



Savannah Chatham County Public School System

Executive Summary Graduation Rate School year 2010-11

About the Graduation Rate

Georgia's graduation rate is designed to measure the percentage of students who leave high school with a regular diploma in four years. Graduation rate serves as a key accountability indicator – it is one of the criteria used to determine whether or not a high school makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and is also included as one of the academic performance objectives specified in the District Accountability Plan (DAS).

The graduation rate for the 2010-11 school year is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Number of 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ graders receiving a regular education diploma in 2010-11}}{\text{Total number of 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade students + 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade dropouts in 2010-11 + 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade dropouts in 2009-10 + 10}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade dropouts in 2008-09 + 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade dropouts in 2007-08}}$$

Note that neither special education diplomas nor certificates of attendance are credited towards graduation.

Highlights of the 2010-11 graduation rate include:

- SCCPSS students achieved a record-high graduation rate of 77.7% -- an increase of 21 points over the past eight years.
- For the second consecutive year, SCCPSS surpassed its comparison group's graduation rate.
- Over the past four years SCCPSS has reduced the gap between the state and district graduation rates, from more than 11 points to just over 3 points.

- All SCCPSS high schools with comparative data available have achieved gains in graduation rate over the past four years.

Actions

SCCPSS has achieved consistent gains in graduation rate over the last eight years, and now outperforms its comparison group of demographically similar districts in Georgia. In order to ensure that even more students graduate from SCCPSS schools and are prepared for productive futures, SCCPSS staff will take the following actions:

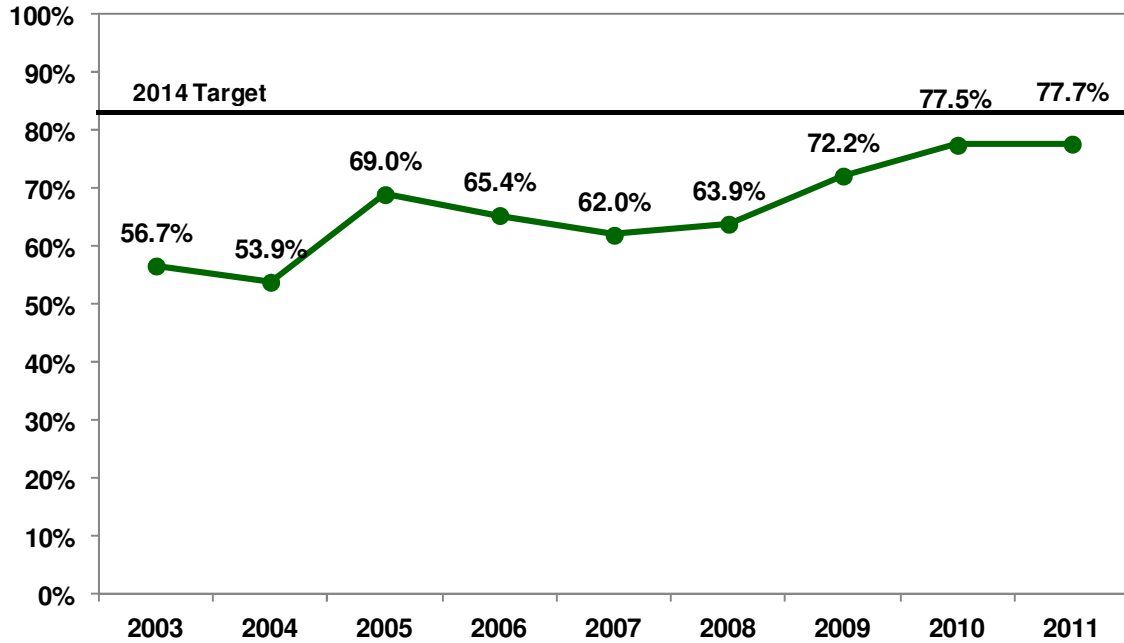
Academic Affairs will provide Instructional Coaches to Liberal Studies, Beach, and Groves High Schools using federal funds to deliver instructional support to teachers in the implementation of the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards.

Principals will create and administer benchmark assessments using the Georgia Online Assessment System (OAS) in order to examine student performance growth with emphasis on EOCT courses.

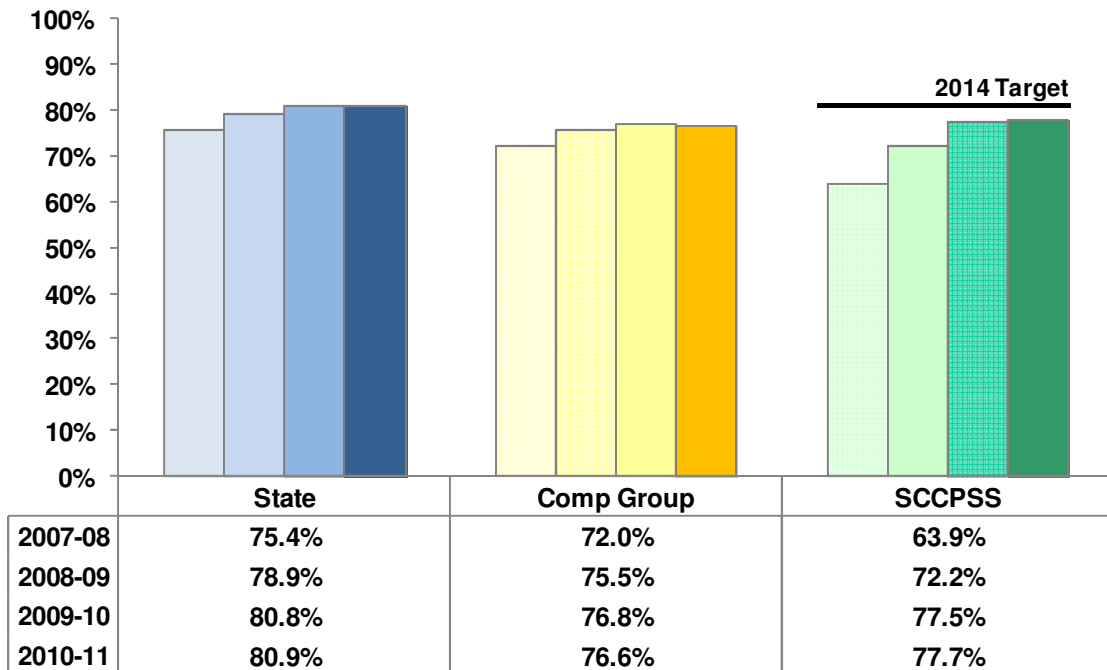
Principals and school counselors will promote the Twilight High School Program and Corporate Academy in order to provide opportunities for credit advancement/recovery.

Principals and Academic Affairs will hold mandatory parent meetings entitled “Leave No Graduate Behind” to engage parental support, involvement, and understanding of Georgia graduation requirements.

Historic SCCPSS Graduation Rate



Comparison of System, State, & Comp Group* Graduation Rate



Note: Gradation of chart color from lightest to darkest represents progression of years

*Comparison group of demographically similar districts includes Clarke, Clayton, DeKalb, Dougherty, Liberty, Muscogee, Richmond, Spalding, Griffin, and Atlanta Public Schools.

Graduation Rate by School

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	1 Yr Chg	4 Yr Chg
State	75.4	78.9	80.8	80.9	0.1	5.5
Comp Group	72.0	75.5	76.8	76.6	-0.2	4.6
SCCPSS	63.9	72.2	77.5	77.7	0.2	13.8
Beach	49.5	65.7	64.3	73.3	9.0	23.8
Groves	56.9	69.6	75.5	80.3	4.8	23.4
Islands*	NA	NA	NA	93.5	NA	NA
Jenkins	67.0	73.3	80.9	77.0	-3.9	10.0
Johnson	67.5	74.8	76.1	73.1	-3.0	5.6
Savannah Arts	99.4	98.9	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.6
Savannah High	57.3	58.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
SHS - Law & Criminal Justice*	N/A	N/A		86.7	N/A	N/A
SHS - Liberal Studies*	N/A	N/A	72.3	68.7	N/A	N/A
Windsor Forest	67.0	74.6	81.3	75.6	-5.7	8.6

■ Indicates rate at/above state & 2014 target

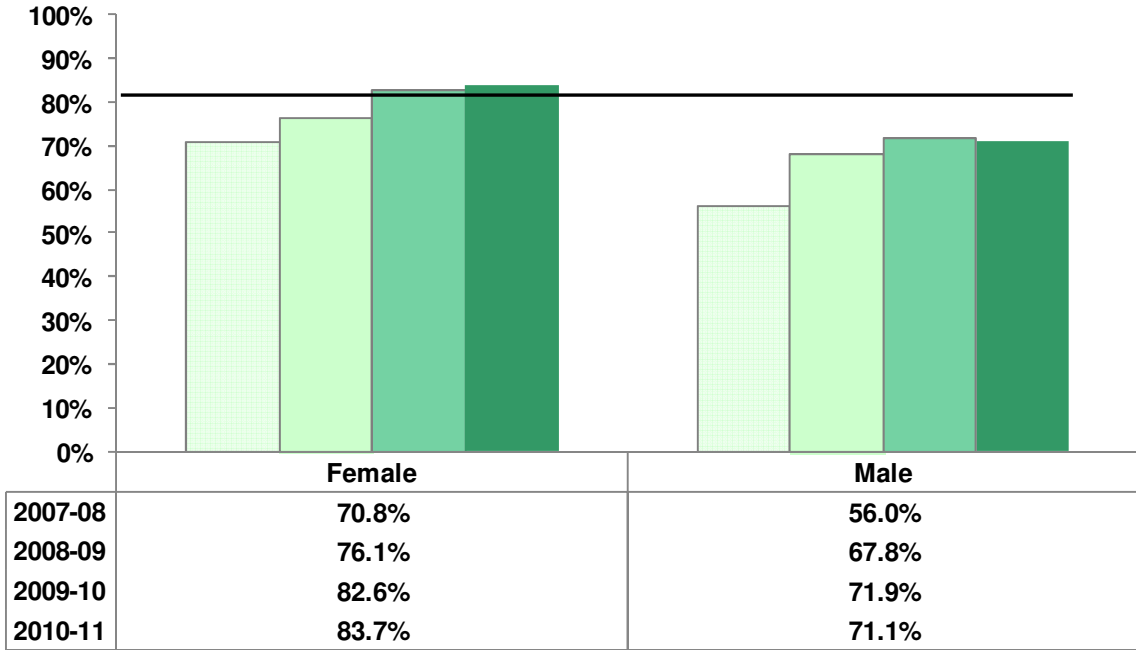
■ Indicates increase

■ Not reported; <10 students

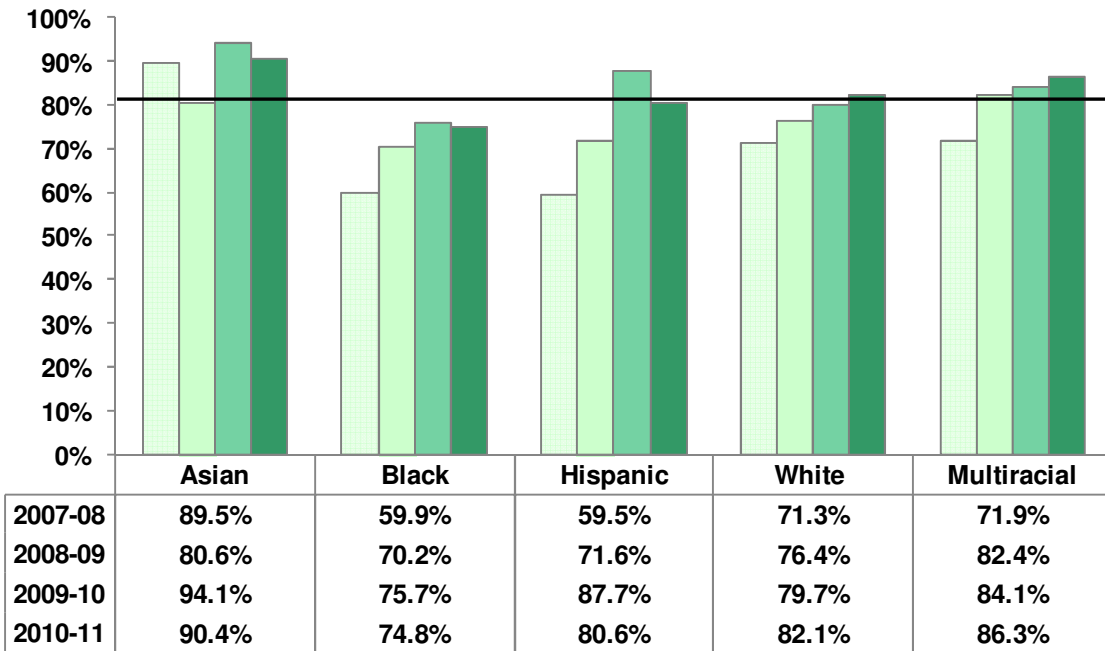
NA = Not available; school not in existence

*Counts toward District AYP graduation rate only; school 2nd indicator is attendance

Graduation Rate by Gender Subgroup



Graduation Rate by Ethnicity Subgroup



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