

Graduation and Dropout Rates 2018-19

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Key Points

- The District's 4-Year Graduation rate decreased by approximately 1.6% in 2018-19.
- The drop in graduation rate was most pronounced among Hispanic students within OPS (-3.2%). OPS and overall state level graduation rates were largely impacted by multi-racial students (-4.7%, -3.2%).
- The graduation rate for the 5-Year cohort of 2017-18 students increased to 82.6% with 141 additional students graduating.
- The 6-Year cohort of 2016-17 students increased grad rates to 84.1%, one of the highest percentages in the past five years.
- The District's 2018-19 dropout rate (2.8%) has held steady from 2017-18, down 0.3% since it's 5 year high in 2016-17 (3.1%).
- The dropout rate has decreased among Asian students (-0.72%), but has increased among and White students (+0.38%)

Graduation Rates 2018-19



Graduation Rate Formula

4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACG)

NDE started using ACG rate during the 2010-11 school year

Numerator: Graduates (4 year only)

Denominator:

- Starts with the original class of True Freshmen
- Adds students who transferred into the district
- Subtracts students who transferred out of the district

$$\frac{\text{\# of Graduates (4 year only)}}{\text{\# True Freshman + Transfers In – Transfers Out}}$$

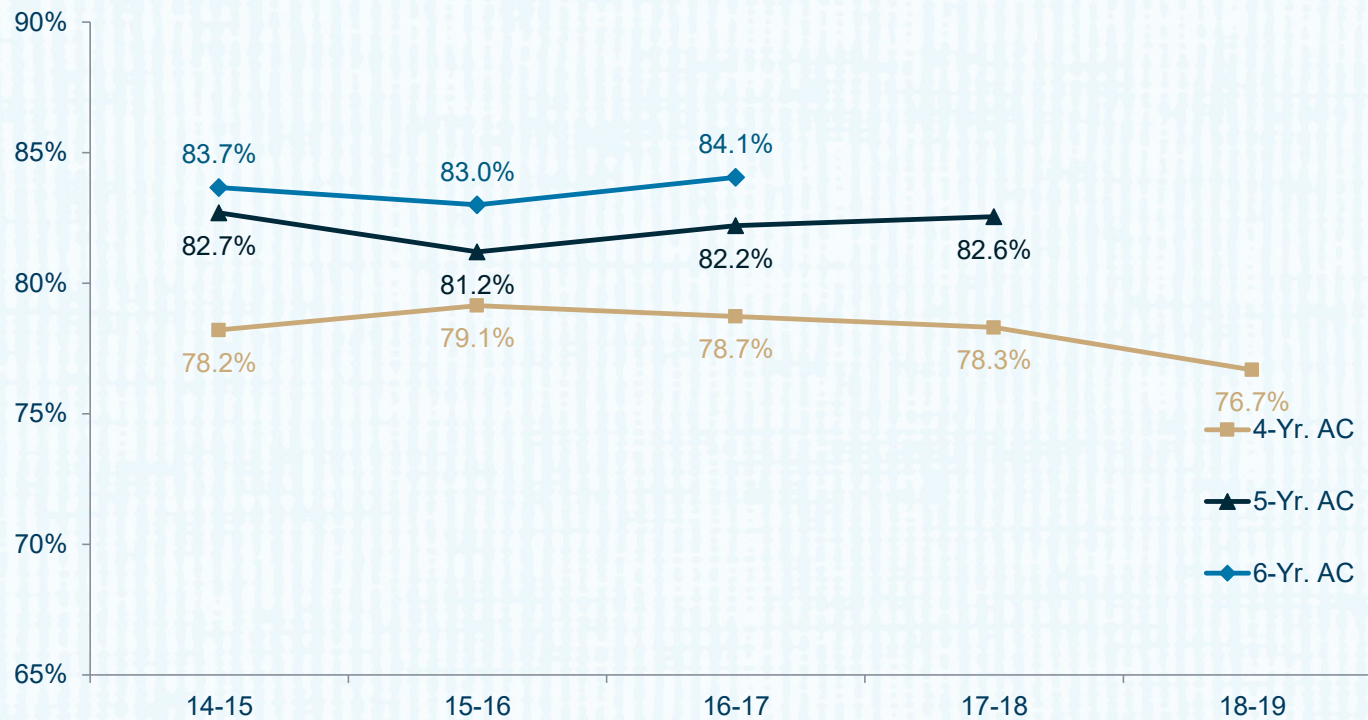
*5 and 6 year graduation rates are also calculated by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE).

Note: Students who enroll in a program school are counted at their original HS enrollment / School of Assignment

Graduation Rates (2014-15 to 2018-19)

Graduation Year	Adjusted Cohort							
	4 – Year*		5 – Year		6 – Year		7 – Year	
2014-15	78.2%	2,581	82.7%	2,727	83.7%	2,775	85.2%	2,823
2015-16	79.1%	2,591	81.2%	2,704	83.0%	2,763	84.7%	2,818
2016-17	78.7%	2,711	82.2%	2,843	84.1%	2,909		
2017-18	78.3%	2,774	82.6%	2,915				
2018-19	76.7%	2,733						
Change	-1.6%	-41	0.31%	+71	1.1%	+146	-0.5%	-56

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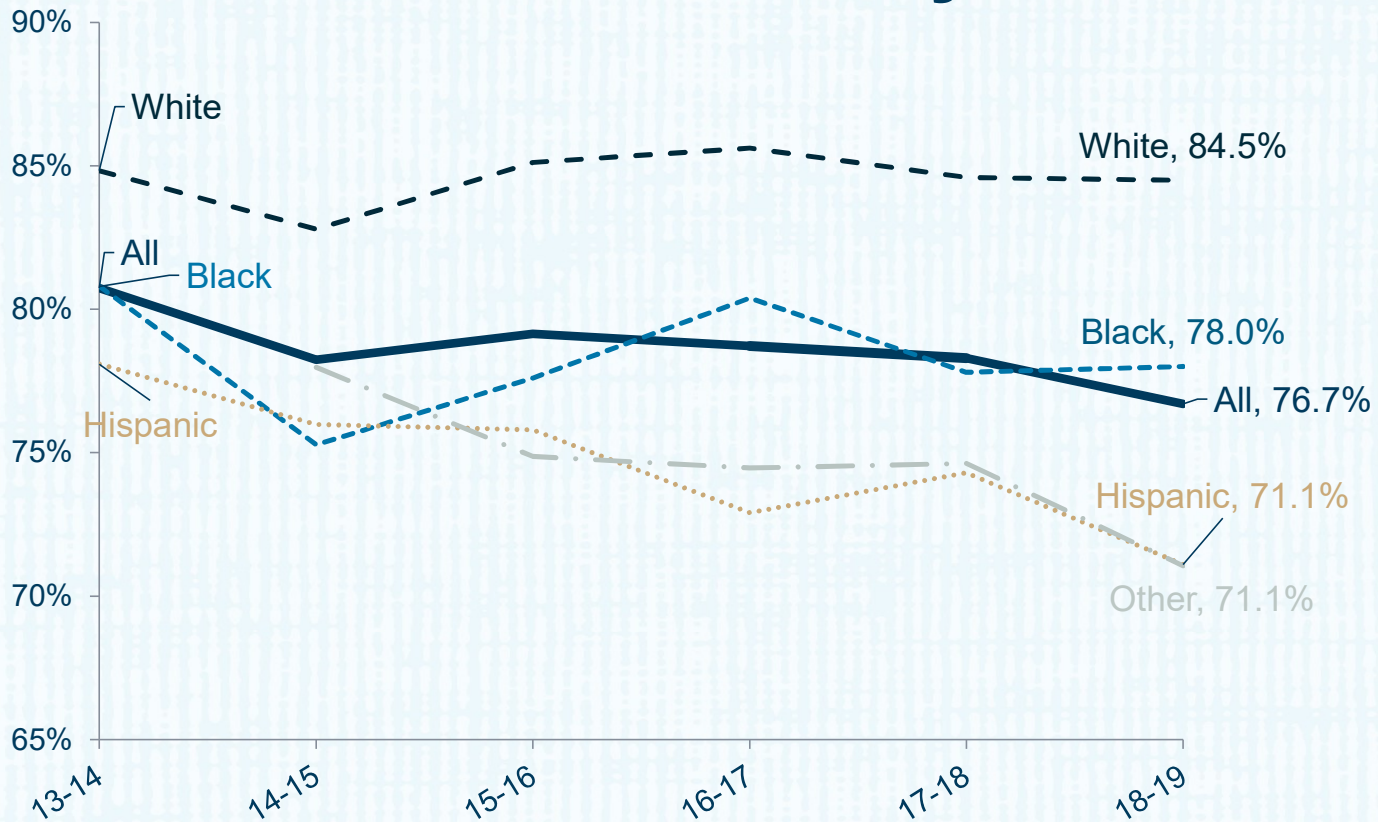
4 Yr. Graduation Rate Trend by Race/Ethnicity

Graduation by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Diff
White	82.8%	85.1%	85.6%	84.6%	84.5%	-0.1%
Black or African American	75.3%	77.6%	80.4%	77.8%	78.0%	0.2%
Hispanic	76.0%	75.8%	72.9%	74.3%	71.1%	-3.2%
Asian	72.7%	69.5%	69.5%	69.0%	71.1%	2.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian/Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	82.6%	79.3%	82.1%	82.7%	78.0%	-4.7%

* Subgroups are too small to report reliable numbers.

4 Yr. Graduation Rate Trend by Race/Ethnicity



Note: 'Other' is a combined graduation rate comprised of Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native and Multiracial.



Dropout Rates 2018-19



Dropout Rate Formula

Seeks to answer the question: “of those students who were enrolled at official fall membership, how many dropped out?”

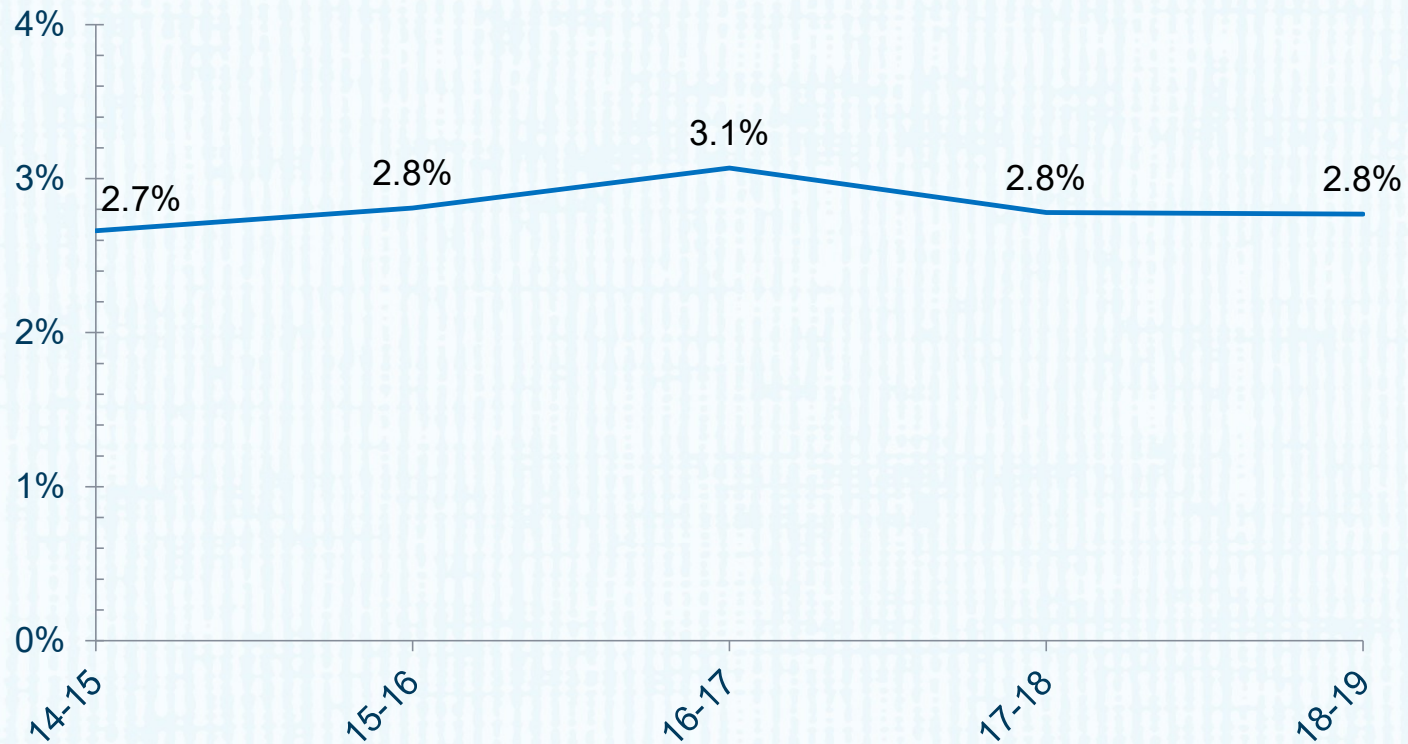
- Numerator: Dropouts (7-12th grade)
- Denominator: Students at Official Fall Membership (7-12th grade)

$$\frac{\text{\# of Dropouts (7-12th grade)}}{\text{\# of Students (7-12th grade) at Official Fall Membership}}$$

Dropout Rates (2014-15 to 2018-19)

Year	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate (9-12 Grade Only)
14-15	2.6%	4.1%
15-16	2.8%	4.3%
16-17	3.1%	4.6%
17-18	2.8%	4.1%
18-19	2.8%	4.1%
Change	-0.0%	-0.0%

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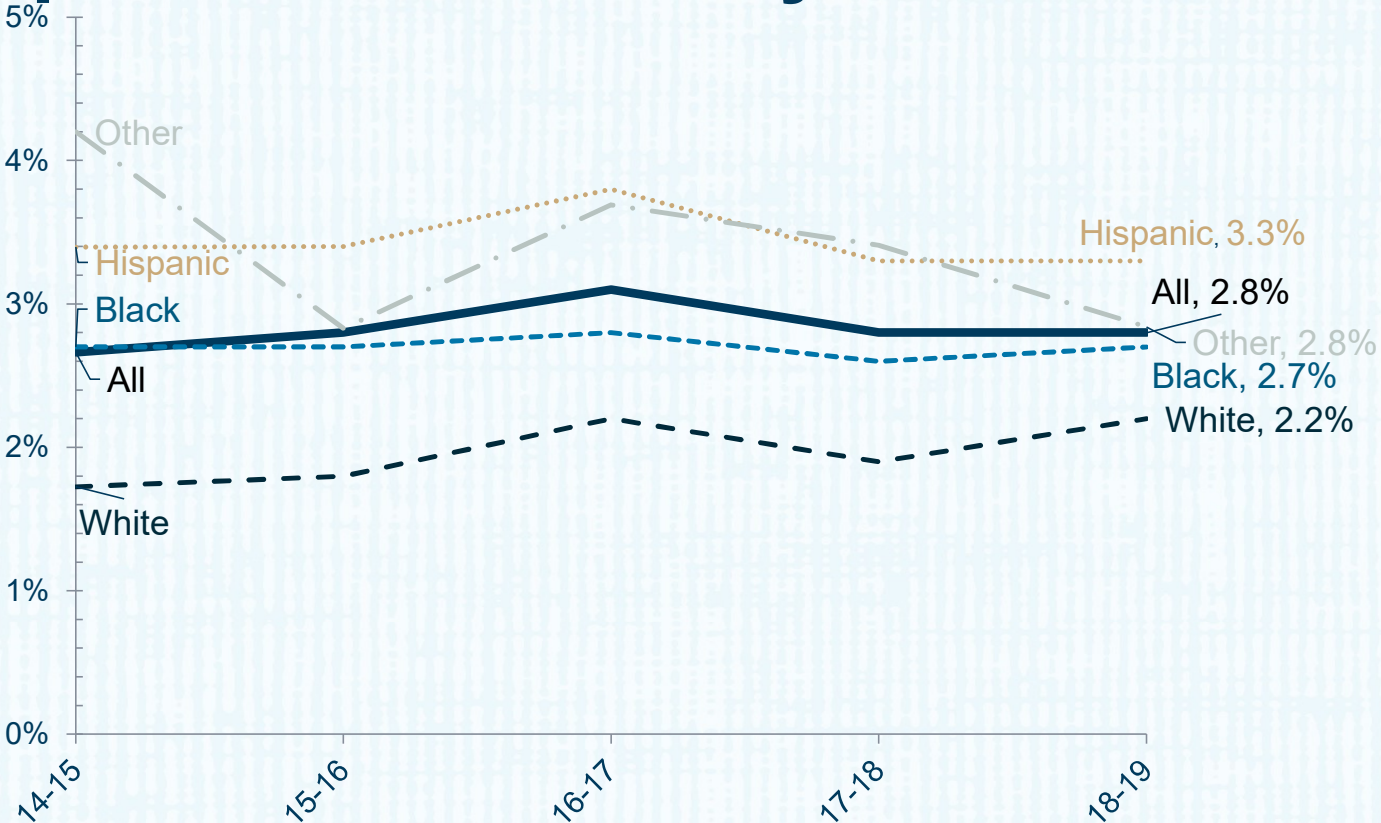


Dropout Rate Trend by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Diff
White	1.7%	1.8%	2.2%	1.9%	2.3%	0.4%
Black or African American	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%	0.1%
Hispanic	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	0.1%
Asian	2.9%	4.9%	4.1%	3.4%	2.7%	-0.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian/Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or More Races	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.3%	-0.7%

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