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### **Media release**

## **Hillsboro School District Graduation Rates Hold Steady**

*Despite feeling the full effects of the COVID pandemic on their high school careers, students are graduating from and completing high school at high rates*

**January 25, 2024, Hillsboro, OR** - The graduating class of 2023 was the first “full pandemic” cohort, meaning they lost the last quarter of their freshman year to the beginning of COVID and spent their entire sophomore year in distance and hybrid learning. Despite this significant challenge, 86.18% of students districtwide graduated in four years. This represents a very slight decrease of 0.09 percentage points from 2022, is less than one percentage point away from the district’s all-time high of 87.07% in 2020, and is 4.86 percentage points above the state average.

	Total Students	2023 Grads	2023 Grad Rate	2022 Grad Rate	Δ (in pct. pts.)	Other completers*	2023 Completer Rate	5-yr Comp rate (class of 2022)
<b>Century</b>	401	343	85.54%	86.73%	-1.19	6	87.03%	92.54%
<b>Glencoe</b>	394	354	89.85%	88.39%	1.46	8	91.88%	92.39%
<b>Hilhi</b>	357	299	83.75%	86.06%	-2.31	7	85.71%	90.85%
<b>HOA</b>	74	52	70.27%	79.03%	-8.76	1	71.62%	81.97%
<b>Liberty</b>	385	347	90.13%	89.03%	1.10	4	91.17%	92.19%
<b>HSD</b>	1621	1397	86.18%	86.27%	-0.09	28	87.91%	90.83%

*\*Other completers category includes students earning an Adult HS Diploma, Extended Diploma, or GED.*

Disaggregated data shows gains in eight of ten categories of traditionally underserved populations, with the largest overall growth seen for students identifying as Black/African American/African, those who were English learners at any time in high school, and students with disabilities.

One thing that was challenging for the Class of 2023 was the loss of state funding for summer school programming, which had been made available in 2021 and 2022 for pandemic recovery.

The District closely monitors on-track data in every grade at high school to ensure that interventions and credit attainment/recovery opportunities can be offered in real-time. Our high school teachers, counselors, coaches, and others play a critical role in connecting with students, getting them engaged in school, and supporting them on their journey to graduation.

Moving forward, the District will continue to leverage its Pathways Center and Oak Street Campus, evening programming, Hillsboro Online Academy, and credit options for students. It will also continue to plan individually with students for career and college readiness.

“On-time graduation and high school completion are key goals in our new [2023-2027 Strategic Plan](#),” notes Assistant Superintendent Audrea Neville. “We will continue analyzing data; improving our systems; hearing the voices of our students, staff, and families; and working as a team to ensure students have all the tools necessary to graduate and achieve their dreams.”

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*For disaggregated data, comparison to other districts, and historical data, please refer to the document [2023 comparative grad rates](#), and to understand more about the cohort graduation rate calculation, please refer to the document [understanding graduation rates](#).*