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### **Houston County's Graduation Rate Increases to 87.9%**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) released the 2019 high school graduation rates today, Sept. 18. Houston County's graduation rate is 87.9 percent, 5.9 percentage points higher than the state's 82.0 percent.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott said, "We are pleased that our graduation rate continues to outperform the state. We will not rest, though, until 100 percent of our students graduate, ready for college and careers. Offering students the choice of an online high school, WIN Academy, is one strategy that will help more of our students succeed."

He added, "I am proud that all five of our high schools continue to outpace the state average. I am especially proud that Perry High School gained almost five percentage points over last year's rate!"

The 2019 four-year cohort graduation rates are provided by school.

<b>Houston County School System</b>	<b>87.9%</b>
<b>State of Georgia</b>	<b>82.0%</b>
Houston County High School	94.82%
Northside High School	87.02%
Perry High School	92.05%
Veterans High School	89.01%
Warner Robins High School	85.11%

For nine years, Georgia has used the current adjusted cohort calculation, which is required by federal law. All states calculate the graduation rate using this same formula, but each state sets its own requirements for students to earn a diploma. Georgia has some of the highest requirements in the nation for students to graduate with a regular diploma. Since the four-year cohort graduation formula was initiated in 2011, the district's rate has increased by 14.7 percentage points, from 73.2.

The calculation is based on the number of students who graduate within four years of high school and does not include students who take more than four years to graduate. The four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is based on when a student first becomes a freshman, using the number of students who graduate within four years and adjusted for student transfers.

School and district results provided by GaDOE may be accessed here: [Excel](#) | [PDF](#).

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