

Measure: 9th Grade on Track

What is 9th Grade on Track?

Ninth Grade on Track is a measure of a student's success in 9th grade. A first-time 9th grade student is considered on track toward high school graduation after 9th grade if they earned credit for all attempted courses. This calculation does not include withdrawals. An attempted course includes any credit-bearing class, including 0.5 credit mentoring or tutoring classes.

Why is this measure important?

Success in 9th grade is a strong predictor of high school graduation; students who exit 9th grade on track are four times more likely to graduate than students who end 9th grade without earning all attempted credits.

How is the data used?

Ninth Grade on Track data is used widely throughout Washington state. Like other measures, it informs policy and practices at the local and state level. The data is also included in the [Washington School Improvement Framework \(WSIF\)](#) as a measure of School Quality and Student Success.

What does the data show?

The data show that over the past three school years, greater percentages of Washington's students are exiting 9th grade on track to graduate high school.

Percent of Students Exiting 9th Grade on Track to Graduate

| School Year | Percent |
|-------------|---------|
| 2022–23 | 70.5% |
| 2023–24 | 71.0% |
| 2024–25 | 71.9% |



What are the business rules for calculating 9th Grade on Track?

The 9th Grade on Track measure is defined as the rate of first-time 9th grade students who passed all their attempted credits in 9th grade.

Numerator = Number of first-time 9th grade students passing all attempted credits, excluding withdrawals.

Denominator = Number of first-time 9th grade students attempting at least one or more credits.

Additional Resources

[OSPI Ninth Grade Success Webpage](#)

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