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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 2019 graduation rates for the State of Minnesota. Rochester Public Schools’ graduation rate is 85.9% this year, compared with the State average of 83.7%.

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 91%. The District has seen a gain in the subgroups of Asian, Hispanic/Latino, Black, Special Education, and Free and Reduced Price Lunch students. The results are located below for your review.

Superintendent Muñoz attributed the growth in many of our subgroups to our focus on social emotional learning and equity. “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 schools. 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 2019 GRADUATION RATE**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>4-YEAR PERCENT (RPS)</b>	<b>4-YEAR PERCENT (MINNESOTA)</b>
All Students	85.9	83.7
Asian Students	92.9	87.6
Hispanic Students	79.6	69.9
Black Students	80.3	69.9
White Students	87.8	88.7
Two or More Races	79.5	72.3
EL Students	65.7	67.2
Special Education Students	66.3	63.0
Free Reduced Lunch Students	76.4	71.0

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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.