

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Graduation Rates – Mr. Lancaster

BACKGROUND: Mr. Lancaster will report on the three graduation ratings on which the school division is evaluated each year:

- The Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate – School Report Cards
- Federal Graduation Indicator – Federal Annual Measureable Objectives
- Graduation Completion Index - Accreditation

Bath County Public Schools Graduation Rate Data Released for Class of 2013

Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate

Bath County High School's On-Time Graduation Rate has again exceeded the rate reported for the Commonwealth of Virginia. [A recent report from the Virginia Department of Education](#) states that 89% of the students who entered the 9th grade in the fall of 2009 earned a diploma within four years, up slightly from the 88% reported last year at this time. Bath's Class of 2013 rate was 90.6 %--just ahead of the statewide results, and indicative of the school division's commitment to ensure that students leave Bath County High School with a diploma in hand. Bath's dropout rate of 7.8% for the same group of students is just above the statewide rate of 5.9%--up several points from last year's unusually low 1.5%, and indicative of fewer non-graduates passing the G.E.D test.

The Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate (OGR) is promoted as the commonwealth's "official" graduation rate and is detailed on the Virginia Report Card for each high school, as it recognizes the multiple diploma types issued by Virginia schools, and accommodates the continuing efforts made by students with disabilities and limited English proficient students if they continue their high school programs after 12th grade.

Federal Graduation Indicator

The Federal Graduation Indicator (FGI) is a national measure of high school graduation, and is similar to Virginia's On-Time Graduation Rate, but only recognizes standard & advanced diplomas, and does not allow accommodations for students with disabilities or limited English proficient students who continue their high school program beyond their senior year. For the students who have been in Bath for five years or six years, cohort groups are also examined for these smaller numbers of students, giving a more complete look at student outcomes. The FGI is the graduation indicator used by the US Department of Education to determine school success and is set at 80 for 2013-14. Bath's four-year cohort FGI has ranged from 78 in 2010, to 83 in 2011, 93 in 2012, and 83 in 2013. The federal government requires that each of the identified subgroups also meet the FGI standard, including students with disabilities, limited English proficient students, racial subgroups and economically disadvantaged students. Outcomes for these often small subgroups are included in the School Improvement Plan for BCHS, and represent a significant challenge for the school.

Graduation Completion Index

The Graduation Completion Index (GCI) is somewhat similar to Virginia's other graduation indicator, in that it awards partial 'credit' for students who complete a GED program or continue their schooling. The GCI is used to help determine state accreditation for high schools. Bath's 2013 GCI is 91.8, compared to 98 in 2012; a GCI of 85 is required for full accreditation.

Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate & Dropout Rate

Division-Level Cohort Report, Four Year Rate
Class of 2013 (First-time 9th Grade Cohort in 2009-2010)

< indicates a group below the state definition for personally identifiable results.

Division	Cohort	Advanced Studies Diploma	Standard Diploma	Modified Standard Diploma	Special Diploma	Virginia On-Time Graduation Rate	GED	Certificate of Completion	Cohort Completion Rate	Total Completers	Still Enrolled	Dropouts	Dropout Rate
State	96167	47811	34356	1510	2019	89.1	2385	213	91.8	88296	1807	5681	5.9
Highland	17	6	11	0	0	100	0	0	100	17	0	0	0
Augusta	876	451	330	23	16	93.6	17	0	95.5	837	<	28	3.2
Bath	64	27	26	<	<	90.6	<	0	92.2	59	0	<	7.8
Staunton	206	88	82	<	<	87.4	<	<	92.2	190	<	<	3.9
Alleghany	250	129	74	<	<	85.6	14	<	92.4	231	<	<	4
Covington	62	16	27	<	<	85.5	<	0	88.7	55	<	<	6.5
Rockbridge	256	102	106	<	<	85.5	10	0	89.5	229	<	18	7
Buena Vista	82	31	35	<	<	84.1	<	0	92.7	76	<	<	6.1