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GRPS Grad Rates Increase for 9th Consecutive Year

The Michigan Department of Education recently released the graduation rates for the 2019-2020 school year. For the ninth consecutive year, Grand Rapids Public Schools saw an increase in districtwide graduation rates.

Grand Rapids Public Schools met and exceeded the state graduation goal of 80%. In addition, GRPS' drop-out rate of 7.56% is under the state average of 7.77%.

The numbers are impressive when broken down further:

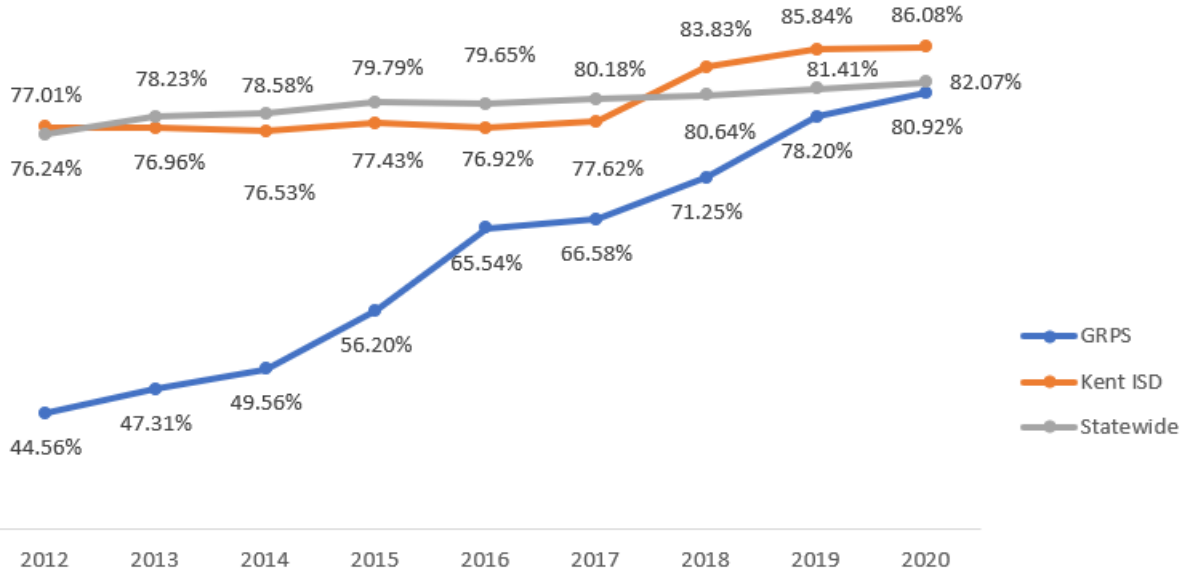
- All Schools – All Students: 36.36 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently 80.92%)
- African American Students: 31.67 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently 72.26%)
- Hispanic/Latino Students: 42.02 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently 84.64%)
- Asian Students: 57.50 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently >95.00%)
- White Students: 33.22 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently 86.58%)
- Economically Disadvantaged Students: 38.76 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently 78.83%)
- English Language Learners: 46.46 percentage point increase since 2012 (currently 79.07%)

City High Middle School, CA Frost Environmental Science Middle High School and Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy had a 100% graduation rate in 2020.

“The significant increase in our graduation rates is symbolic of the overall transformation success story that is gaining GRPS state and national attention,” said Dr. Leadriane Roby, Superintendent of Schools.

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The growth in GRPS' 4-year graduation rate over the last nine years has outpaced Kent ISD and the State of Michigan:



Breakdown by subgroup:

Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Overall	44.56%	47.31%	49.56%	56.20%	65.54%	66.58%	71.25%	76.20%	80.92%
African American	40.59%	48.3%	48.96 %	61.46%	66.33%	65.41%	71.04%	69.26%	72.26%
Hispanic/Latino	42.62%	41.07%	50.58%	56.27%	70.46%	74.15%	75.19%	81.56%	84.64%
Asian	37.50%	52.94%	47.15%	68.42%	71.43%	81.82%	78.95%	85.71%	>95.00%
White	53.36%	52.86%	52.31%	46.63%	56.36%	56.08%	62.86%	77.33%	86.58%
Economically Disadvantaged	40.07%	44.49%	47.29%	55.10%	62.64%	64.59%	71.64%	72.80%	78.83%
English Language Learners	32.61%	29.44%	37.13%	54.48%	60.68%	70.67%	63.80%	75.12%	79.07%

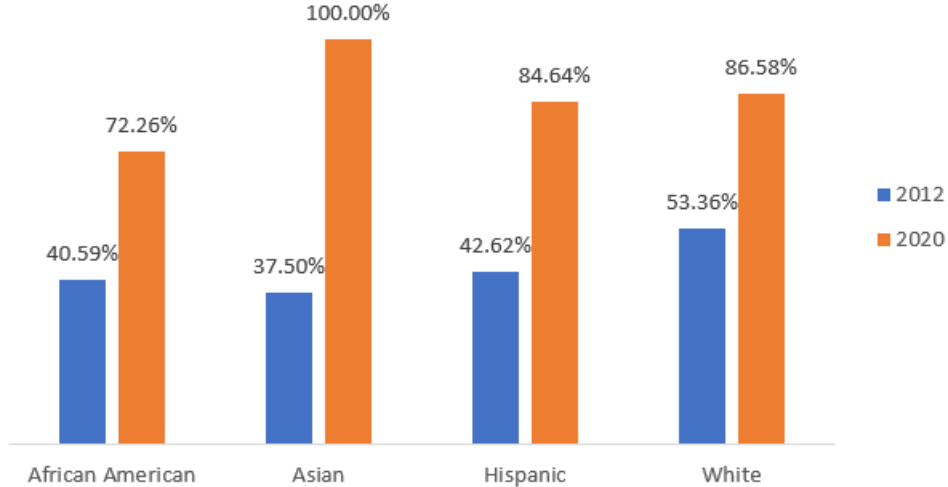
Breakdown by school:

School Name	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
CA Frost Middle High School								93.62%	100.00%
City High Middle School	96.97%	95.18%	96.77%	95.12%	98.70%	98.65%	98.85%	100.00%	100.00%
Grand Rapids Learning Center* (alternative education)	0.00%	18.18%	16.67%	50.00%	40.91%	36.36%	46.67%	78.13%	72.73%
GR Montessori*	83.33%	93.75%	52.94%	100.00%	72.73%	53.85%	90%	100.00%	93.33%
UPrep			90.63%	92.50%	90.48%	93.48%	95.65%	96.97%	100.00%
Innovation Central			82.79%	81.46%	90.97%	91.43%	90.71%	90.58%	93.01%
Ottawa Hills	54.95%	67.62%	52.90%	55.36%	68.60%	65.17%	70.49%	68.75%	75.32%
Southeast Career Pathways* (alternative education)	4.82%	1.49%	9.52%	4.55%	25.00%	58.06%	54.17%	64.52%	59.26%
Union	67.49%	62.57%	56.15%	56.82%	67.58%	78.33%	81.87%	87.35%	89.00%

*Denotes small class size (30 or fewer students)

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Comparison of graduation rates for subgroups from 2012-2020:



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