

Strategic Goal 1:

To Improve Academic Achievement

Objective D:

Graduation Rate

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Objective, Baseline & Target

Objective: To increase the District graduation rate utilizing the cohort-based formula as reported by the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) and the leaver rate as reported by SCCPSS.

		CGR*	LGR*
Baseline	SY 2006-07	--	62.0%
	SY 2010-11	54.4%	--
Target	SY 2013-14	70%	80%

*CGR = Cohort Graduation Rate 4 year. LGR = Leaver Graduation Rate.

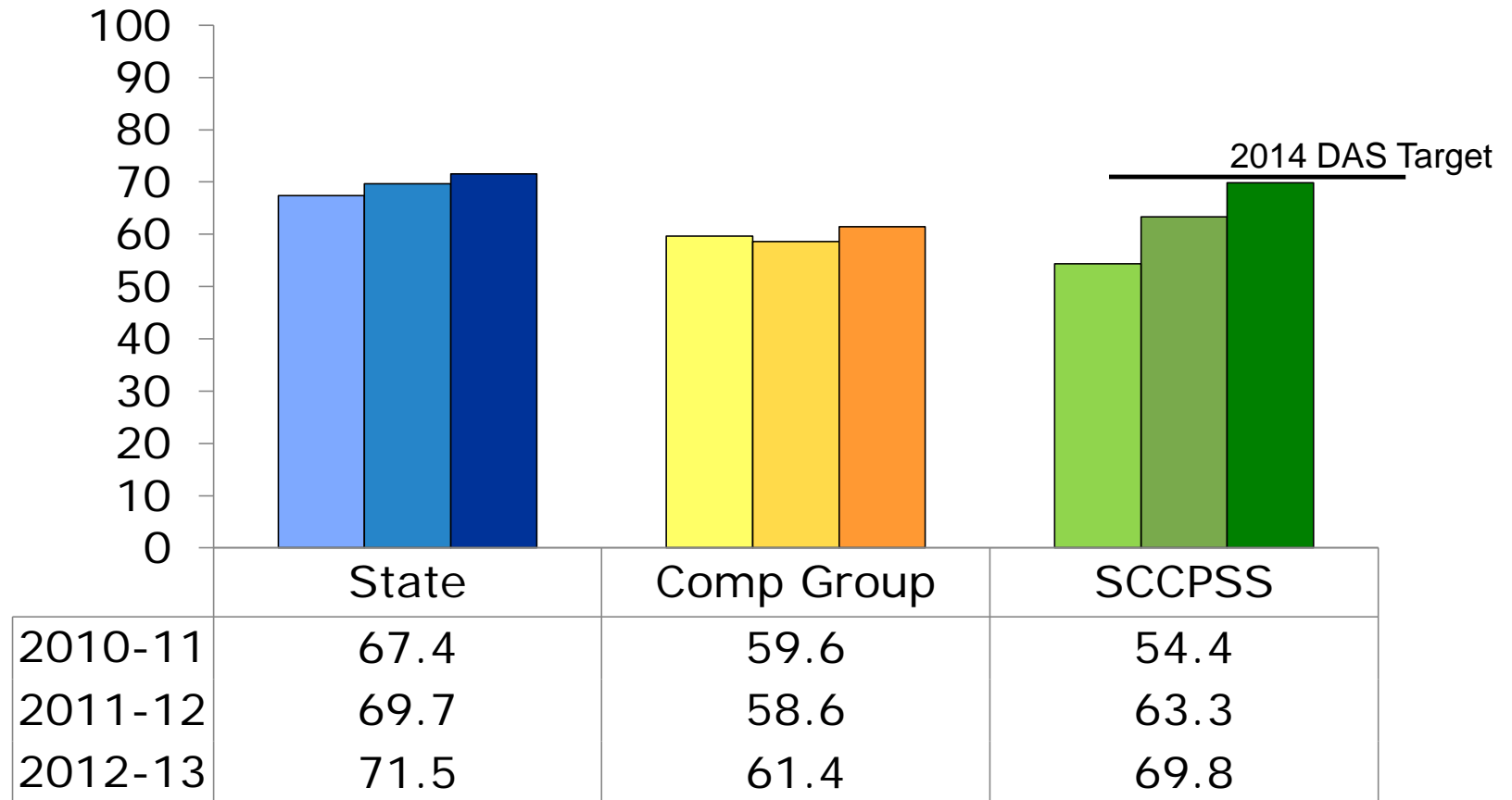
Graduation Rate Formulas: Cohort Rate

- ❑ In April 2012 GADOE began publishing a graduation rate based on the cohort calculation method that the United States Department of Education now requires all states to use.
- ❑ The cohort formula tracks individual students from the date of 9th grade entry in order to determine whether they earn a regular education diploma within 4 years.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Number of students who entered 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade in SY 2008-09 \&} \\
 \text{earned a regular diploma in SY 2011-12} \\
 \text{-----Divided by-----} \\
 \text{Total number of students who entered 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ grade} \\
 \text{in SY 2008-09}^*
 \end{array}$$

- ❑ GADOE also publishes a Five-Year Extended Cohort Graduation Rate to determine whether students earn a regular diploma within 5 years. The Five Year Extended rate for SY 2011-12 will be published following collection of official SY 2012-13 graduate data.

Comparison of System, State, & Comp Group Cohort Graduation Rates



NOTE: Shading of chart color from lightest to darkest represents progression of years

Cohort Graduation Rate by Subgroups

	4 Yr Cohort Rate			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	1 Yr Chg
Asian	71.7%	89.6%	83.9%	-5.7
Black	51.8%	61.6%	66.9%	5.3
Hispanic	52.9%	52.2%	52.3%	0.1
White	60.1%	66.0%	76.1%	10.1
Multiracial	53.0%	65.3%	72.5%	7.2
Female	61.3%	68.7%	74.5%	5.8
Male	47.7%	57.4%	65.0%	7.6
ED	52.5%	59.5%	65.1%	5.6
EL	28.0%	43.8%	48.6%	4.8
SWD	22.3%	24.8%	35.5%	10.7

 At/above 2014 target

 Increase

Non-Graduates Outcome: SY 2012-13

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Number of Students in Cohort	2,767	2,197	2,214
Number of Students Graduating with a Regular Diploma	1,506	1,391	1,546
Number of Non-Graduates	1,261	806	668
Certificate of Performance	71	75	82
Special Education Diploma	35	27	24
Adult Education	195	129	129
Unverifiable Transfer	406	220	100
No Show	202	91	46
Other Dropout	210	136	178
Returned for 5th Year	142	128	109

Graduation Rate Formulas: Leaver Rate

- ❑ Through SY 2010-11, GADOE calculated the graduation rate using the “Leaver” formula.
- ❑ The leaver formula calculates graduation rates based on the number of students who earn a regular education diploma in four or more years.

Number of 12th graders receiving a regular
education diploma in 2011-12

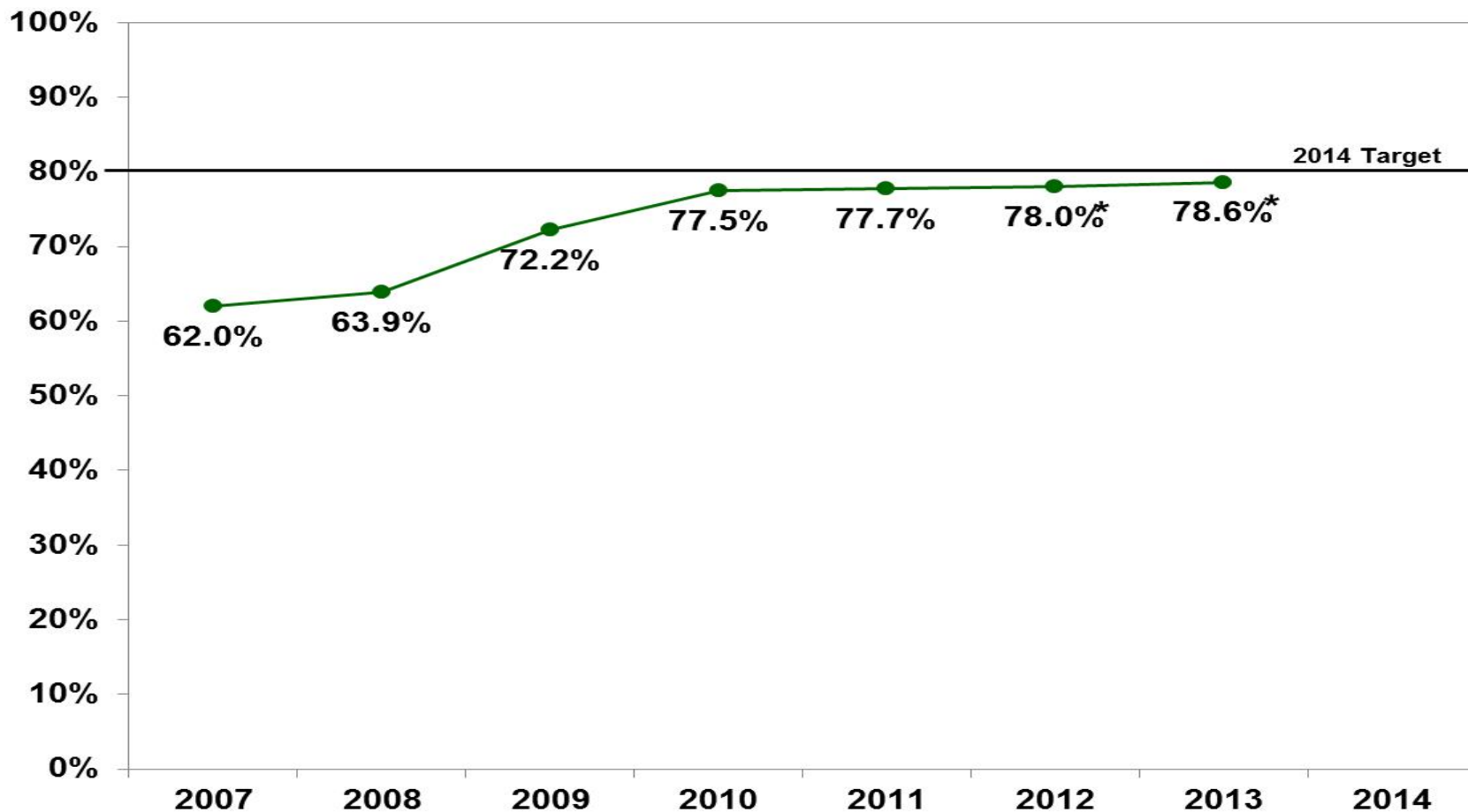
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Total number of 12th grade completers +
12th grade dropouts in 2011-12 +
11th grade dropouts in 2010-11 +
10th grade dropouts in 2009-10 +
9th grade dropouts in 2008-09

- ❑ Because GADOE no longer publishes a leaver graduation rate, SCCPSS calculated the SY 2011-12 leaver graduation rate locally.



Leaver Graduation Rate



* No longer published by GADOE; as of 2012 calculated locally.



Action Items

- ❑ The Executive Director of Secondary School Governance will continue to monitor the System-Wide Academic Records Management (SWARM) Process to ensure implementation with fidelity in order to meet the 2014 DAS target goal.
- ❑ Principals will conduct *Leave No Graduate Behind Parent Meetings* twice per school year (fall and spring), in order to inform parents of their student's progress toward meeting the Georgia cohort graduation requirements.
- ❑ Principals and school counselors will continue to promote credit advancement/ recovery programs such as the Twilight High School Program, evening and Saturday school in order to increase the cohort graduation rate.

Questions

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Data Criteria

- Comparison group districts include Clarke, Clayton, DeKalb, Dougherty, Liberty, Muscogee, Richmond, Spalding, Troupe, and Atlanta Public Schools.
- Leaver rate data for SY 2008-09 through SY 2010-11 are based on GADOE and Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) reports. Leaver rate data for SY 2011-12 and 2012-13 are calculated locally based on official Student Record data submissions.
- Four Year Cohort graduation rate data for District, State, and Comparison Group are based on reports provided by GADOE. Cohort graduation rate data by gender, ethnic, and other subgroups are calculated from individual student level data files provided by GADOE.

Data Criteria

■ Non-Graduate Definitions

- Certificate of Performance – awarded to students who have not met the state assessment requirement for a regular diploma.
- Special Education Diploma – awarded to students with disabilities who have met the eligibility criteria for services in the special education program but have not met the state assessment requirements.
- Adult Education – students who enrolled in a GED preparation program.
- Unverifiable Transfer – students for whom post transfer data could not be verified
- No Show – students who did not re-enroll after completion of at least one academic year.
- Other Dropout – Includes dropout codes other than Adult Education. Includes students who left school for one of the following reasons (marriage, expelled, financial hardship/job, incarcerated, school failure, military, pregnant/parent, removed for lack of attendance, serious illness/accident, and unknown)
- Returned for fifth year – students that returned to complete requirements after four years of attendance.