



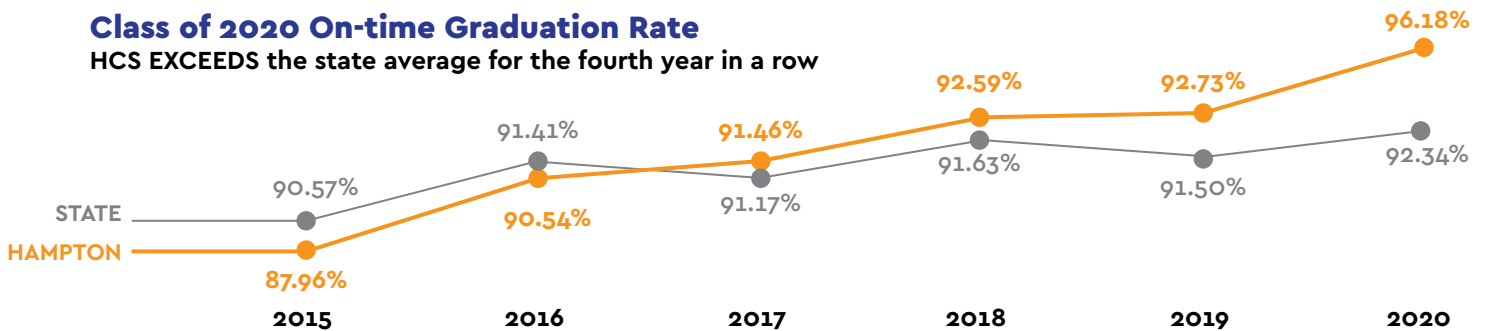
Hampton City Schools: Highest On-time Graduation Rate and Lowest Dropout Rate in HCS History

- Second highest on-time graduation rate of the 15 districts in the region as well as second highest in the state compared to districts with more than 1,000 students in the Class of 2020
- Lowest dropout rate in the region



Class of 2020 On-time Graduation Rate

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



Hampton City Schools Class of 2020 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 **96.2% of Hampton's 2020 graduates earned their diplomas in four years, surpassing the statewide average of 92.3%.** This represents a 33.7% increase compared to Hampton's Class of 2008 on-time graduation rate of 71.95%.

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 more than 1,000 students in the Class of 2020** – second only to Loudon County Public Schools in Northern Virginia with a graduation rate of 96.8%.

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

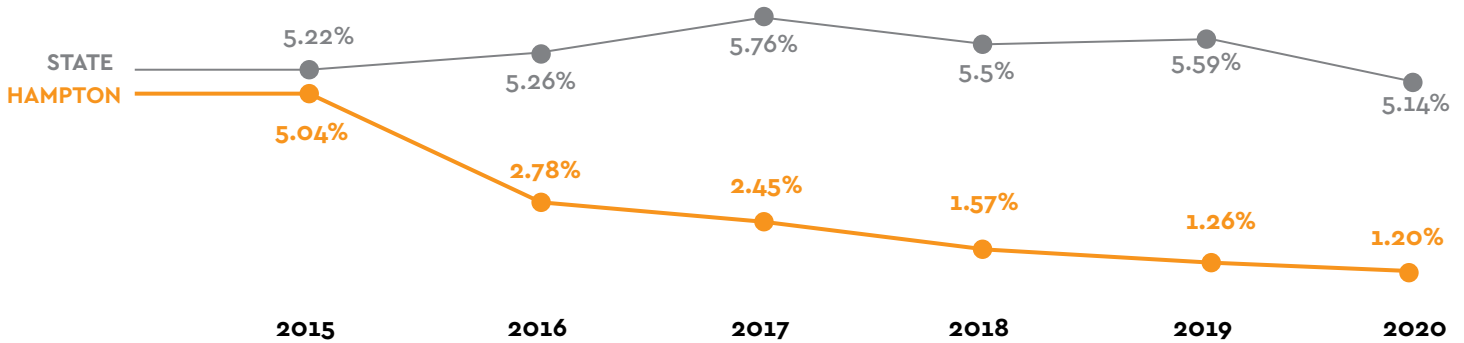
- Specifically, our **students with disabilities** have an on-time graduation rate of **97.4%**, compared to the state average of 90.4%.
- Our **economically disadvantaged students** outpaced the state with an on-time graduation rate of **95.1%**, compared to the state average of 89.1%.
- Looking at the student group of **African American students**, Hampton's on-time graduation rate is **95.7%**, compared to the state average of 91.3%.
- Our **Hispanic students'** on-time graduation rate is **97.7%**, compared to the state's average of 81.9%.
- Our **English Learners** (students who speak English as a second language) graduated on-time at a rate of **93.8%**, compared to the state's average of 73%.
- Our **homeless student population** has an on-time graduation rate of **89.3%**, compared to the state average of 69.9%.

To view the comparison of Hampton's 18 student subgroups to the state's subgroups, [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 2020 (i.e., diplomas, GED, certificate of completion) **is 97.5%**.

Class of 2020 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, executive director of secondary schools, states, "Hampton City Schools continues on our journey toward serving our young people to achieve academic success. We believe in engaging students in real-world learning and providing a full range of supports for both academics and social-emotional learning. The Academies of Hampton deliver innovative instruction through the lens of career pathways in order to prepare students to be college-, career-, and life-ready. We know that a high school diploma is 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 are thankful for the support that our community continually provides to help make these opportunities available to our young people."

Dropout Rate: The dropout rate for the Class of 2020 in the Commonwealth of Virginia is 5.1%. **Hampton's 2020 dropout rate is 1.20%**, compared to the division's dropout rate of 14.1% in 2008.

- Hampton City Schools dropout rate of 1.2% 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 when compared to school divisions with more than 300 students in the Class of 2020**.
- Out of the 132 school divisions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Hampton City Schools has a lower dropout rate than 123 school divisions**.

"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 the young people of the Class of 2020 have not only met this goal but surpassed it by earning an on-time graduation rate of 96.2%," says Superintendent Jeffery Smith. "In addition, 12 of our 18 student subgroups have higher than a 95% rate and 17 student subgroups outpaced the state average. We are aware of the obstacles and challenges some of our young people may face on a daily basis, especially with the unusual circumstances of our health crisis. This achievement is an example of the continued hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff, as well as the support from our families and the community at large. I am proud to be a part of the Hampton community as we continue on our course of one division, one transformation."

