



DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Goal 1 Key Performance Outcome Graduation Rate: SY 2019-20

About the Graduation Rate:

As documented in the District Accountability System (DAS), a key objective for Goal I is to increase the percentage of students meeting high school graduation requirements as measured by the 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate. The 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate formula computes the percentage of students who enter 9th grade during a given school year and earn a regular diploma within four years, adjusted for students who transfer in or out during the four-year window. The cohort graduation rate is a key indicator used in state and federal accountability determinations, and directly reflects the purpose and mission of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System.

Data are reported based on official state and district graduation information published by the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE). Due to the GADOE timeline for completing the data collection and publication process, graduation rate is a lagging measure. The district target established in the 2020 DAS was to improve the district graduation rate from the SY 2016-17 baseline of 84.3% to 86.5% or higher by SY 2021-22. For SY 2019-20, the annual performance target was 85.7%. Annual improvement targets are calculated based on the standard accountability formula of a gain of at least 3% of the gap between the base score and 100%.

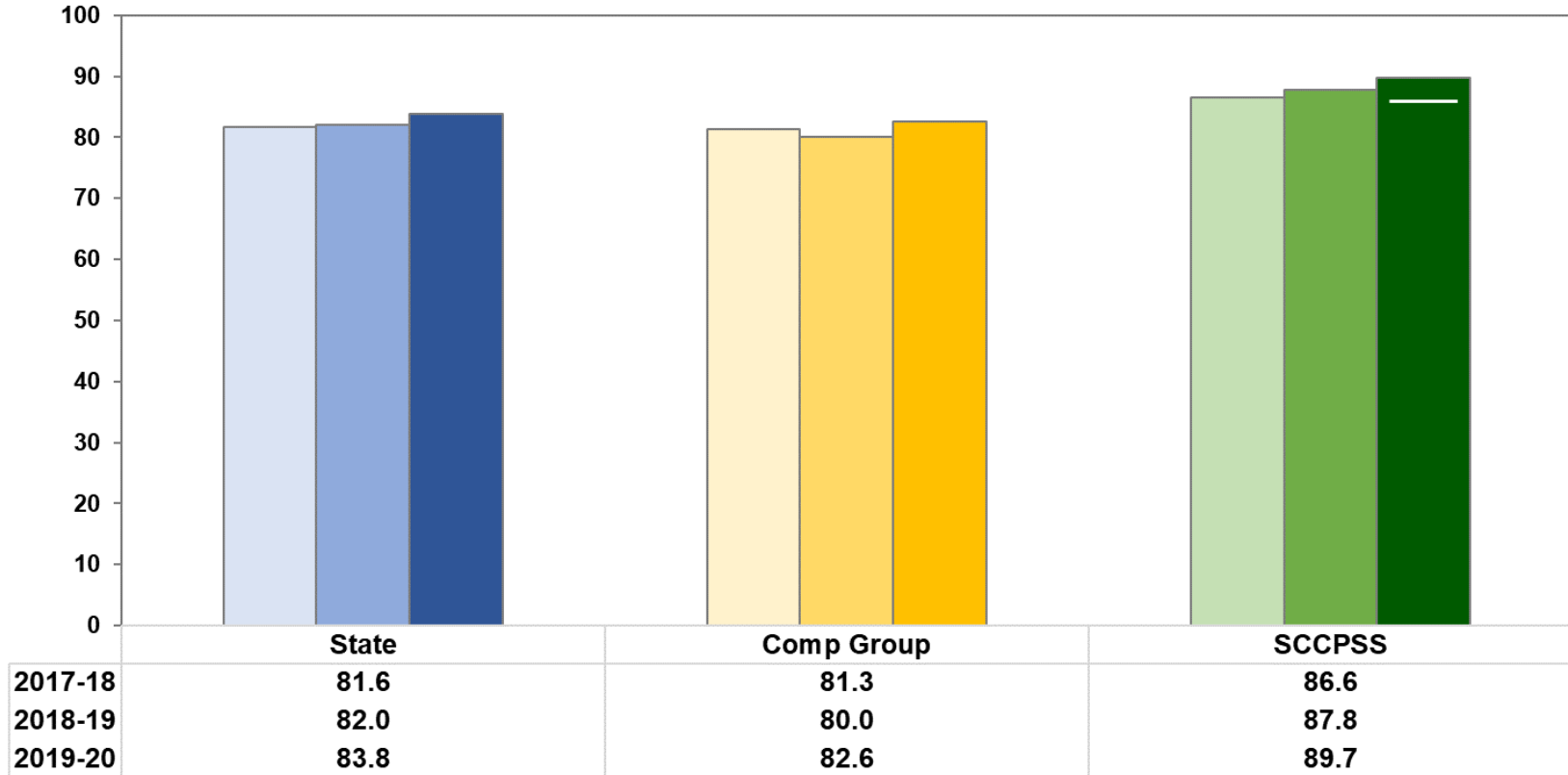
Key Points: SY 2019-20 Graduation Rate

- SCCPSS achieved a graduation rate of 89.7%. This represents a gain of nearly 2 points compared to last year and establishes a new record high for the district.
- The district has consistently improved the graduation rate since SY 2014-15 and exceeded the SY 2019-20 annual target of 85.7%.
- For the sixth consecutive year the district exceeded both the state and the comparison group graduation rates. In SY 2018-19 and SY 2019-20 SCCPSS earned the highest graduation rate within the comparison group.
- School graduation rates ranged from 76.4% to 100%.
 - Early College, Islands, Jenkins, New Hampstead, Savannah Arts, Windsor Forest, and Woodville-Tompkins met or exceeded the district's 2022 graduation rate target of 86.5%. Beach, Groves, Johnson, and the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High were below the district targets.
 - Groves, Johnson, and Savannah Arts declined by 0.5 to 3.6 points compared to last year, while Beach, Islands, Jenkins, New Hampstead, the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High, and Windsor Forest improved their graduation rates, with gains ranging from 0.7 to 5.3 points. The School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High made the greatest gains over the past 3 years, improving by more than 8 points.
 - Early College and Woodville-Tompkins maintained their 100% graduation rate.
- SY 2019-20 marks the first year in which students taking the Georgia Alternate Assessment could be reassigned to the cohort year corresponding to their final year of Free Appropriate Public Education, provided the students met specific eligibility criteria established by GADOE. Twenty (20) SCCPSS students, representing less than 1% of the original total cohort, met the criteria and were reassigned to a future cohort.



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Figure 1. State, Comparison Group, & SCCPSS 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate



Note: Shading of color represents progression of years



Annual performance target

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Figure 2. Cohort Graduation Rate by Comparison Group District

Comparison Group Districts	2019-20	
	# of Graduates	Graduation Rate
SCCPSS	1,984	89.7
Douglas County	1,959	89.4
Muscogee County	1,875	89.4
Henry County	3,252	88.8
Atlanta Public Schools	2,570	80.3
Richmond County	1,761	77.2
Clayton County	2,847	76.6
Bibb County	1,166	76.1



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Figure 3. SCCPSS 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate by Subgroup

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	1 Yr Chg	3 Yr Chg
SCCPSS	86.6	87.8	89.7	1.9	3.1
Asian	92.6	94.9	94.3	-0.6	1.7
Black	86.2	86.6	88.7	2.1	2.5
Hispanic	89.9	86.7	88.7	2.0	-1.2
White	86.0	91.0	91.6	0.6	5.6
Multiracial	86.2	85.1	92.5	7.4	6.3
Female	91.4	92.0	93.1	1.1	1.7
Male	81.6	83.1	86.0	2.9	4.4
ED	82.7	84.0	87.5	3.5	4.8
EL	81.6	66.7	74.6	7.9	-7.0
SWD	61.5	61.7	80.0	18.3	18.5

■ Increase



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Figure 4. SCCPSS 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate by School

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20		1 Yr Chg	3 Yr Chg
	Grad Rate	Grad Rate	# of Grads	Grad Rate		
State	81.6	82.0	110,886	83.8	1.8	2.2
Comp Group	81.3	80.0	15,430	82.6	2.6	1.3
SCCPSS	86.6	87.8	1,984	89.7	1.9	3.1
Beach	80.8	75.3	199	80.6	5.3	-0.2
Early College	100.0	100.0	49	100.0	0.0	0.0
Groves	76.5	77.1	149	76.4	-0.7	-0.1
Islands	86.3	89.7	237	94.1	4.4	7.8
Jenkins	86.5	84.7	235	88.7	4.0	2.2
Johnson	84.2	85.8	134	82.2	-3.6	-2.0
New Hampstead	88.7	93.8	276	94.5	0.7	5.8
Savannah Arts	97.5	99.6	220	99.1	-0.5	1.6
SLS at Sav. High	77.3	81.7	106	85.5	3.8	8.2
Windsor Forest	88.1	87.3	213	91.0	3.7	2.9
Woodville-Tompkins	100.0	100.0	157	100.0	0.0	0.0
Savannah Classical Charter	NA	NA	*	*	*	*

■ At/above 2022 target
 ■ Increase
 *Not reported; <10 students
 NA - No graduating cohort

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Figure 5. Number of Students by Cohort Graduation Outcome

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of Students in Cohort	2,240	2,347	2,211
Number of Students Graduating with a Regular Diploma	1,939	2,060	1,984
Number of Non-Graduates	301	287	227
Certificate of Performance	*	*	*
Special Education Diploma	*	0	0
Adult Education	62 (21%)	30 (10%)	48 (21%)
Unverifiable Transfer	26 (9%)	10 (3%)	*
Other Dropout**	128 (43%)	170 (59%)	127 (56%)
Potential 5th Year Graduates	75 (25%)	72 (25%)	45 (20%)

NOTE: Percentages are based on the number of Non-Graduates

*Not reported; < 10 students

**Includes dropout reasons other than adult education: Marriage, Expelled, Financial Hardship/Job, Incarcerated, Low Grades/School Failure, Military, Pregnant/Parenting, Removed for Lack of Attendance, Serious Illness/Accident, & Unknown