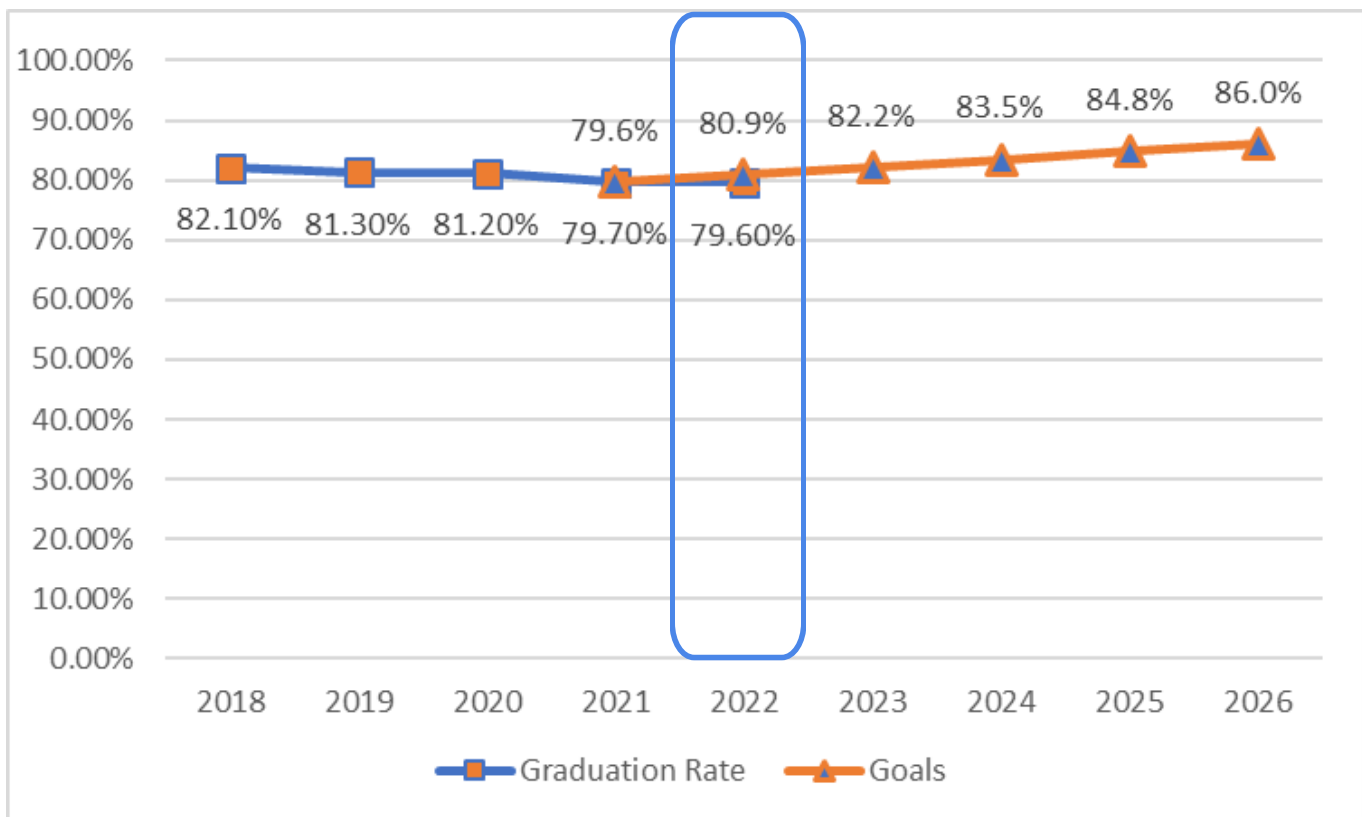
- Adding any students who transfer into the cohort either later in 9th grade or sometime in any of the next three years; and
- Subtracting any students who transfer out, emigrate to another country, or die during that same period.” ([Ohio Department of Education Technical Information](#)).

In order to include summer graduates in the report card calculation, the reporting of graduation is lagged one year. Therefore, this year’s graduates, the 2021-2022 cohort, will be displayed on the 2022-2023 report card for Columbus City Schools which is anticipated to be released in the fall of 2023. The Board established a goal to increase graduation rates which is as follows:

The percentage of 4-year graduation cohort students who complete state and district graduation requirements will increase from 81.4% (or a decline in the benchmark due to COVID) to 86% in August of 2026.

ANALYSIS OF GOAL 2

Figure 1. Percent of on-time graduates.



SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO THE GOAL

With **79.6%** of the cohort graduating on-time, our students are at the lower bound of **meeting the target** of having 80.9% of the 2021-2022 students graduating within 4 years.

Table 1. Percent of on-time graduates by race or service.

Race or Service Category	On-Time Graduation Rates by Year					Percent of the Goal of 80.9% that was Met
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	<10	84.60%	<10	<10	<10	80-89.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	63.60%	70.30%	77.80%	75.00%	88.00%	108.8%
Black, Non-Hispanic	85.60%	85.60%	85.90%	83.70%	84.80%	104.8%
Hispanic	64.80%	63.50%	61.50%	69.90%	62.20%	76.9%
Multiracial	84.30%	85.90%	84.70%	79.80%	82.60%	102.1%
White, Non-Hispanic	83.90%	79.70%	81.40%	76.40%	75.10%	92.8%
Economic Disadvantaged	81.90%	81.10%	81.10%	79.40%	79.30%	98.0%
English Learner	60.30%	61.70%	64.30%	68.00%	69.40%	85.8%
Student with Disabilities	74.90%	75.50%	75.80%	72.30%	70.80%	87.5%
Homeless Students	73.90%	72.80%	71.40%	67.50%	54.60%	67.5%
All Students	82.10%	81.30%	81.20%	79.70%	79.60%	98.4%

*Source - ODE Secure Data Center/EMIS File

Scale:

Greater than 102% of Goal	Exceeds Target
98-102% of Goal	Meets Target
90-97.9% of Goal	Near Target
80-89.9% of Goal	Below Target
70-79.9% of Goal	Well Below
Less than 70% of the Goal	Far Below

Table 2. Percent of on-time graduates by school.

School Name	On-Time Graduation Rates by Year					Percent of the Goal of 80.9% that was Met
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Beechcroft High School	78.1	77.2	73.6	79.2	81.1	100%
Briggs High School	74.9	73	72.6	70.7	69.6	86%
Centennial High School	96.4	97.4	95.6	92.2	90.7	112%
Columbus Africentric Early College	86.9	96.6	97.3	91.9	98	121%
Columbus Alternative High School	97.7	97.3	98.9	99.4	96.8	120%
Columbus North International School	72	74.3	72.5	82.4	78.6	97%
Columbus Scioto 6-12	57.1	75	61.5	77.8	50	62%
East High School	76.1	76.3	76.1	70.9	74.3	92%
Eastmoor Academy	95.8	96.2	95.8	95.5	92.1	114%
Fort Hayes Arts and Academic HS	92.8	93.9	95.7	95	96.9	120%
Independence High School	75.9	74.8	74.7	76.5	71.4	88%
Linden-Mckinley STEM Academy	77.2	82.4	76.4	75.3	57.5	71%
Marion-Franklin High School	84.8	85.3	75.2	69.8	76.7	95%
Mifflin High School	76.7	69.9	76.9	62.7	73.6	91%
Northland High School	79.4	81.8	82.5	85.6	86.1	106%
South High School	78.6	72.2	79.7	78.3	76.8	95%
Walnut Ridge High School	80	83.2	76.0	80.1	82.5	102%
West High School	76.8	67.6	71.3	59.3	58.5	72%
Whetstone High School	84.4	77.5	76.9	72.9	74.2	92%

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