



September 2024

Research Roundup

Postsecondary “Resource Roundup”



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA



Agenda

1. About ERA and the Research Roundup Webinar Series
2. How We Measure Postsecondary Outcomes
3. Live Data Demonstration: College & Career Dashboard and Senior Exit Survey Results
4. More Resources: CTE and Graduate Follow-up Surveys, and the Office of Postsecondary Readiness

This webinar is being recorded. The recording and a PDF of the slide deck will be available at: philasd.org/research/roundup

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January 9, 2024
Listening and Learning: Teacher Attendance and Retention

January 5, 2024
A Summary of the 2022-23 School Selection Process: Qualifications, Applications, Admission Offers and Student Responses

December 4, 2023
2022-23 PSSA Results for District Students Show Improvements in Math and Science, Stability for ELA, Keystone Results Show Declines in Algebra and Biology but Improvement in Literature

June 14, 2023
Listening and Learning: Student Attendance

June 9, 2023
Student Attendance Patterns in Philadelphia, 2017-18 to 2021-22

May 8, 2023
School Selection: Enrollment of First-Time 9th Graders at District High Schools, 2019-20 through 2022-23

What can we help you find?

Every year, we collect millions of data points on **student achievement, leadership, school climate, and progress.**

Our offices work with the data to evaluate and report outcomes and develop informational tools.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

QLIBAM

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Office of Assessment

The Office of Assessment maintains the Assessment Calendar and coordinates the administration of a number of assessments including Star, Keystone, PSSA, PASA, and ACCESS.

- 2023-24 Assessment Calendar
- 2023-24 Assessment Overview

Research Brief: High School Graduation

2022-23 Four-Year High School Graduation Rates in Philadelphia

Many staff at the Office of Evaluation, Research, and Accountability contributed to the information that appears in this brief. Staff at the District Performance Office helped prepare the data files and for analysis, and major writing contributions were made by Josh Braunschweig and Eliza Dixon, Ph.D.

Key Findings

Overall, the four-year graduation rate for students entering high school for the first time increased by 10.4 percentage points between the 2013-14 and 2022-23 school years in Philadelphia public schools.

- The rate at District schools increased by 6.7 percentage points over ten years.
- The rate at Charter schools increased by 13.9 percentage points over ten years.
- The rate at Alternative schools/programs decreased by 2.9 percentage points over ten years.

Graduation rates increased in 63% of Philadelphia public schools between the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.

- The rate increased at 58.2% of District schools (12 of 55 schools).
- The rate increased at 68.0% of Charter schools (22 of 32 schools).
- The rate increased at 64.0% of Alternative schools/programs (14 of 25 schools/programs).

Economically disadvantaged students in District schools graduated at a higher rate than non-economically disadvantaged students in the 2022-23 school year (81.4% to 79.6%).

- 72.9% of graduating students in the 2019-20 first-time ninth grade cohort were economically disadvantaged.

Introduction

As an important metric of students' readiness for college and career, the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) monitors high school graduation rates each year. This brief examines graduation rates in public schools in the city of Philadelphia, comparing trends for District schools.

For more information on how graduation rates are calculated and which students are counted in each year's first-time ninth grade cohort (SDP), please visit: <https://www.philasd.org/era/research/2022-23-graduation-rates>

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Research Brief: 9th Grade On-Track

Relationship to Ninth Graders in 2016-17

The School District of Philadelphia is committed to providing a high-quality education for all students. A key indicator of student success is the percentage of students who are on-track for graduation. This brief examines the relationship between 9th grade on-track status and graduation rates for students who entered high school in 2016-17.

On-track students are those who are currently in high school and have completed all required coursework for graduation. This includes completing all required coursework for their current grade level and all required coursework for the next grade level.

Students who are not on-track for graduation are those who are currently in high school but have not completed all required coursework for graduation. This includes students who are currently in high school but have not completed all required coursework for their current grade level, or students who are currently in high school but have not completed all required coursework for the next grade level.

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OVERVIEW GOALS & GUARDRAILS

GUARDRAIL 1: COMPLETE INSTRUCTION AND HEALTH GUARDRAIL 2: ENGAGING WELL-ROUNDED LEARNERS GUARDRAIL 3: PARTNERING WITH PARENTS & FAMILY GUARDRAIL 4: HOPE

GUARDRAIL 1.1: CLIMATE & INSTRUCTION GUARDRAIL 1.3: MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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Find out how a school or group of schools is performing.

Search for a school or narrow your search using the filters below. You can also view data for groups of schools. For example, all Charter Schools or all Network 1 schools by clicking on "School Groupings."

Find a School All Schools School Groupings

Search for a school: Search

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ADAM, ALEXANDER SCHOOL
ALLEN, DR. ETHEL SCHOOL
ALLEN, ETHAN SCHOOL
ALLEN, RICHARD PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS CHARTER SCHOOL

PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATA FOR DISTRICT, CHARTER, ALTERNATIVE, AND OTHER/CYBER STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

Enrollment: 2023-2024 (most updated: November 2024)
Performance and Climate data: 2022-2023 (most updated: Spring 2024)
Survey data: 2022-2023 (most updated: Late Fall 2024)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 197,115

TOTAL SCHOOLS 331

DISTRICT SCHOOLS: 218
ENROLLMENT: 112,816

CHARTER SCHOOLS: 82
ENROLLMENT: 64,119

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS: 31
ENROLLMENT: 3,299

CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS: 14
ENROLLMENT: 14,643

OTHER: 10
ENROLLMENT: 2,238

2021-22 PSSA & KEYSTONE - ELA PERFORMANCE (ALL GRADES)

34% 4 POINT DECREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

The percentage of students who scored Proficient or Advanced on the state standardized English Language Arts exam.

2021-22 PSSA & KEYSTONE - MATH PERFORMANCE (ALL GRADES)

2021-22 FIVE-YEAR GRADUATION

DISTRICT PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS AND GUARDRAILS
MORE PUBLIC-SCHOOLS DATA
DISTRICT FAST FACTS

Overall and by School Group

Indicator 1.1
The percentage of schools with both a high Overall District Wide Survey Climate rating and a high Overall District Wide Survey Instruction Rating has grown 12.7% from school 19 to school 20 during the August 2020 to August 2024 period.

Annual Targets

Off-Track

Year	Climate	Instruction	Off-Track
2017-18	12.1%	8.6%	17.7%
2018-19	12.1%	8.6%	17.7%
2019-20	14.0%	10.7%	16.7%
2020-21	14.0%	10.7%	16.7%
2021-22	14.0%	10.7%	16.7%
2022-23	14.0%	10.7%	16.7%
2023-24	14.0%	10.7%	16.7%

All District Schools: 12.1% Climate, 8.6% Instruction, 17.7% Off-Track

DISTRICT WIDE SURVEY
Climate and Instruction Top Scores, All District Schools

School Group (Based on School Performance)	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Top Score	Schools	Top Score	Schools	Top Score	Schools	Top Score	Schools
On Track - Group A High Instruction & High Climate	7.6	62	19	6.8%	7.6	61	38	17.2%
On Track - Group B One High Instruction or High Climate	7.2	73	45	20.9%	7.3	70	46	21.4%
On Track - Group C Near Instruction or Near Climate	6.5	75	83	38.6%	6.4	74	84	39.1%
Off Track - Group D Low Instruction and Low Climate	5.7	70	69	31.6%	5.7	70	38	17.2%

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Open Data

The School District of Philadelphia (SDP), in partnership with Open Data Philly, publishes longitudinal data sets spanning various operational school and student performance areas. The public release of this data supports our goals to promote greater transparency and community engagement. Before accessing this data, please review the Terms and Conditions.

School- and Network-level enrollment data and performance on key indicators are also available on our interactive, user-friendly School Profiles website. In addition to district provided data, please visit the state report card, Future Ready Index, for additional metrics.

To date, SDP has released data sets for:

- School Information
 - Master School List, Longitudinal Master School List, School and District Enrollment & Demographics, Pre-School Information, School Catchment Areas, School Catchment Retention Details and Counts, District Wide Surveys, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, School Reopening Information, School Selection, and Household Food Insecurity.
- School Performance
 - School Progress Reports on Education and Equity, District Scorecard, Alternative Education Progress Reports, PSSA & Keystone Exams Data, School and District Graduation Rates, School and District 99% Attendance, Average Daily Attendance, School and District Out-of-School Suspensions, Serious Incidents Counts and Details, and NSC Student Tracker Reports
- District Employment and Finance
 - Expenditure Information, Employee Information, Teacher, Academic, Teacher Demographics, District and School Budgets, and Full Time Employment (FTE)

Data Sets

- School Information: Information on school attributes
- School Performance: Student performance and climate through the school year
- District Employment and Finance: Expenditures, Employees, Budget, and FTE Data
- Advancing Educational Safety: Information on hybrid learning and COVID-19 testing
- Terms and Conditions: Please read!

Quick Data

















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What is a Research Roundup?

- Regular webinar series with a focus on topics aligned to the [Goals & Guardrails](#) and [Accelerate Philly](#)
- Videos and slide decks available from previous sessions
- Sign up to be notified when webinars are scheduled and when recordings are available:

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Research Roundup Topics							
Mar 2022 	Literacy Performance in Grades K-3	July 2022 	English Learners and Students in Special Education	April 2023 	Student Attendance	Dec 2023 	The 9th Grade On-Track Metric
April 2022 	Math Performance in Grades 3-8	Oct 2022 	PERC: Keystone Graduation Pathways	May 2023 	Impact of Facility Investments in LA	Feb 2024 	The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS)
May 2022 	9th Grade "On Track" Rates and High School Graduation	Dec 2022 	District-Wide Surveys	July 2023 	SPREE	Apr 2024 	Philly School Experience Survey (PSES)
June 2022 	Food Insecurity in the School District of Philadelphia	Feb 2023 	Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program	Sept 2023 	Trends, Transitions, and Supports for English Learners	July 2024 	Relationship of Star and PSSA Performance 2022-23



How We Measure Postsecondary Outcomes

Measuring Postsecondary Readiness and Success

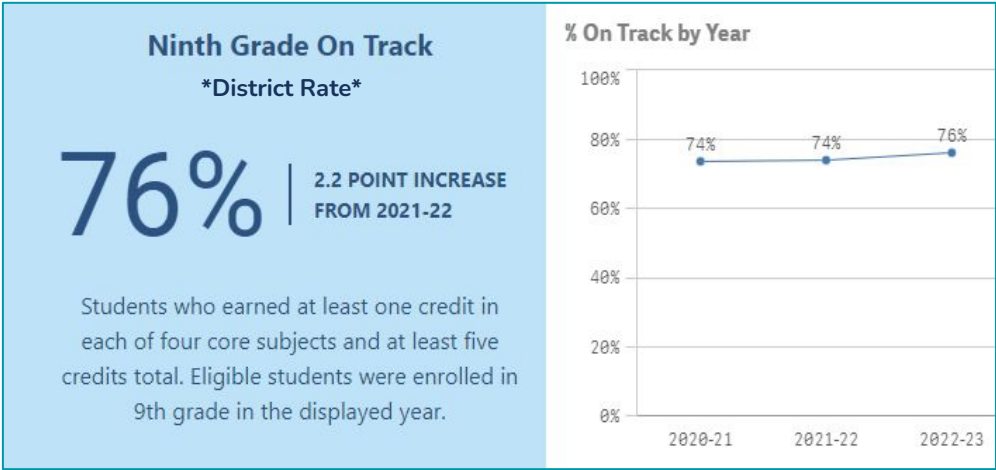


We use a number of measures to monitor students' progress toward on-time graduation, their completion of high school, and their preparedness for the opportunities beyond.

- We track student data while they're enrolled with us.
- We conduct surveys of seniors and high school graduates.
- We receive additional data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC).

Completing 9th Grade “On Track” (four core + one more) is a predictor of on-time high school graduation.

9th Grade
9th Grade on Track Metric



Source: School District of Philadelphia, [College & Career Dashboard](#), sector: District, pulled 07/23/24

Graduating from high school “On-Time” (within four-years) is a predictor of postsecondary success in college and career.

9th Grade

9th Grade on Track Metric

12th Grade

On-Time Graduation Metric



Four-Year Graduation

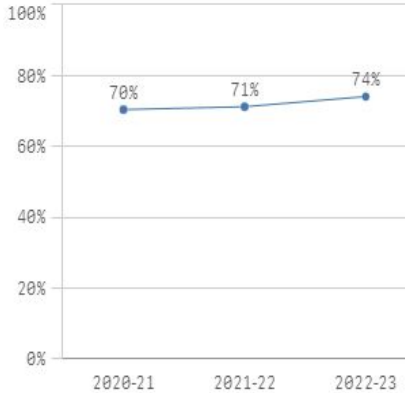
District & Alternative Rate

74%

2.9 POINT INCREASE FROM 2021-22

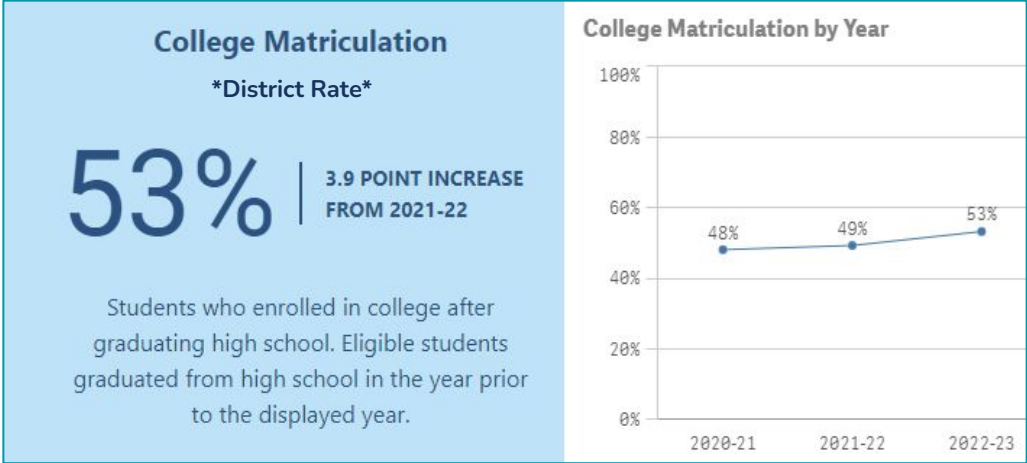
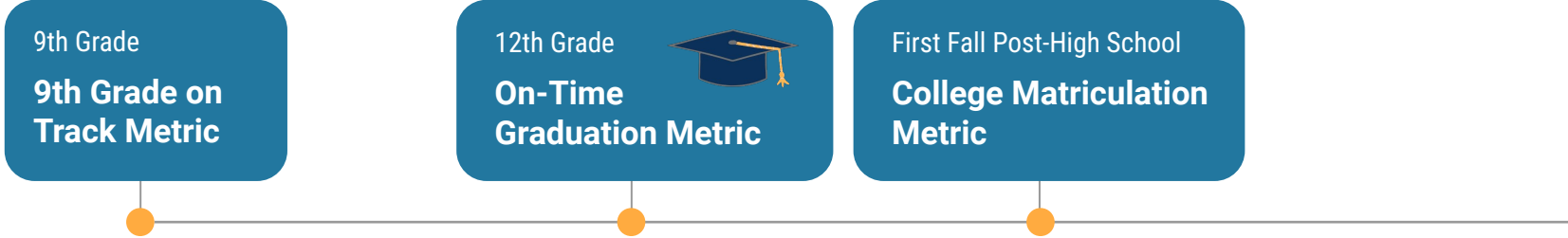
Students who graduated within four years of entering high school. Eligible students were expected to graduate in the displayed year.

Four-Year Graduation by Year



Source: School District of Philadelphia, [College & Career Dashboard](#), sector: District & Alternative, pulled 07/23/24

Matriculating to a technical, 2 year, or 4 year postsecondary institution immediately after graduation is a predictor of college persistence.



Source: School District of Philadelphia, [College & Career Dashboard](#), sector: District, pulled 07/23/24

Remaining enrolled after the first year of college (persisting) is a predictor of postsecondary degree completion.

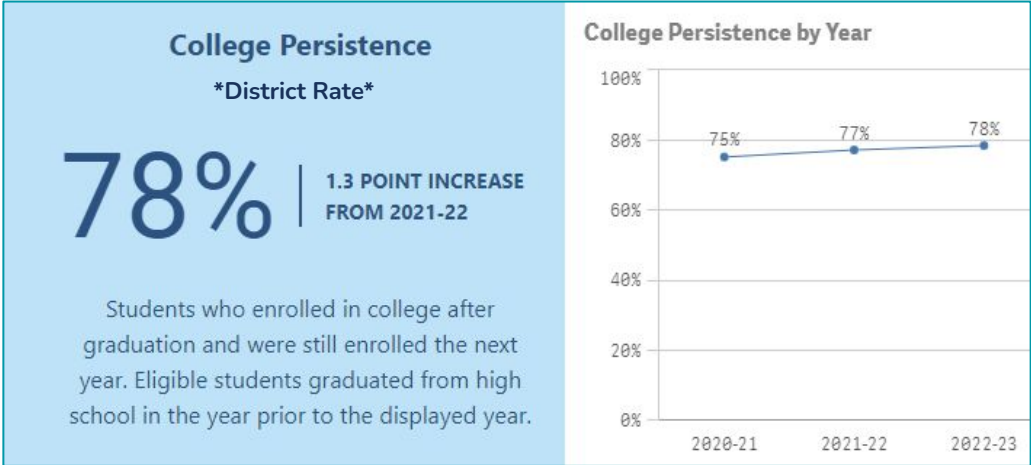
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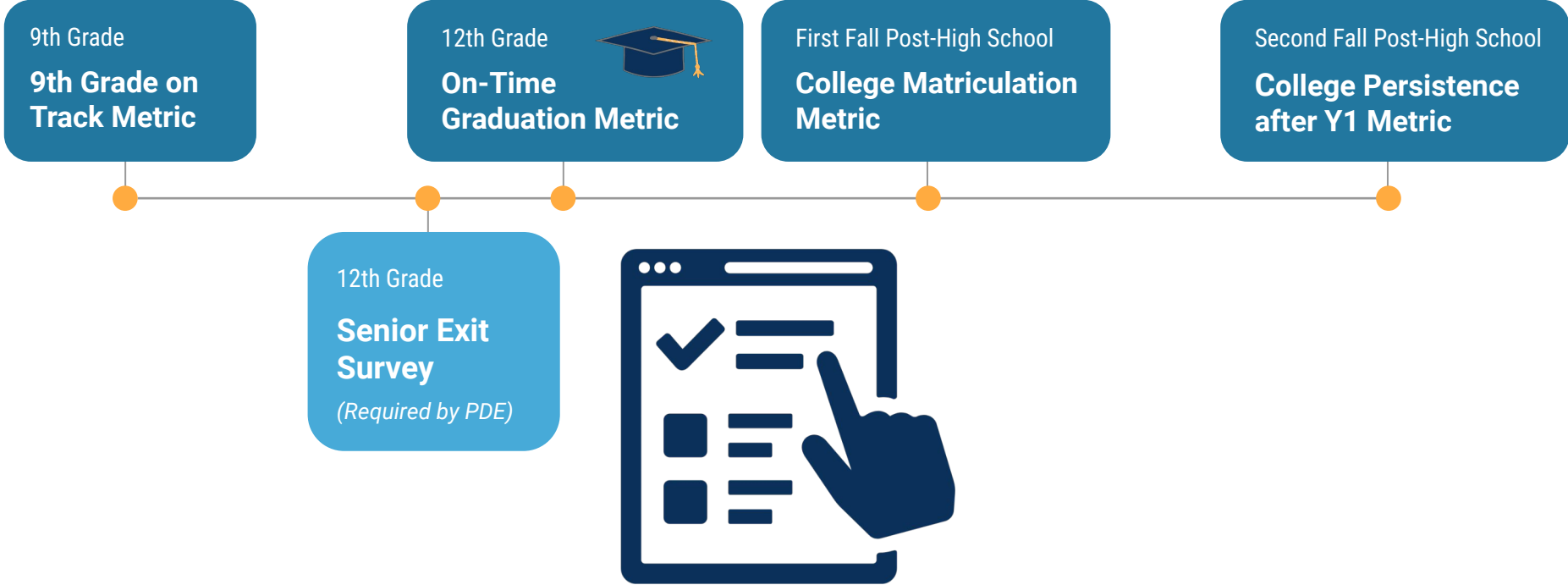
First Fall Post-High School
College Matriculation Metric

Second Fall Post-High School
College Persistence after Y1 Metric



Source: School District of Philadelphia, [College & Career Dashboard](#), sector: District, pulled 07/23/24

The annual Senior Exit Survey documents the post-high school plans of 12th grade students in SDP.



The Senior Exit Survey asks students key questions about their high school experiences and post-high school plans.



- Do students plan to obtain additional education, seek employment, or pursue other activities post-graduation?
- Who provided career & college planning support to students and what kind of support did they provide?
- Additional topical questions as needed (e.g., Did COVID-19 change students' plans for after high school?)

The Senior Exit Survey is used throughout the District to understand student experiences and outcomes.



- Both **school staff** and **Central Office staff** use the results to evaluate trends in students' plans and to determine which supports students found most helpful.
- **ERA** uses the survey to link students' college intentions with final college matriculation data ("summer melt").
- **ERA** uses the survey to collect student contact information for administering future follow-up surveys.



Data Demonstration: College & Career Dashboard and Senior Exit Survey Results

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

Ninth Grade On Track

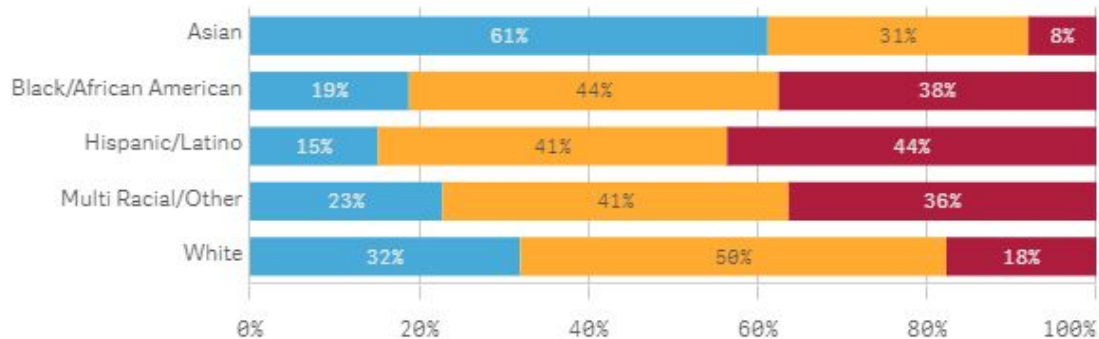
71%

4.9 POINT INCREASE
FROM 2021-22

Students who earned at least one credit in each of four core subjects and at least five credits total. Eligible students were enrolled in 9th grade in the displayed year.

Ninth Grade On Track by Ethnicity

2022-2023 9th Graders (Note: only groups with at least 20 students are displayed).



Firmly On Track: All A's and B's in the core subjects

On Track but At Risk: Some C's or D's in the core subjects

Off Track: Failed core subject(s) and did not earn all necessary credits

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

Ninth Grade On Track

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Ninth Grade On Track by Ethnicity

2022-2023 9th Graders (Note: only groups with at least 20 students are displayed).

	# 9th Graders	% On Track	% On Track with All A's and B's	% On Track with Some C's or D's	% Off Track
● Northeast High School	927	71%	30%	41%	29%
⊕ Asian	224	92%	61%	31%	8%
⊕ Black/African American	245	62%	19%	44%	38%
⊕ Hispanic/Latino	291	56%	15%	41%	44%
⊕ Multi Racial/Other	22	64%	23%	41%	36%
⊕ White	141	82%	32%	50%	18%

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

Four-Year Graduation

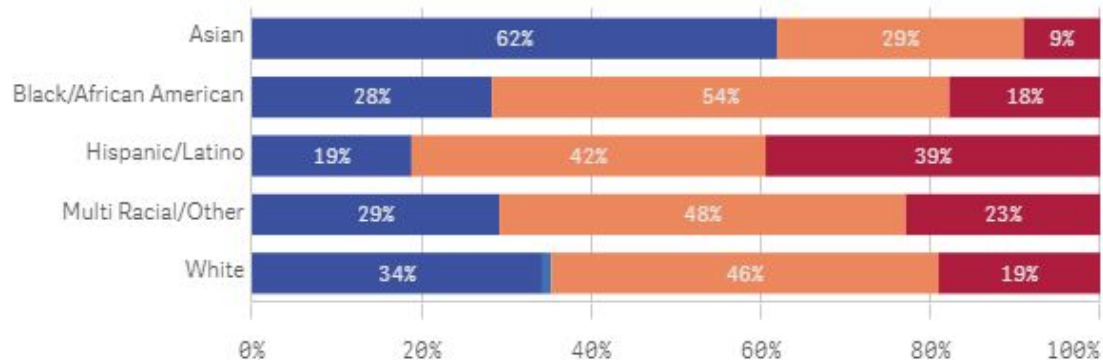
78%

.2 POINT INCREASE
FROM 2021-22

Students who graduated within four years of entering high school. Eligible students were expected to graduate in the displayed year.

Four-Year Graduation by Ethnicity

Students expected to graduate in 2022-2023 (Note: only groups with at least 20 students are displayed)



Graduated On Time: H.S. GPA 3.0 or Better

Graduated On Time: H.S. GPA Below 3.0

Did Not Graduate On Time

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

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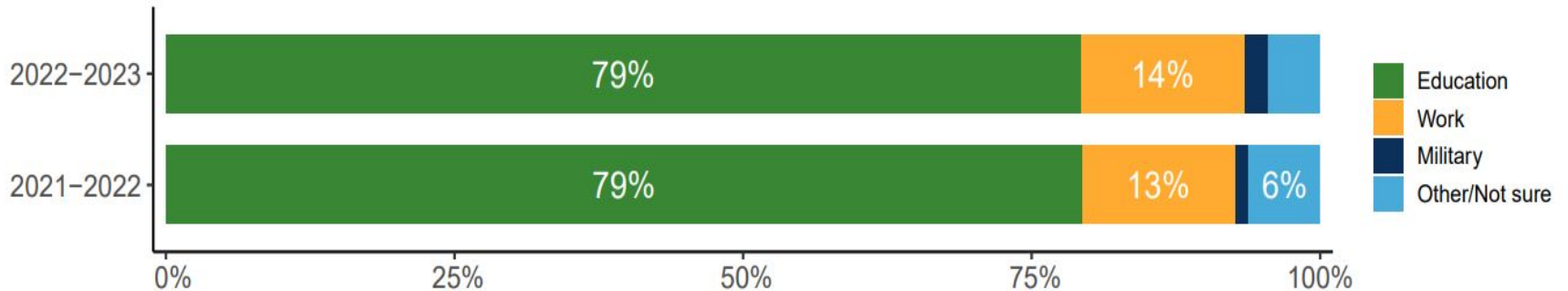
	# 12th Graders	% Graduated in 4 Years	% Graduated, H.S. GPA 3.0 or Better	% Graduated (GPA Not on Record)	% Graduated, H.S. GPA Below 3.0	% Did Not Graduate On Time
⊖ Northeast High School	773	78%	36%	0%	42%	22%
⊕ Asian	210	91%	62%	0%	29%	9%
⊕ Black/African American	191	82%	28%	0%	54%	18%
⊕ Hispanic/Latino	218	61%	19%	0%	42%	39%
⊕ Multi Racial/Other	48	77%	29%	0%	48%	23%
⊕ White	105	81%	34%	1%	46%	19%

Senior Exit Survey Results

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

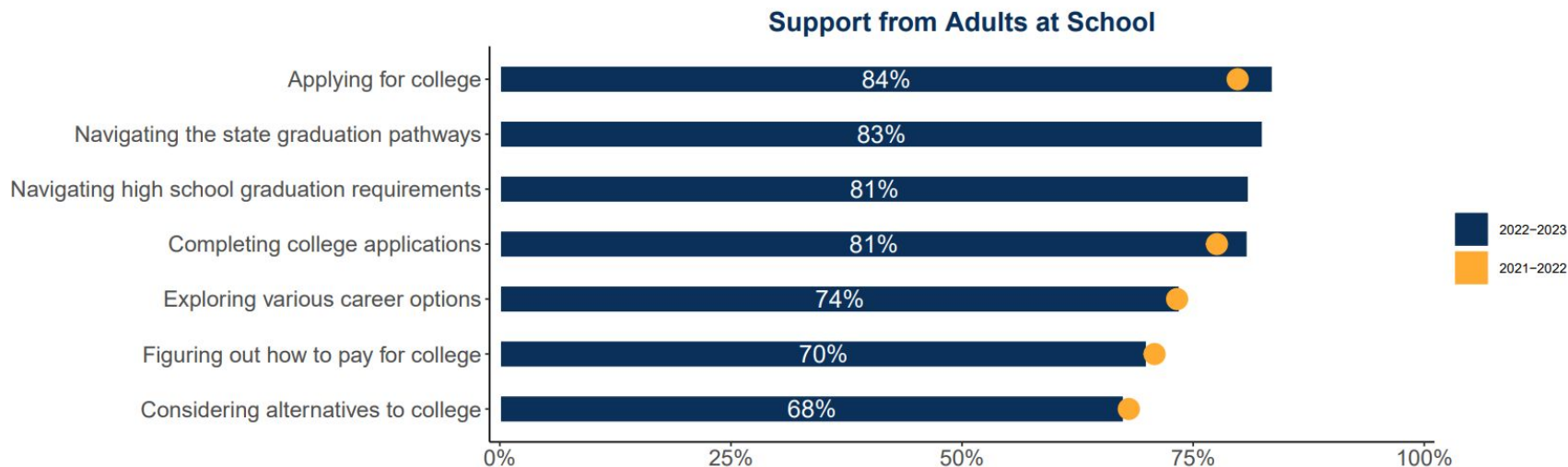
Description of Northeast High School seniors' plans after high school:



Senior Exit Survey Results

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023



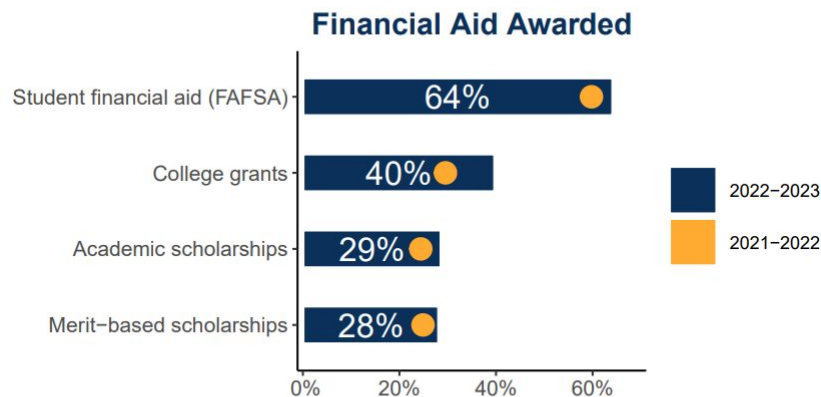
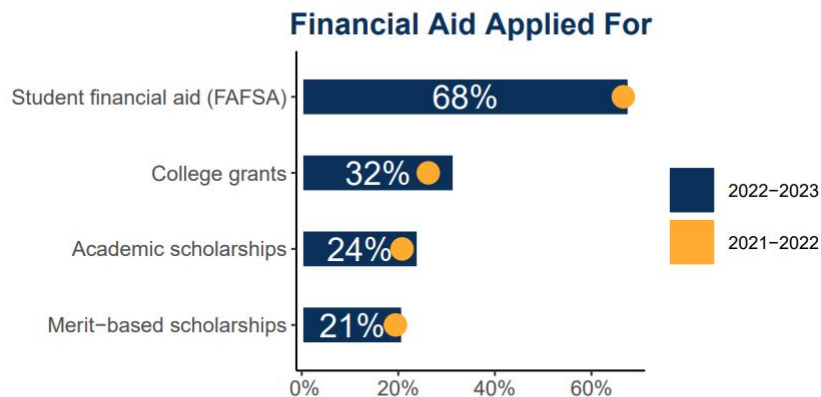
Note: State and high school graduation requirements options added to the survey in 2022-23 for the first time.

Senior Exit Survey Results

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

Among seniors who intend to pursue further education:



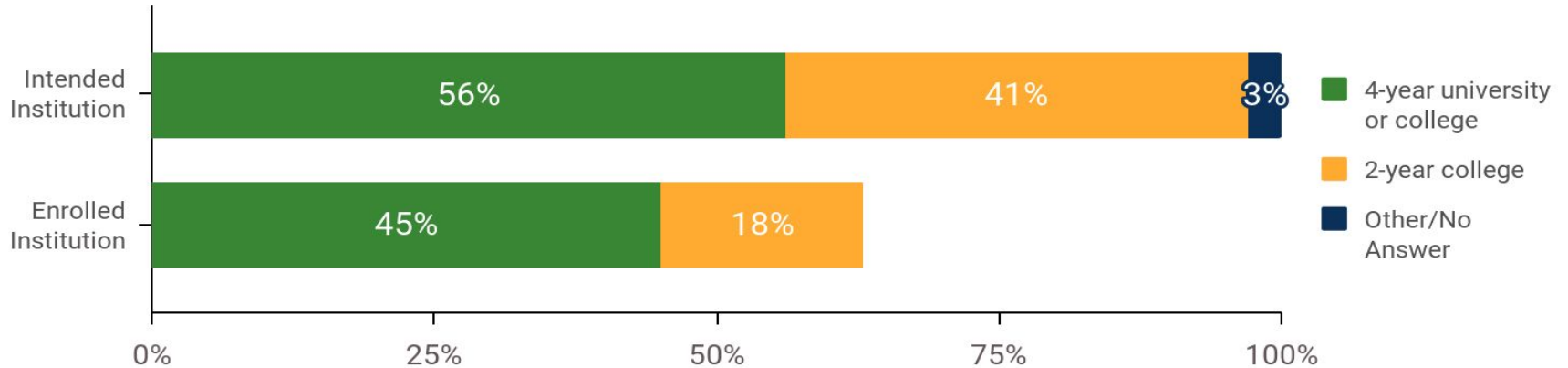
Note: "Financial Aid Applied For" figure only includes students who reported they plan to pursue further education. "Financial Aid Awarded" figure only includes students who reported they applied for financial aid. Most frequent responses displayed.

Senior Exit Survey Results

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

Intended type of postsecondary institution vs. enrolled institution:



Note: Intended institution includes students who responded to the Senior Exit Survey and selected "Education" as their intended post-high school plan. Data on Enrolled Institution taken from the National Student Clearinghouse.

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

College Matriculation

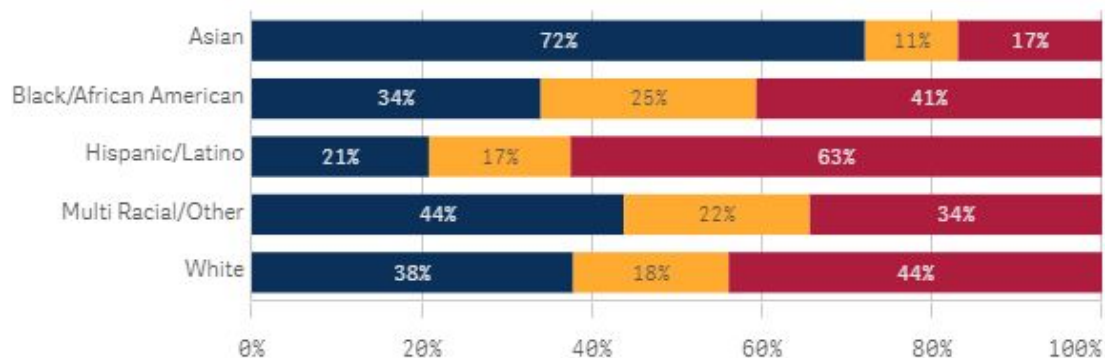
62%

6.9 POINT INCREASE
FROM 2021-22

Students who enrolled in college after graduating high school. Eligible students graduated from high school in the year prior to the displayed year.

College Matriculation by Ethnicity

Students who graduated in 2022-2023 (Note: only groups with at least 20 students are displayed).



Matriculated: 4-Year Institution

Matriculated: 2-Year Institution

Did Not Matriculate

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

College Matriculation

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College Matriculation by Ethnicity

Students who graduated in 2022-2023 (Note: only groups with at least 20 students are displayed).

	# Graduates	% Matricul...	% Matricul... to 4-Year	% Matricul... to 2-Year	% Did Not Matricul...
⊖ Northeast High School	567	62%	45%	18%	38%
⊕ Asian	183	83%	72%	11%	17%
⊕ Black/African American	150	59%	34%	25%	41%
⊕ Hispanic/Latino	120	38%	21%	17%	63%
⊕ Multi Racial/Other	32	66%	44%	22%	34%
⊕ White	82	56%	38%	18%	44%

College & Career Dashboard

Northeast High School

SY 2022-2023

College Persistence

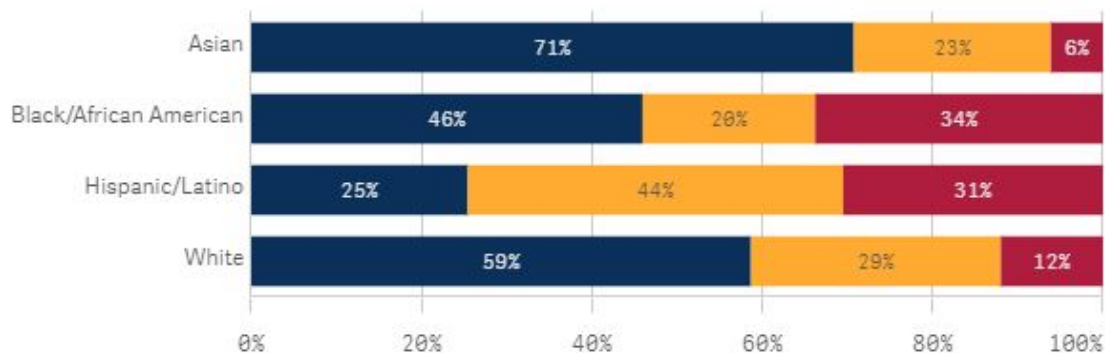
83%

0.2 POINT DECREASE
FROM 2021-22

Students who enrolled in college after graduation and were still enrolled the next year. Eligible students graduated from high school in the year prior to the displayed year.

College Persistence by Ethnicity

Students who graduated in 2021-2022 (Note: only groups with at least 20 students are displayed).



Persisted: 4-Year Institution

Persisted: 2-Year Institution

Did Not Persist

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College Persistence

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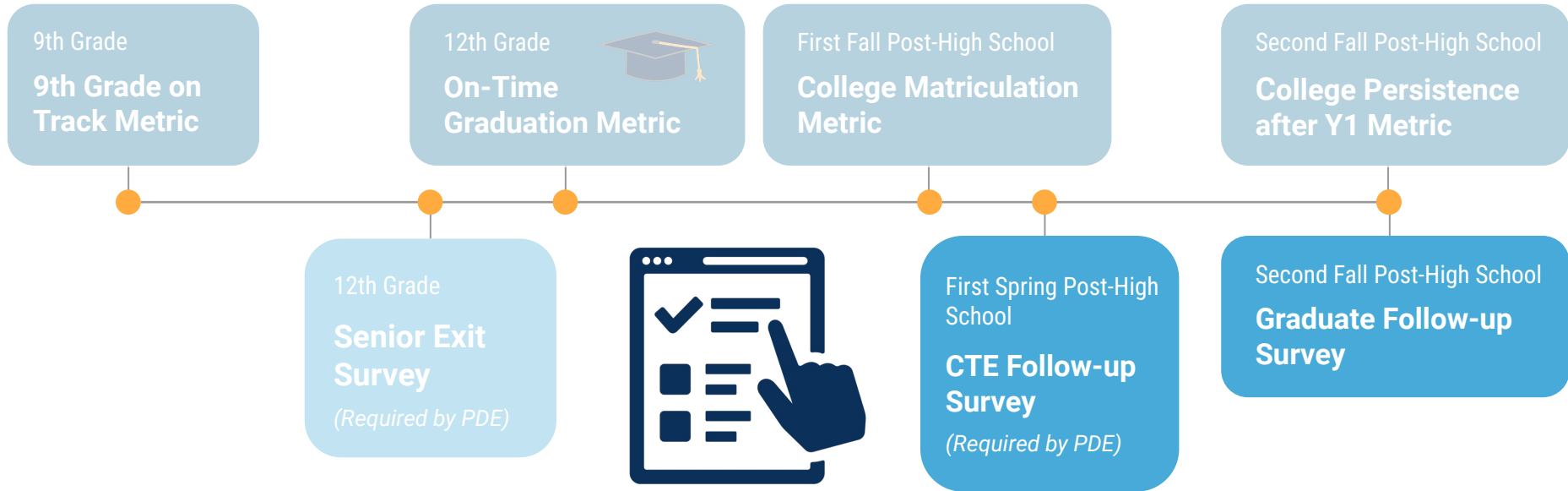
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	# College Matricul...	% Persisted	% Persisted in 4-Year	% Persisted in 2-Year	% Did Not Persist
➔ Northeast High School	369	83%	56%	27%	17%
➕ Asian	147	94%	71%	23%	6%
➕ Black/African American	74	66%	46%	20%	34%
➕ Hispanic/Latino	59	69%	25%	44%	31%
➕ White	75	88%	59%	29%	12%



More Resources: Follow-up Surveys and the Office of Postsecondary Readiness

Two follow-up surveys of SDP graduates provide additional context about students' postsecondary experiences.



The CTE Follow-Up Survey asks just our CTE graduates about their experiences after graduation.



- Have graduates from CTE programs enrolled in college, continued to work or train in their CTE field of study, and/or pursued other activities?
- For example: Of students who responded to the survey and who were working part- or full-time, 39% of those enrolled in college and 24% of those not in college were employed in a job directly or closely related to their CTE field of study.
- Note: The respondent group is small, despite our efforts to collect and use accurate contact information. In spring 2023, 136 out of 961 surveyed CTE graduates responded.

The Graduate Follow-up Survey asks SDP graduates broadly about their experiences after graduation.



- The Graduate Follow-up Survey helps SDP to:
 - Understand whether students have made smooth transitions into postsecondary education or the workforce.
 - Learn about obstacles that graduates faced while pursuing post-high school plans.
- For example: Among SDP graduates who intended to pursue a postsecondary education, the most common obstacle reported was that there was not enough money and/or financial aid to pay for college.
- Note: The Graduate Follow-up Survey respondent group represents about 12% of all Senior Exit Survey respondents.

The Office of Postsecondary Readiness helps students and families plan their futures after high school.



- Help students and families understand graduation requirements and the five pathways to graduation
- Enhance the transition to 9th grade by providing comprehensive district-level supports for academic, social, and emotional needs
- Guide students and families through important milestones like dual enrollment opportunities, the SAT/ACT, the FAFSA, and career exploration
- Support student postsecondary success whether the aim is college, technical education, or starting a career immediately after high school

Explore our resources!

Interactive College & Career Dashboard

<https://dashboards.philasd.org/extensions/college-and-career-public/index.html#/>



Research & Reports

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- Website: <https://www.philasd.org/research/programsservices/projects/senior-exit-survey/>
- School Reports: <https://www.philasd.org/research/programsservices/projects/senior-exit-survey/senior-exit-survey-school-level-reports/>

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- [The Ninth Grade On-Track Metric in SDP](#)
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