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JEFFCO’S ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE CONTINUES TO CLIMB

Over the past three years, Jeffco Schools has continued to graduate more students from high school. Jeffco continues to make steady gains with its on-time graduation rate of 81.4 percent.

By comparison, Jeffco Schools outranks the state’s 2012-13 graduation rate of 76.9 percent as reported by the Colorado Department of Education. The 2012-13 on-time graduation rate for neighborhood high schools moved from 88.3 to 89 percent. The increase shows the district’s emphasis on maintaining an upward trend in graduation rates while lowering the district’s drop-out rate.

On-time graduation rates	2011-12	2012-13
Jeffco’s graduation rate including option/charter schools	81.4%	81.5 %
State of Colorado graduation rate	75.4%	76.9%
Jeffco’s neighborhood high schools’ graduation rate	88.3%	89%
Jeffco’s dropout rate	2.0%	1.7%

“In 2011-12 we had 853 students who dropped out and last year we had 710 students,” said Dave Kollar, director of Dropout Prevention and Recovery. “We’re excited about the reduction and that is Jeffco’s lowest dropout rate ever.”

Kollar said a lowering dropout rate would not be possible without the focused work that often begins in neighborhood schools and alternative programs at schools like Brady and McLain high schools.

“A positive change in a large district’s dropout rates can only be achieved when schools, programs, community agencies and interventions work in concert,” he added.

