

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

January 23, 2024, Public Board Meeting



Six Year Completion Rate Update

The Six-Year Completion Rate was developed to help estimate the percentage of British Columbia students who graduate, with a BC Certificate of Graduation ("Dogwood") or BC Adult Graduation Diploma ("Adult Dogwood"), within six years from the first time they enrol in Grade 8. While most students will complete high school within the expected five-year period, a number of students will take longer to complete. The Six-Year Completion Rate does not include students who receive the British Columbia School Completion Certificate ("Evergreen"). The Evergreen certificate recognizes the accomplishments of students with special needs and an Individual Education Plan (IEP), who have met the goals of their education program, other than Graduation.

Selecting a group of students for the calculation:

For each school year, the six-year completion rate is based on a specific group, or *cohort*, of students in a district. All students present in the school system are included in one school year cohort, for one district only. Each cohort consists of students who either:

- Started in Grade 8 in Year 1 (of the six-year period), or
- Arrived in higher grades in later years during the six-year period

While the students may move between districts, the school district of record (for Completion Rate purposes) is **always** the last district in which the student appears in British Columbia during the six-year period. This district is called the *District of Responsibility* – in other words, it is the school district that is responsible for graduating that student. Some students arrive later in the process, and some students depart prior to graduation. The cohort calculation brings all of these changes into consideration.

Adjusting for outmigration:

The Dogwood Completion Rate is adjusted for outmigration – i.e., those students who leave British Columbia but who may successfully complete school elsewhere. This adjustment is made by calculating the outmigration rate for students in Grades 2 through 4 in each district. The logic is that children in these grades cannot "drop out," since they are of school age; therefore, it is a reasonable assumption that the students in this proxy cohort who are missing from both this district and all other districts in the following year have truly moved out of the province.

Calculating the Six-Year Completion Rate:

The formula for the Six-Year Completion Rate at district level can now be calculated as follows:

Graduated students (= Completions)

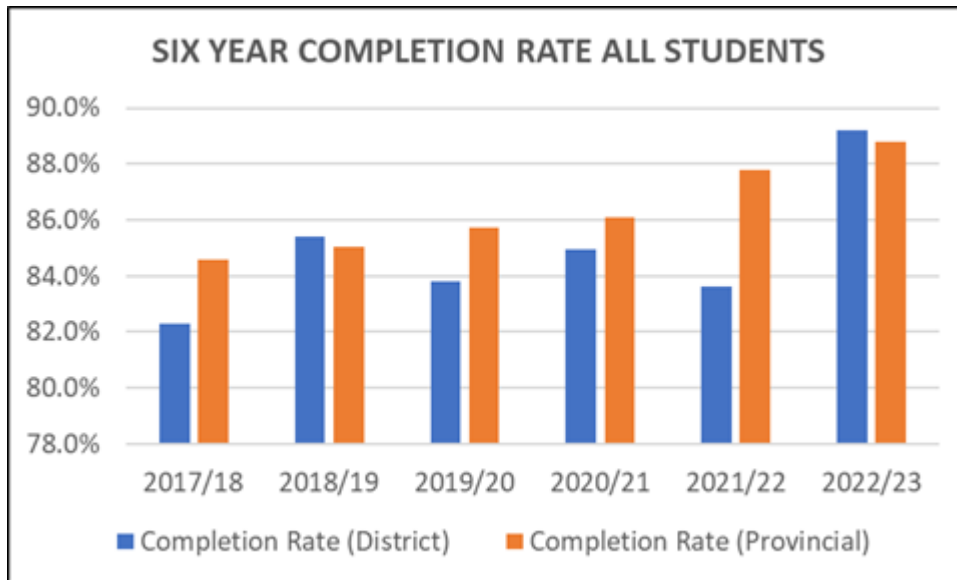
*divided by (All students in the cohort – Outmigrations)
at the end of the six-year period*

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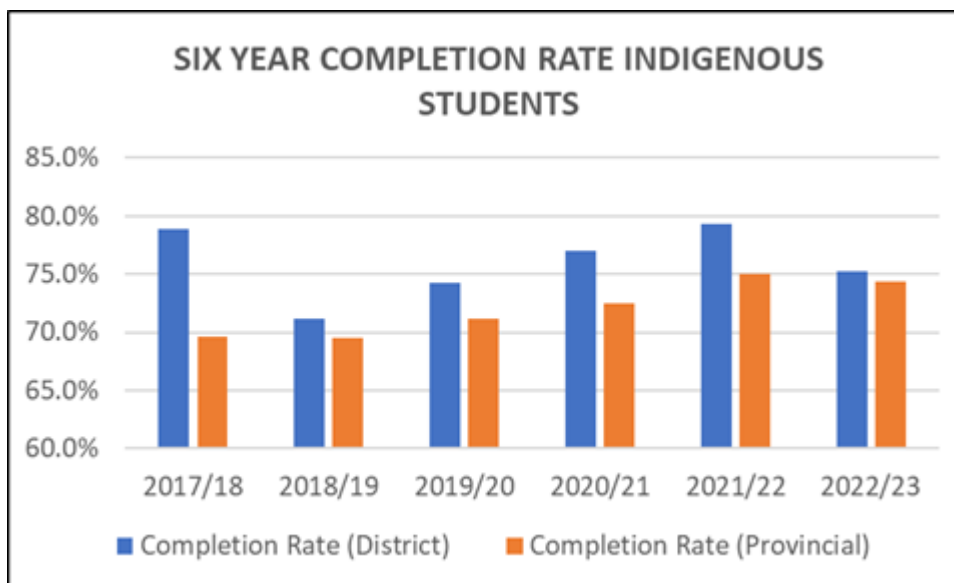
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Completion Rate Data 2022-2023 (Released November 2023)



The School District 6 Year Completion Rate Exceeds the Provincial Rate For All Students



The School District 6 Year Completion Rate Exceeds the Provincial Rate For Indigenous Students