

Beginning in 2011, the  
New Jersey Department  
of Education  
implemented a new  
adjusted cohort  
graduation rate  
calculation.

# Previously, the graduation rate was calculated as follows:

# of Graduates 2011 (through 8/2011)

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# of Graduates + Total Dropouts  
(12<sup>th</sup> 10-11 + 11<sup>th</sup> in 09-10 + 10<sup>th</sup> in 08-09 + 9<sup>th</sup>  
in 07-08)

$$\frac{257}{257 + 106 = 363} = 257/363 = 70.8\%$$

# The Graduation Rate on the State Report Card for the last 3 years has been as follows:

- 2010-68.8%
- 2009-68.4%
- 2008-70.5%

# NEW CALCULATION

## 2011

(Based on a snapshot from 8/31/2011)

# of Graduates

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Adjusted Cohort Count

(Graduated + Transferred Out-Unverified+ Transfer In + On Track Continuing + Off Track Continuing + Status Unknown + Dropouts)

228 (Through 8/31/11)

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$$228/388=58.8\%$$

$$228 + 17 + \text{Transfer in} + 42 + 55 + 1 + 45 = 388$$



# NEW GRADUATION RATE CALCULATION

- Transferred Out Unverified-students who have transferred out but were never reactivated by another district or state institution. Thus, the student remains in the original district's cohort and is considered a non graduate in the rate calculation. A transfer out is not removed from the original district until he/she is activated by another district.  
(T2, T4, T6, T7, TC, TD, TA)

On Track Continuing-active students who are considered on track to graduate in four years. Each submission, active students' cohort status is updated based on their Submitted grade level. If the student progresses as expected, they will remain "On-track" until they graduate.

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Off Track Continuing-refers to active cohort students who, while still attending, are not progressing through grade levels as expected and are considered "Off track" to graduate in four years.

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Active Status Unknown-refers to active cohort students who were not submitted in the district's most recent State Submission, and therefore their status is unknown.

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Dropout-includes students who have dropped out of school for various reasons. (D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D10, D11).

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Transfer In-refers to active cohort students who have transferred into the district and have been added to the adjusted cohort. Students will have a temporary "Transfer in" status until the first State Submission subsequent to the transfer; at that time, the cohort status will be updated based on their submitted grade level.

Graduated (through August of the specified year) 2011  
From the 1st time 9<sup>th</sup> graders 2007-2008



Adjusted 2011 Cohort-number of students in the final cohort as adjusted by the number of incoming and outgoing transfers. This includes graduated, transfer out-unverified, transfer in, on track continuing, off track continuing, status unknown and dropouts.

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Excluded From Cohort-refers to exempt cases that are not included in cohort and therefore do not factor into the graduation rate. The status of these students is subject to audit by NJDOE. Exit codes-D9-Death of student, T3-Transfer to a non public school within the state, T8-Transfer to another state or country, T9-Transfer to parental instruction, TP-Transfer to a private facility.

4 Year Cohort Graduates in Year X/  
(1st Time 9th Graders in Year X-4)+  
(Transfers In)-(Verified Transfers Out)-  
(Excluded From Cohort)

$$228/388 = 58.8\%$$

Does not include:

10 additional graduates to date  
(AHSA/HSPA-made up courses)

50 current students who have continued this year  
and are possibly on track to graduate June 2012