



All students should have the support and guidance they need to successfully graduate from high school. The Graduation Rate component of the report card looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four or five years. We have solid evidence of the impact high school graduation makes on a life.

Why? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, students who graduated from high school in 2015 made \$678 in median weekly earnings. Those without high school diplomas earned \$493. We need to know how well our schools and districts are doing at getting their students to the finish line.

What's new this year?

For several years, each high school and school district has earned a letter grade ranging from A-F for each measure of the four-year graduation rate and the five-year graduation rate. For the first time, the 2016 Ohio School Report Cards also issue a grade for the larger Graduation Rate component, of which combines both measures.

How is the Graduation Rate component grade for your school or district determined?

The ranges for four-year and five-year rates are different and partially outlined in law.

60%

The letter grade for the four-year graduation rate.

40%

The letter grade for the five-year graduation rate.