# Graduation Rate: Baseline & Targets

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### **SPP/APR INDICATOR 1**

#### **Indicator 1: Graduation**

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Percent of youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) exiting from high school with a regular high school diploma. (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

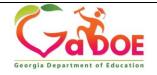


### **Graduation Calculations in Georgia**

Adjusted Cohort Calculation	618 Data – Annual Event Calculation
ESSA (CCRPI)	OSEP (APR)
SWD (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma or state defined alternate diploma* ÷ SWD who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class	SWD (age 14-21) who exit special education by graduating with a regular diploma  SWD (age 14-21) who exit high school by: graduating with a regular diploma, graduating with a state defined alternate diploma, receiving a certificate, **reaching maximum age, or dropping out

\*Georgia began the alternate diploma track for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in SY 2020-2021. The first alternate diploma graduates will likely be at the end of the 2023-2024 SY.

\*\*Georgia does not use reaching maximum age.



## **Graduation Rate Comparison**

#### Adjusted Cohort Calculation ESSA (CCRPI)

- Includes only high school students who exit school
- Students must graduate in 4 years\*
- Alternate Diploma counts as "regular" graduate

\*except State Defined Alternate Diploma students for whom cohort reassignment is made

#### Annual Event Calculation OSEP (APR)

- Includes <u>all</u> students ages 14-21 who exit school and were enrolled on July 1st in GA
- Students do not have to graduate in 4 years
- Alternate Diploma does not count as a "regular" diploma



## **Regular Graduates - OSEP**

Regular Graduates are defined as:

- students with disabilities receiving a high school diploma <u>identical</u> to that for which students without disabilities are eligible, and
- students with disabilities receiving a diploma that is <u>fully</u> aligned to State standards.

Students with disabilities receiving a diploma aligned with alternate standards **cannot** count toward the percentage of students receiving a regular diploma for APR calculation purposes.

Students with disabilities who exited high school with a diploma that did not meet the same standards as students without disabilities are classified as receiving a certificate for APR calculation purposes.



## **Implications for Georgia**

- Beginning with the FY2021 graduates, students with disabilities who did not meet the same graduation requirements as students without disabilities were not included as regular graduates in the Annual Event calculation.
- State and LEA rates for graduation for students with disabilities were impacted on the APR reports **only**.
- LEAs with many students who were regular diploma graduates participating in the GAA had a lower graduation rate on the APR.



### Implications for Georgia - Continued

- The calculation change resulted in a dramatic decrease in graduation rate.
- The rates were reported in Georgia's Annual Performance Reports in April 2022. Georgia <u>does not</u> report the data as lag data in Georgia. Georgia reported the 2020-2021 data in April 2022.
- However, OSEP requires that the data be reported as lag data in the SPP/APR. As a result, the decrease for the 2020-2021 school year will be reported to OSEP in February 2023.
- Georgia will need to request a reset baseline and new targets.
- Longitudinal data, current baseline and targets, and proposed reset baseline and targets follow.



## **APR Graduation Rate for SWD**

SCHOOL YEAR	PERCENTAGE	CHANGE
2021	69.55	- 9.80
2020	79.35	+ 5.89
2019	73.46	+ 3.31
2018	70.15	+ 1.27



#### Graduation Rate Targets (lag data) -Current Baseline & Targets

FFY 2020 SY 19-20	FFY 2021 SY 20-21	FFY 2022 SY 21-22	FFY 2023 SY 22-23	FFY 2024 SY 23-24	FFY 2025 SY 24-25
Reported 2/2022	2/2023	2/2024	2/2025	2/2026	2/2027
Baseline 73.46%	74.46%	75.46%	76.46%	77.46%	78.46%



#### **Graduation Rate Targets (lag data) -Proposed Baseline & Targets**

FFY 2020 SY 19-20	FFY 2021 SY 20-21	FFY 2022 SY 21-22	FFY 2023 SY 22-23	FFY 2024 SY 23-24	FFY 2025 SY 24-25
Reported 2/2022	2/2023	2/2024	2/2025	2/2026	2/2027
Baseline 73.46%	Reset Baseline 69.55%	70.55%	71.55%	72.55%	73.55%



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