

# Ninth Grade Success

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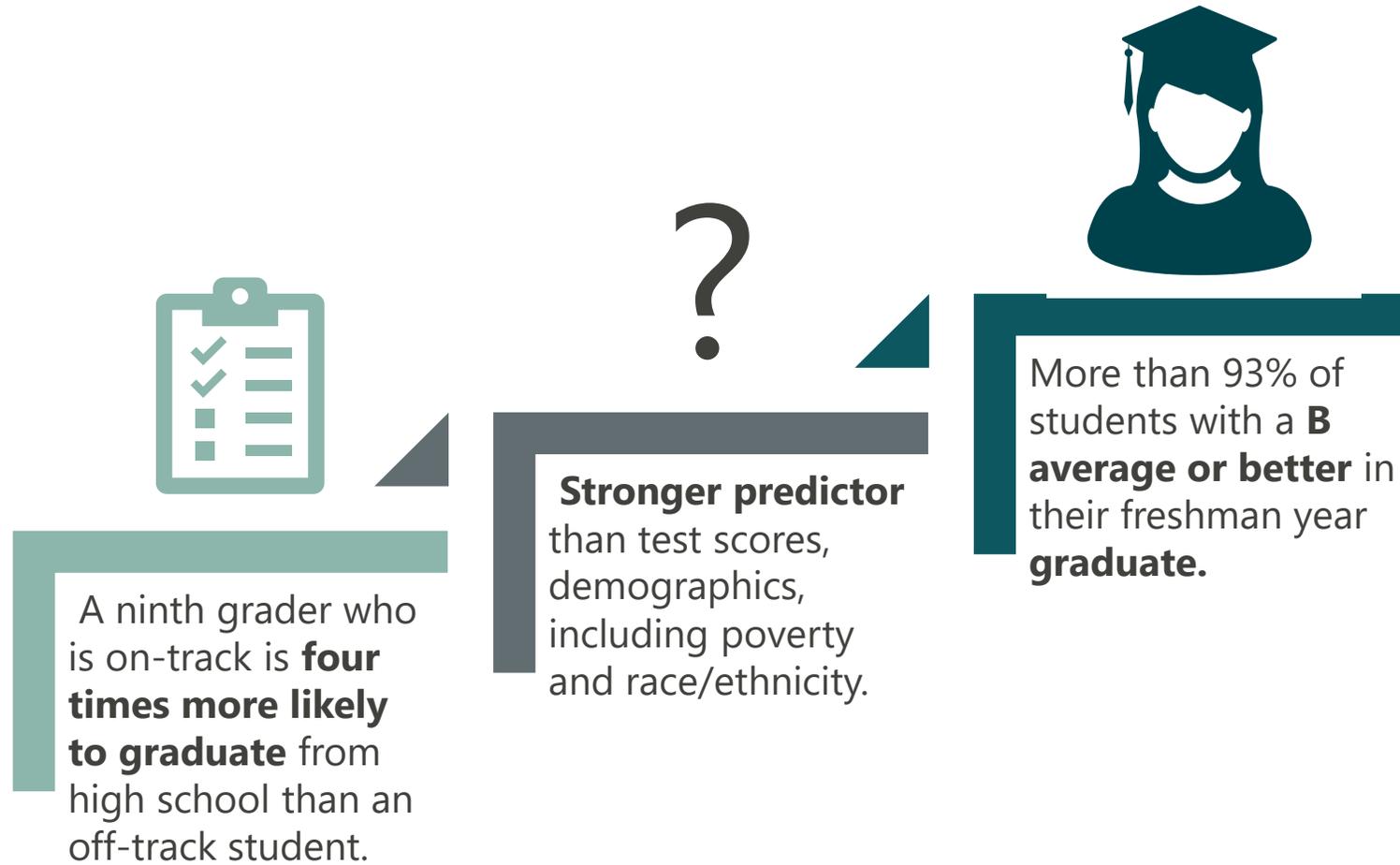
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# Ninth Grade Success is Highly **Predictive** of Graduation Success



# 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Ninth Grade Success identified as a measure for School Quality & Student Success

## Key Performance Indicator

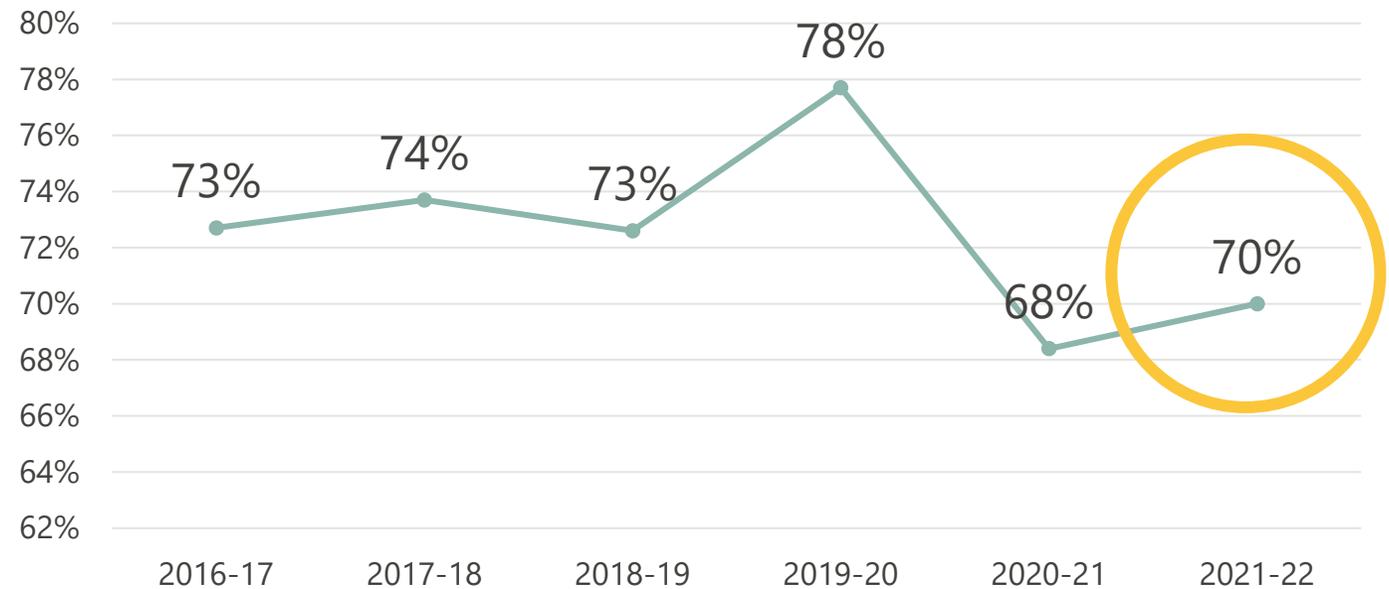
- Ninth grade on-track rates are published for every school in OSPI Report Card

# Ninth Grade Success Predicts Future Graduation Rates

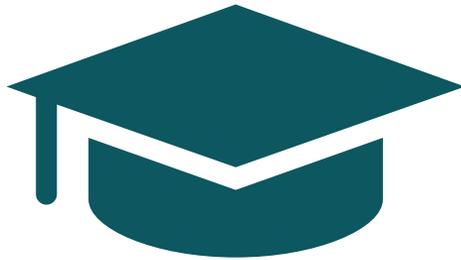


61,930 earned credit | 26,541 didn't  
(88,471 ninth graders total)

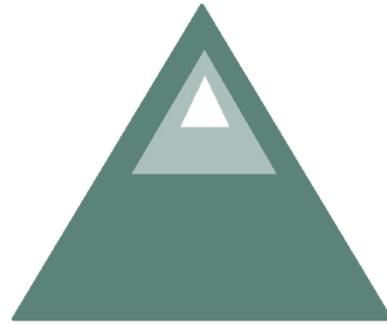
What percent of students passed all their classes in ninth grade over time?



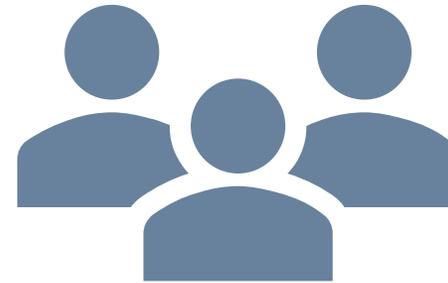
# Intention of Project



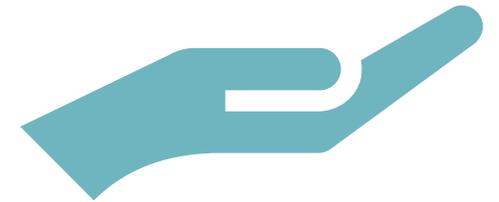
Increase Ninth Grade  
Success &  
**graduation rates**



Providing timely **data visualizations** to  
more easily provide  
**tiered supports** &  
monitor their  
effectiveness



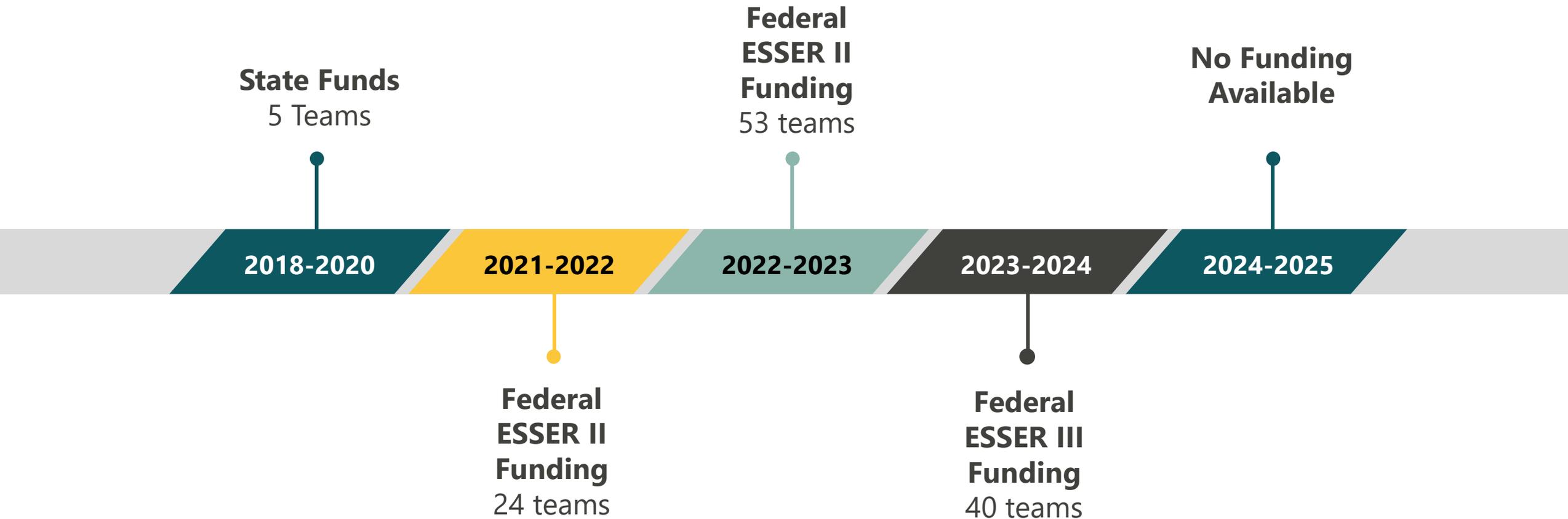
Provide **time** for  
teacher teams to  
analyze student data  
to provide early  
support to struggling  
students



Provide **coaching** for  
school teams to  
analyze supports &  
their effectiveness  
  
Meet with other  
schools to **network**  
strategies that are  
working



# State & Federal Investments



# How We Support Schools

Center for High School Success partners with schools to impact as many ninth-grade students as possible so that they are on-track to graduate on time, especially those whose boundless potential is **overlooked and under-tapped because of their skin color, zip code, first language, or disability.**

We provide training, coaching, data analysis, peer learning opportunities, and tools and resources to help high schools committed to effectively implementing the Ninth Grade Success Approach.



Training



Coaching



Data Analysis



Collaboration



Networking

The Roadmap is our comprehensive guide of systems, structures, strategies, and tools designed to support districts and schools in implementing 9th Grade Success work.

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# ROADMAP FOR 9TH GRADE SUCCESS



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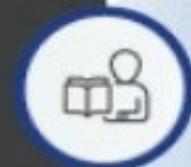
**TEAMS**



**INTERVENTIONS**



**TRANSITION**



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# THE HOW HIGH-IMPACT SUCCESS TEAMS INFORM AND COORDINATE



# Washington State Center for High School Success Network Schools 2023-2024

 Current Locations

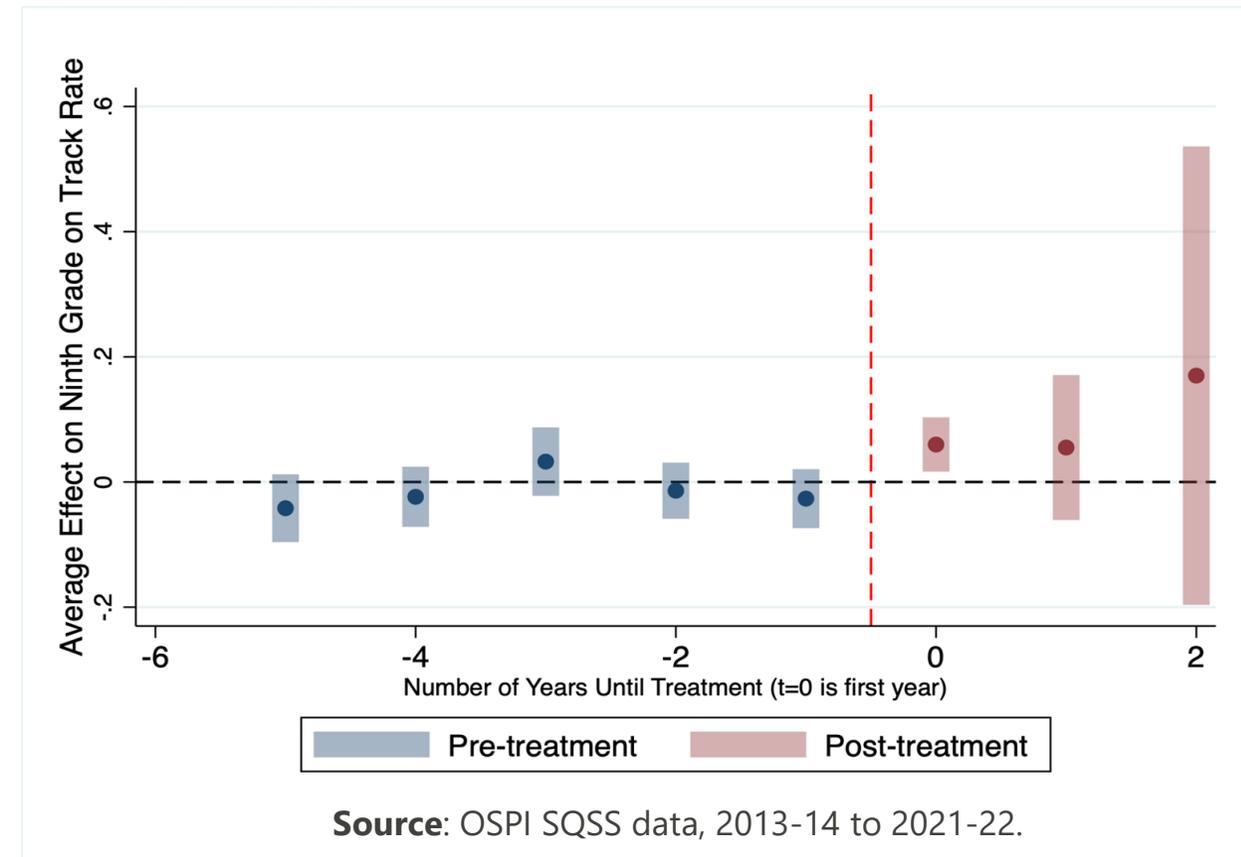
 Potential areas for expansion in 2024-2025



# Impact over 3 years: Ninth Grade Success increased Ninth Grade On Track rates by 6.69 percentage points

- The y-axis shows the difference in On Track rates between Ninth Grade Success schools and comparison schools
- The blue dots demonstrate that, in the years **before the program, Ninth Grade Success schools and comparison schools had similar On Track rates.**
- The red dots above zero show that, **after they implemented the program, Ninth Grade Success schools outperformed comparison schools all three years (2019-20 to 2021-22)**
- We find **consistent results across student income and race/ethnicity**

**Figure 1. Effect of Ninth Grade Success on Ninth Grade On Track Rates**



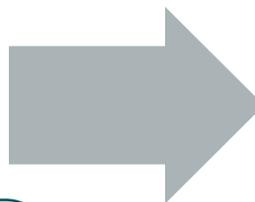
# Qualitative Highlights

## Data Snapshot

- 13 high schools
- 38 participants (Success Teams, coaches)
- 16 interviews and focus groups
- 30 hours of observations

## Conditions that Support Implementation

- Building a Diverse and Dedicated Success Team
- Making Ninth Grade Success a School-Level Priority



## Positive Outcomes

- Improved Capacity for Data-Based Decision Making
- Improved School and Classroom Practices





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# Ninth Grade Success Evaluation

Update for OSPI Decision Package  
August 16, 2023

See full evaluation update [here](#)  
And shared project folder [here](#)

[For more evaluation highlights  
here are additional slides](#)



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# Spotlight on Implementation: Making Ninth Grade Success a School-Level Priority

"I feel like if OSPI wants this to be a continuing thing that becomes a staple for all ninth-grade classrooms, there needs to be sacred dedicated time that administrators can't encroach upon... so that people [aren't] pulled in so many directions, especially newer teachers."

– Success Team Lead, Year 1 School

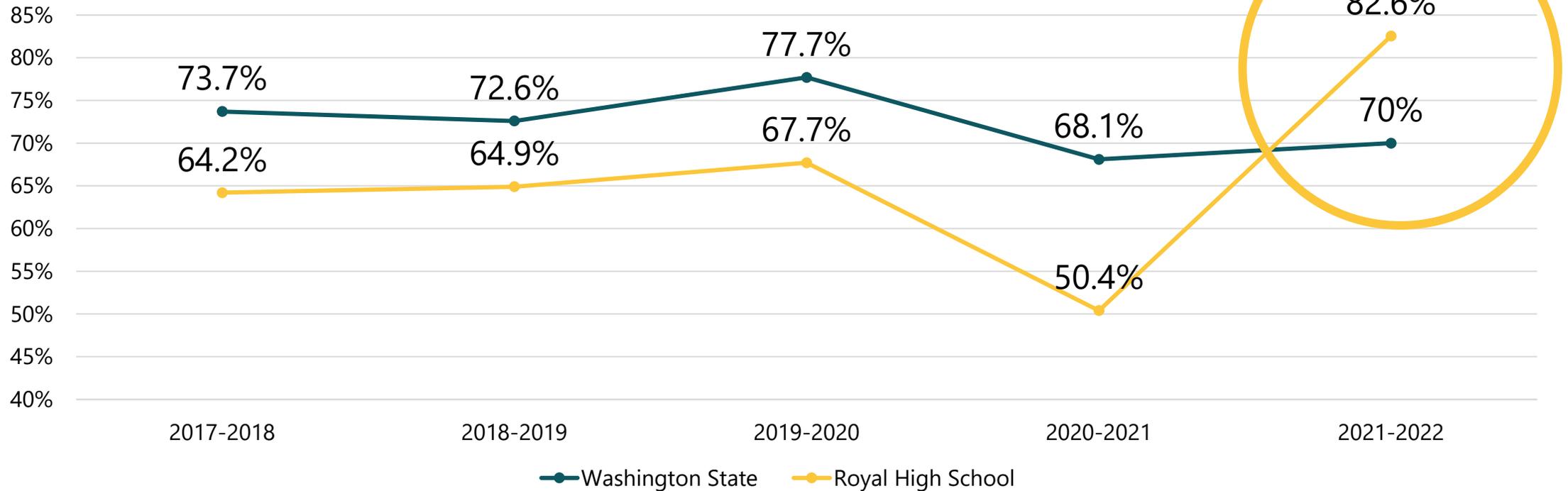
"We've done some real purposeful work around fair grading practices. So we had gone to trainings with STAND and our team learned about it, and then we did whole staff trainings, and then did follow up meetings with departments ... and we're starting to see traction with teachers."

– Success Team Lead, Year 4 School



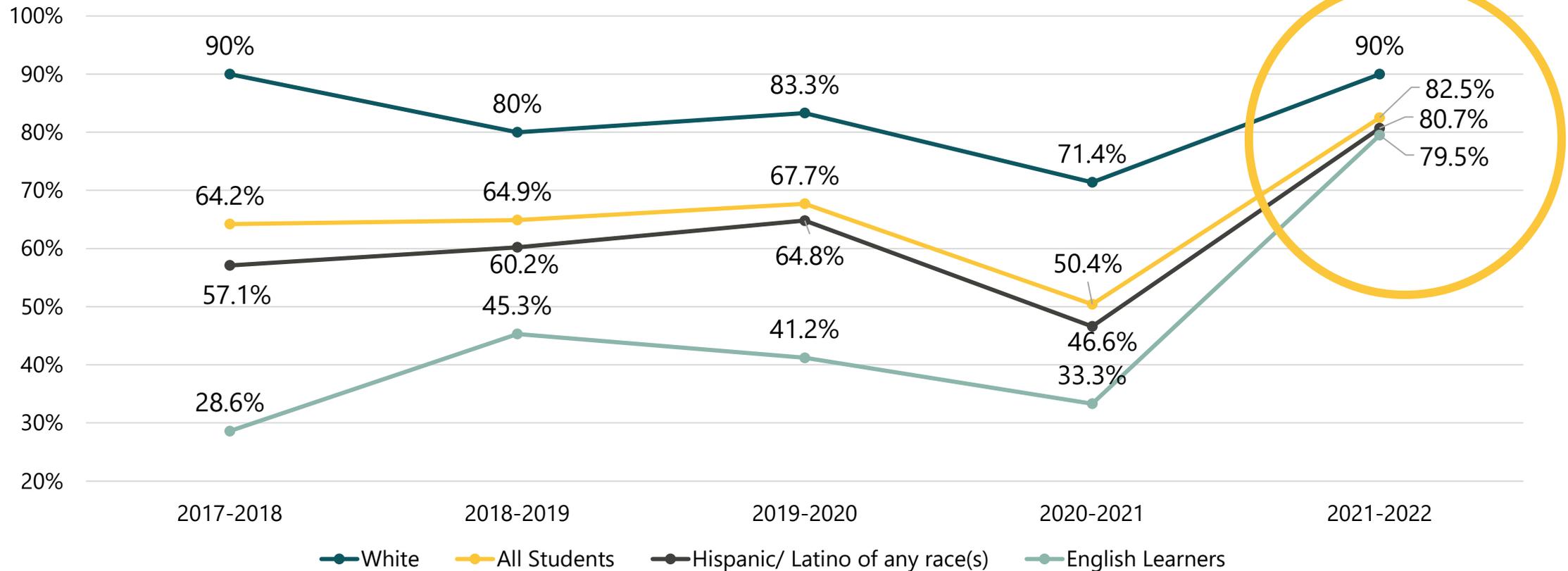
# How Ninth Grade Success Impacted Royal High School

What percent of students passed all their courses in ninth grade? Washington State & Royal High School



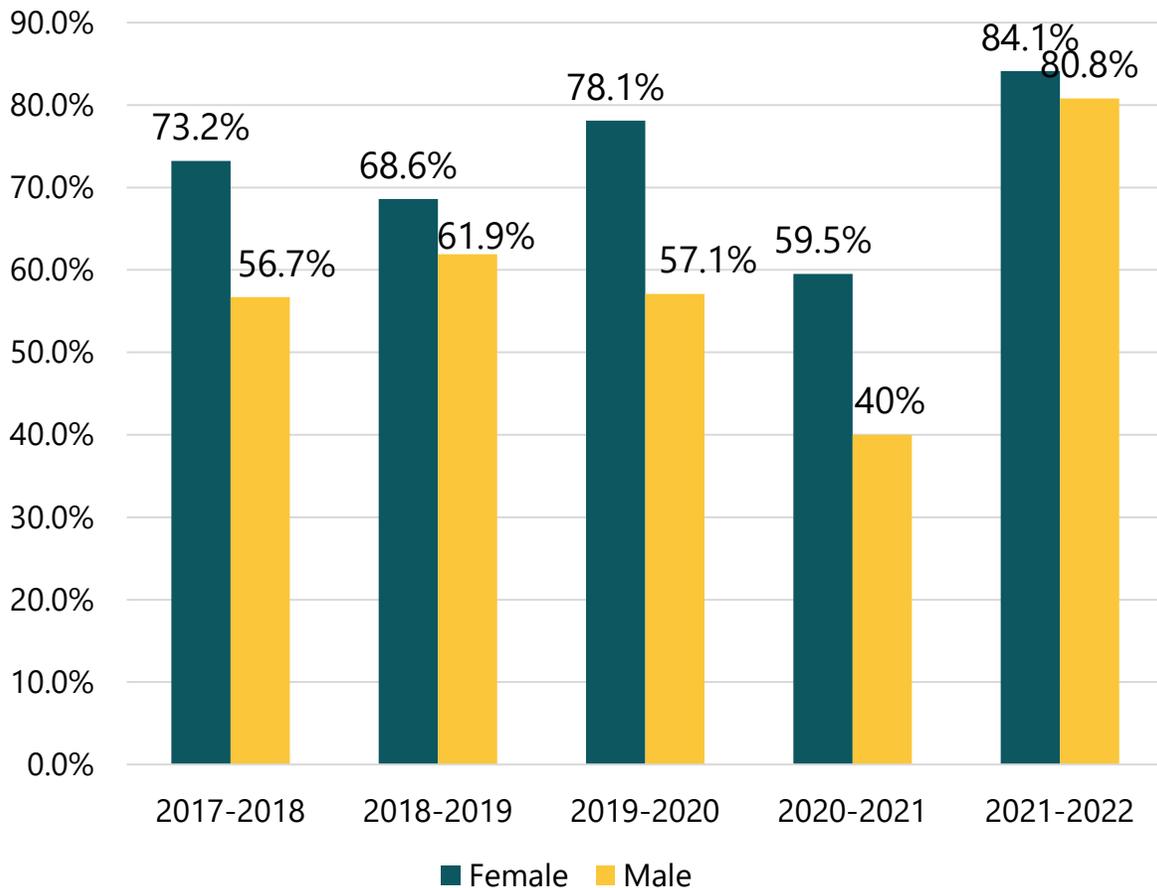
# Royal High School Gap Closing

Royal High School Ninth Grade Success Rates by White, All Students, Hispanic/Latino of any race(s), and English Learner student groups 2017-2022

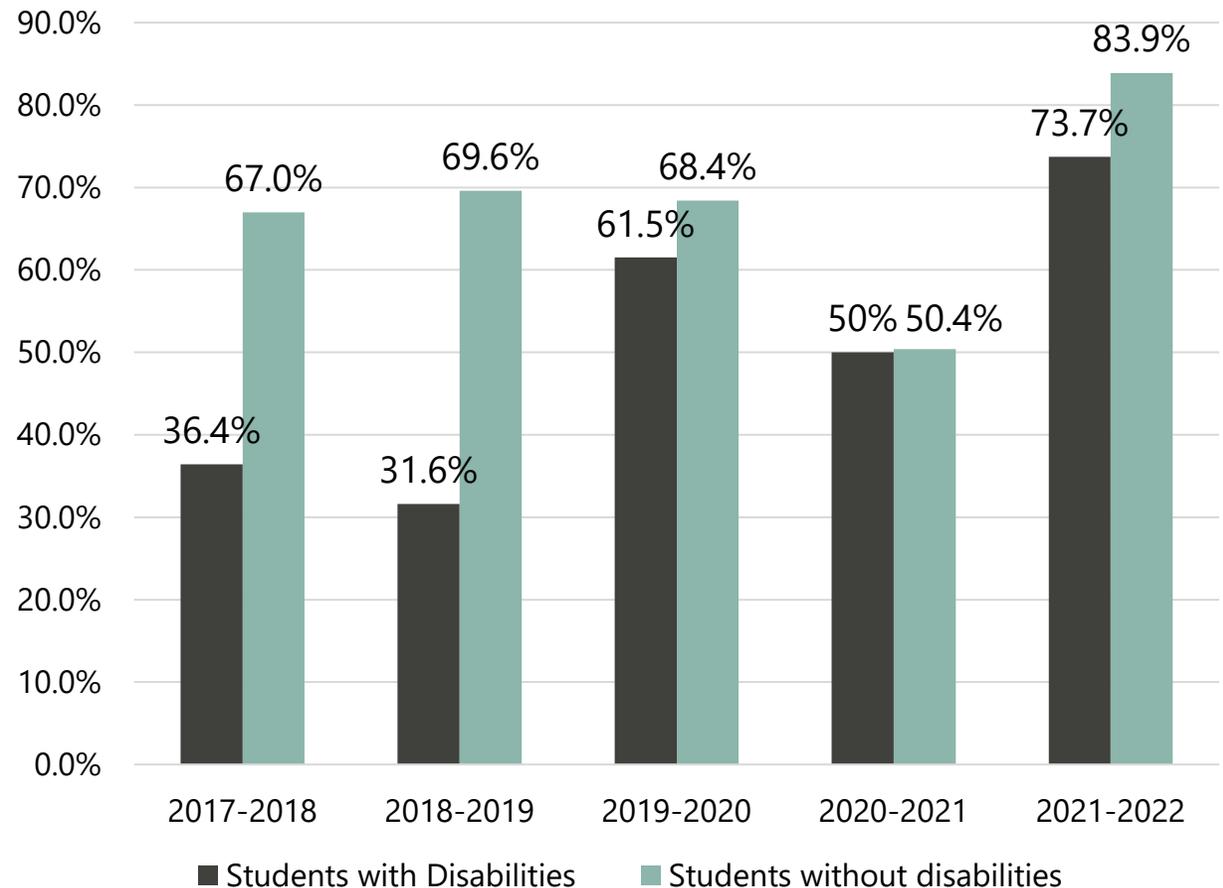


# How Ninth Grade Success Impacted Royal Students by Gender & Students with Disabilities

What percent of male or female students passed their courses in ninth grade at Royal High School?



What percent of students with disabilities passed their courses in ninth grade at Royal High School?



# Ninth Grade Success Helped Improve our Nesting of Support Systems



**Unique, dedicated,  
consistent staff**

- School Improvement Team added a satellite Ninth Grade Success Team
  - Explicit Ninth Grade school-wide goals
- ASB Leadership, LINK Crew, Peer Mentors, High School Education & Celebrations
- Royal High School Administrative & Counseling Collaboration
- Teacher Data Master, shares & scaffolds analysis
  - Data always the driver
  - Faculty-wide use
- Advisory Intervention
- RTI & MTSS systems & interventions
- Ninth Grade Bridge to High School
- District Support & Partnership
- Special Education Accommodations Focus
- English Learners Instructional Strategies Focus
- Ninth Grade Success Teacher Leadership Team
- Walk to Tutoring
- Ninth Grade Advisory Curriculum
- Ninth Grade Advisory Teachers
  - opted in & trained
- Celebrations: Donuts & Ninth Grade on Track Train Award
- BAG: Behavior, Attendance, Grade checks
- Parent Collaboration
- Saturday School
- Grading practices book studies
- Tier One Intervention Focus



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