



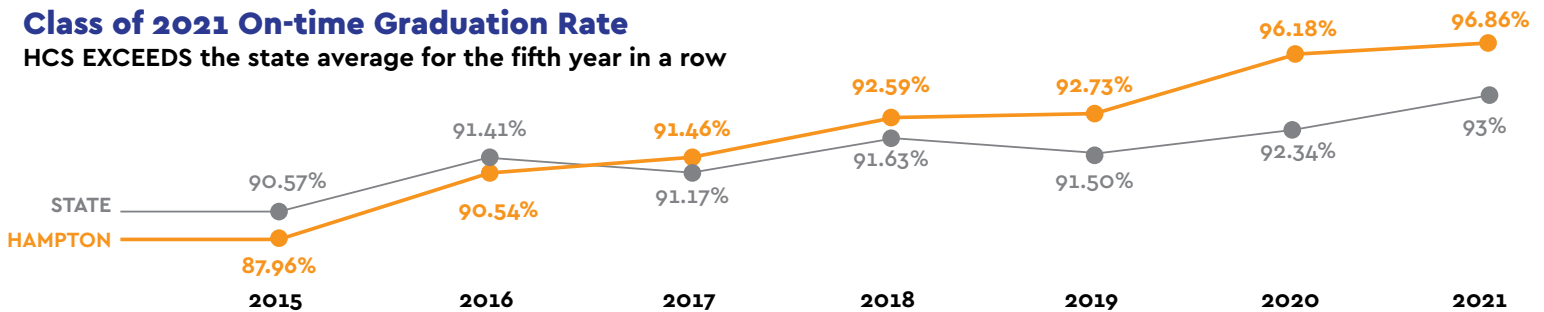
Hampton City Schools: Continues to Make HCS History with Highest On-time Graduation Rate and Lowest Dropout Rate to Date

- Second highest on-time graduation rate of the 15 districts in the region
- **LOWEST DROPOUT RATE IN THE STATE** (excluding five school divisions in the state with less than 230 students in the Class of 2021)



Class of 2021 On-time Graduation Rate

HCS EXCEEDS the state average for the fifth year in a row



Hampton City Schools Class of 2021 (1,466 students) posted the highest division on-time graduation rate and the lowest dropout rate since 2008, the year the Virginia Department of Education initiated cohort-based calculations for graduation and dropout rates.

On-time Graduation Rate: The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) reported **96.9% of Hampton's 2021 graduates earned their diplomas in four years, surpassing the statewide average of 93%.**

Hampton's on-time graduation rate is the **second highest on-time graduation rate in the region.** Also, Hampton has the **second highest rate in the Commonwealth of Virginia** when compared to school divisions that have between 500 and 5,000 students in the Class of 2021.

With the division's focus on equity, **on-time graduation rates continue to climb for student groups who are historically underrepresented.**

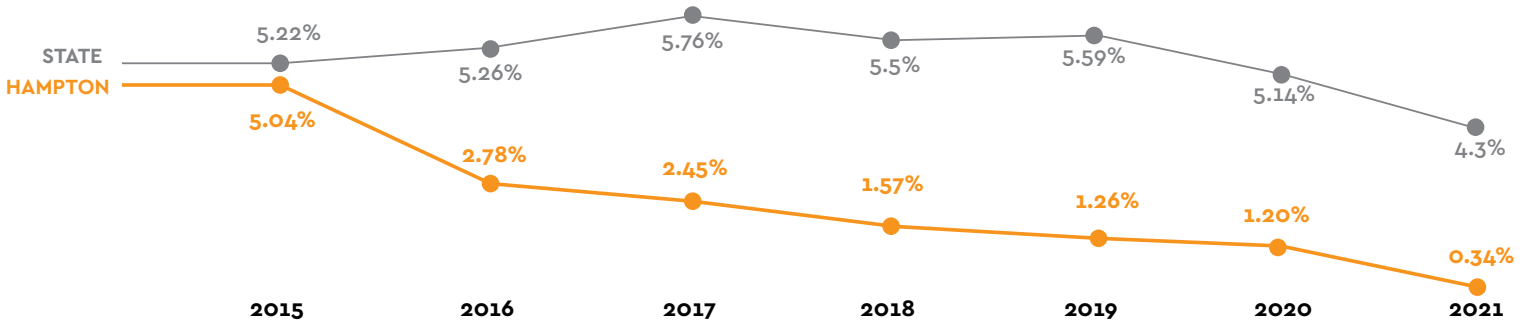
- Specifically, our **students with disabilities** have an on-time graduation rate of **99%**, compared to the state average of 90.72%.
- Our **economically disadvantaged students** outpaced the state with an on-time graduation rate of **96.6%**, compared to the state average of 89.2%.
- Looking at the student group of **African American students**, Hampton's on-time graduation rate is **96.7%**, compared to the state average of 90.83%.
- Our **Hispanic students'** on-time graduation rate is **97.5%**, compared to the state's average of 85.12%.
- Our **English Learners** (students who speak English as a second language) graduated on-time at a rate of **94.7%**, compared to the state's average of 77.2%.
- Our **homeless student population** has an on-time graduation rate of **95.7%**, compared to the state average of 72.99%.

To view the comparison of Hampton's 18 student performance groups to the state's student performance groups, [click here.](#)

Students who earn high school equivalency certificates — such as a GED — or complete high school without earning a diploma are not included as graduates in calculating on-time graduation rates. Hampton City Schools is proud of our students who graduated on-time with a diploma, as well as our students who earn a GED or a certificate of completion. **Hampton City Schools completion rate** for all of our students for the Class of 2021 (i.e., diplomas, GED, certificate of completion) is **97.6%** compared to the state average of 93.72%.

Class of 2021 Dropout Rate

HCS continues to have a LOWER dropout rate than the state and the LOWEST dropout rate of the 15 school divisions in our region



Dr. Raymond Haynes, chief of secondary school leadership, states, "We know that a high school diploma remains integral to future achievements, and we will continue to work at all levels to support our young people as they acquire the knowledge, skills, and understandings outlined in Hampton's Portrait of a Graduate. We recognize the number of partners who are essential to the overall achievement and success of our students."

Dropout Rate: The dropout rate for the Class of 2021 in the Commonwealth of Virginia is 4.3%. **Hampton's 2021 dropout rate is 0.3%**, compared to the division's dropout rate of 14.1% in 2008.

- Hampton City Schools dropout rate of 0.3% is the **lowest dropout rate of the 15 school divisions that comprise Region II**, which includes all of the school divisions in Hampton Roads from the Southside, Peninsula and Eastern Shore.
- The division has the **lowest dropout rate in the Commonwealth of Virginia** excluding five school divisions in the state with less than 230 students in the Class of 2021 (i.e., Grayson County, Appomattox County, Surry County, New Kent County, Colonial Beach).

"These outcomes for the Class of 2021 speak to the ongoing commitment to our young people as well as the strong partnerships that exist within our community," says Superintendent Jeffery Smith. "In 2015, we set a student achievement goal that by 2020, 95% of each graduating class will graduate on time with a diploma and credentials that verify they are prepared to succeed in the economy and the community. Today, we can proudly share that this is the second graduating class to exceed this goal. In addition, 16 of our 18 student performance groups have higher than a 95% rate and all 18 student performance groups outpaced the state average. This achievement is an example of the continued hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, administrators, and staff, as well as the support from families and the community at large, especially during the ever-changing world of a pandemic. I am proud of our students and we are committed to keeping the course of every child graduating college, career, and life ready."

