

Washington School Improvement Framework: Ninth Grade on Track

How Is It Calculated?

The Ninth Graders on Track measure is based on the percentage of first-time ninth-grade students who earned credit for all attempted courses. This does not include withdrawals.

The most recent three years of data are combined when calculating this measure.

Which Grade Levels Are Included?

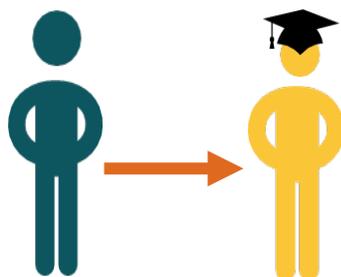
The Ninth Grade on Track measure only includes students in grade nine.

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How Is The Score Combined?

The Ninth Grade on Track rate is scored from 1 to 10, representing that school's performance compared to the rest of the state. The measure will be reported and calculated for each student group within a school that has at least 20 students over the three years of data included.

To create the School Quality or Student Success indicator, each student group's scores are averaged with Regular Attendance and Dual Credit Participation, as applicable by the school's grade span.



What Else Is There to Know?

"All attempted courses" include any credit-bearing class, including .5 credit mentoring or tutoring classes.

This does not include an eighth grader who is enrolled in a ninth grade course, such as math or technology classes.



This measure connects to a student's primary school only.

Why Are Ninth Graders on Track Included?

Ninth graders who end the year on track are significantly more likely to graduate on time than their peers.

Course grades are an early warning indicator that a student is facing challenges and needs support. Supporting ninth graders to stay on track is a high-leverage measure that is a stronger predictor of graduation than test scores or demographics, including poverty and race/ethnicity.



Additional Resources

For more information about ninth grade on track, visit OSPI's [Ninth Grade Success](#) webpage.

For more information about the Framework, visit the [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) webpage.

For data-related inquiries, email us at AccountabilityData@k12.wa.us