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Houston County's Graduation Rate Increases to 89.6%

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) released the 2020 high school graduation rates today, Nov. 10. Houston County's graduation rate is 89.6 percent, 5.8 percentage points higher than the state's 83.8 percent.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott said, "Our graduation rate for the district and each of our five high schools consistently outperforms the state average. We will not rest, though, until 100 percent of our students graduate college and career ready. I am proud of all of our schools and am especially proud that Veterans High gained almost eight percentage points over last year!"

A total of 1,924 students graduated in 2020. The four-year cohort graduation rates are provided by school.

Houston County School District	89.6%
State of Georgia	83.8%
Houston County High School	98.1%
Northside High School	90.9%
Perry High School	93.4%
Veterans High School	96.7%
Warner Robins High School	87.9%

For 10 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 16.4 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.

Read the GaDOE release [online here](#). School and district results for Georgia may be accessed here: [PDF](#) | [Excel](#).

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