

SHS Graduation Rate is 3.8 % Higher than Reported for the Class of 2015

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Graduation rates for all schools in Oregon were released today. The state average is 73.8% and Siuslaw High School's graduation rate is reported as 67.2%. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) allows a window of time to make corrections to the data from schools, but clerical errors were discovered outside of that window. Some students transferred to schools outside of the State. While proper record requests were processed, these transfers were not recorded in their electronic records and not removed from the graduation cohort calculations. Though we are unable to make the corrections for this year, we will be able to correct the error for next year and our five year cohort grad rate will see a significant improvement. With corrections, the Siuslaw High School Four-Year Cohort graduation rate is 71.05%, demonstrating a district increase of 3.8% in the graduation rate.

Siuslaw High School and the Siuslaw School District are dedicated to continuing to improve our graduation rate. Students are tracked starting their freshmen year according to several factors and tiered interventions are in place for students that begin to struggle. The Siuslaw High School staff is working hard to reach our goal of all students graduating. Over the last three years we have offered and/or expanded the following opportunities for students to get additional help during the school day as well as outside of school hours:

- Teachers Available Before and After School
- Thursday and Friday PRIDE Interventions
- Mandatory Study Hall for all Students with Failing Grades
- Pick 5 (Pair At-Risk Students with Adults)
- Administration/Counselor Scheduled Conferences
- Twilight Program
- Saturday School
- Extended Semester
- Individual Tutoring (Teachers, ASPIRE Volunteers, Administration)
- Progress Checks (Phone Calls, Letters, Parent Meetings, Student Meetings)
- Communication (Robocall, Website, Facebook, Letter)
- Summer School

Our district mission statement is: ***Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach Their Greatest Potential.*** While we have made gains, we will not be satisfied until we can report that ALL students graduate college and career ready.

Information about the Calculation of the Oregon Cohort Graduation Rate

The cohort model is the formula used to calculate graduation rates, as required by the federal government. This year's reports focus on the 2011-12 cohort (students who first entered high school during the 2011-12 school year), expected graduates for 2015. The cohort is adjusted for students who move into or out of the public school system, move out of the state or country, or are deceased, to form the *adjusted cohort*. The cohort graduation rate is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Four - year cohort grad rate} = \frac{\text{Number of students in the adjusted cohort who earn a regular high school diploma by August 2015}}{\text{Number of first - time 9th graders in 2011 - 12, adjusted for transfers in and out}}$$

$$\text{Siuslaw High School Four - year grad rate} = \frac{80}{119} = 67.23\% \text{ as reported by ODE}$$

Due to a combination of errors discovered outside the correction window, five students that transferred out of the Siuslaw School District and one student that graduated and walked last year were not counted. Had we made the necessary corrections we would have reported a 3.8% increase from last year's grad rate of 68.1%.

$$\text{Siuslaw High School Four - year grad rate} = \frac{81}{114} = 71.05\%$$

Although we were unable to make corrections outside the correction window. We will be able to correct the error for next year and our five-year cohort graduation rate will reflect that improvement.