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SCCPSS 2011-12 Graduation Rate on the Rise

High School Graduation Rate increases by 8.9 Percentage Points

In the second year of reporting the high school graduation rate under the Adjusted Cohort Rate, Savannah-Chatham Public Schools are trending in a very positive direction. The four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is calculated using the number of students who graduate within four years and includes adjustments for student transfers.

In school year 2011-2012, Savannah-Chatham Public Schools outperformed comparison school districts by 4 points and well surpassed the year to year state increase with an 8.9 percentage point increase growing from 54.4% in school year 2010-2011 to 63.3% in school year 2011-2012.

“We are proud of the year to year gains we’ve realized under the four-year calculation method,” said Superintendent of Schools Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr. “The growth is a result of the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students. While we will celebrate this advancement, we understand this is just one step in the direction of our goal - and that is to fully prepare all students for a successful transition into college or careers, regardless of how the graduation rate is calculated.”

Two high schools in Savannah-Chatham County posted double digit gains and the district’s year to year gain is more than three times higher than that of the state.

SCCPSS Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

SCCPSS	2010-11	2011-12	1 Yr Change
State	67.4	69.7	2.3
Comp Group	59.6	58.6	-1.0
SCCPSS	54.4	63.3	8.9
Beach	51.9	55.4	3.5
Gateway to College	NA	7.4	NA
Groves	51.5	62.9	11.4
Islands	82.5	70.0	-12.5
Jenkins	58.1	68.3	10.2
Johnson	53.3	62.2	8.9
Savannah Arts	100.0	99.5	-0.5
SHS - Liberal	51.9	59.7	7.8
Windsor	52.7	62.6	9.9
NA - Not available; < 10 students			