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Rochester Public Schools' Graduation Results Are Released

Rochester, MN - The Minnesota Department of Education has released the Minnesota Report Card with 2018 graduation rates for the State of Minnesota. The District's four-year graduation rate for all students is up from last year and exceeds the State's average. Rochester Public Schools' graduation rate is 87.01% this year, compared with the State average of 83.20%. In both cases, the graduation rates are up year-over-year and show considerable progress.

Rochester Public Schools is celebrating several accomplishments with the release of the data. The four-year graduation rate for our three comprehensive high schools is 92.0%. The District has seen a gain in the subgroups of Black, Two or more races, English Learner, Special Education, and Free or Reduced Lunch students. Additionally, the graduation rate for all RPS students and all subgroups is above the state average. The results are located below for your review.

Superintendent Muñoz attributed the graduation success to identifying individual needs of students and interventions. "We focus on developing relationships with students and identifying the individual needs of students," said Superintendent Muñoz. "I am proud of the work at all of our sites. Our teachers, support staff, and administrators are identifying programs and interventions to address students' needs." Multi-tiered interventions, more social and emotional support, and an increased number of educational pathways for students are several additional factors attributing to RPS's graduation rates.

RPS 2018 GRADUATION RATE

CATEGORY	4-YEAR PERCENT (RPS)	4-YEAR PERCENT (MINNESOTA)
All Students	87.01	83.20
Asian Students	87.04	86.59
Hispanic Students	75.0	66.75
Black Students	80.11	67.42
White Students	90.12	88.41
Two or More Races	81.82	71.98
EL Students	72.73	65.65
Special Education Students	63.33	62.30
Free Reduced Lunch Students	74.72	70.15

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About Rochester Public Schools:

Rochester Public Schools, located in Rochester, Minnesota, has the seventh largest enrollment in Minnesota and covers a large part of Olmsted County and extends into Wabasha County. The district's pre-kindergarten through grade 12 program serves approximately 18,200 students in sixteen elementary schools, four middle schools, and three comprehensive high schools. The district also offers various alternative schools and six district-wide programs. Rochester Public Schools' educational program is designed to reach all students.