



Understanding Graduation Rate

Graduation Rate, included for high schools only, addresses the question: *are students graduating from high school with a regular high school diploma in four or five years?* This component includes both the four- and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rates. The adjusted cohort graduation rate is the number of students who graduate in the specified number of years (four or five) with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class. While graduating from high school in four years is the priority, the five-year graduation rate is also included to acknowledge the work schools do to keep students in school who need additional time to meet requirements to graduate.

Key Terms for Graduation Rate

4-Year Graduation Rate - number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class.

5-Year Graduation Rate - number of students who graduate in five years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class.

Additional CCRPI terms can be found in the [Glossary of CCRPI Terms](#).

FAQs about Graduation Rate

How is the component score calculated for CCRPI?

4-year cohort graduation rate x (66.67%) + 5-year cohort graduation rate x (33.33%)

What is an adjusted cohort?

The cohort is based on the number of students who enter grade 9 for the first time adjusted by adding into the cohort any student who transfers in later during grade 9 or during the next three years and subtracting any student from the cohort who transfers out, emigrates to another country, transfers to a prison or juvenile facility, or dies during that same period. (Source: US Department of Education, [ESSA High School Graduation Rate Non-Regulatory Guidance](#))

What do the flags mean?

Each year, schools are expected to meet the improvement targets based on the prior year's performance. Each subgroup in each school and district has its own target. For more information, refer to [CCRPI Improvement Targets and Closing Gaps](#); [CCRPI Graduation Rate Improvement Targets 03.28.18](#); and [Graduation Rate Targets Resource 11.29.18](#).

Do the flags on this page "count"?

Flags for graduation rate are for information purposes only. They carry no points towards the CCRPI score.

Where can I find more information on cohort graduation rate guidance?

[ESSA High School Graduation Rate Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)