



# 2019-2020 Delaware Graduation Summary



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## **Executive Summary**

The Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) report on graduation is from data collected annually. Delaware collects data from all public schools that include grade 12. Cohort graduation rates are calculated as prescribed by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), which provides data to the federal reporting system. In accordance with NCES requirements, Delaware uses the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, which measures the number and percentage of cohort members who earned a regular high school diploma within four years or less. The cohort is defined as the number of first-time 9th graders followed for four years plus students who transfer in minus students who transfer out, emigrate or are deceased during that time period. The report also provides five-year and six-year graduation rates.

This report does not contain data reflecting private, parochial or home school students in Delaware. The State does gather information from families that home school their children as well as from private schools, but only does so to verify the transfer of a student from public to private and home schools.

## **Highlights**

### ***Four-Year Adjusted Cohort***

- Last year, out of 10,676 students in the class of 2020, 9,363 students graduated with a regular diploma.
- The statewide graduation rate for the class of 2020 was 87.70%. This is a slight decrease from the class of 2019, which had a graduation rate of 88.27%

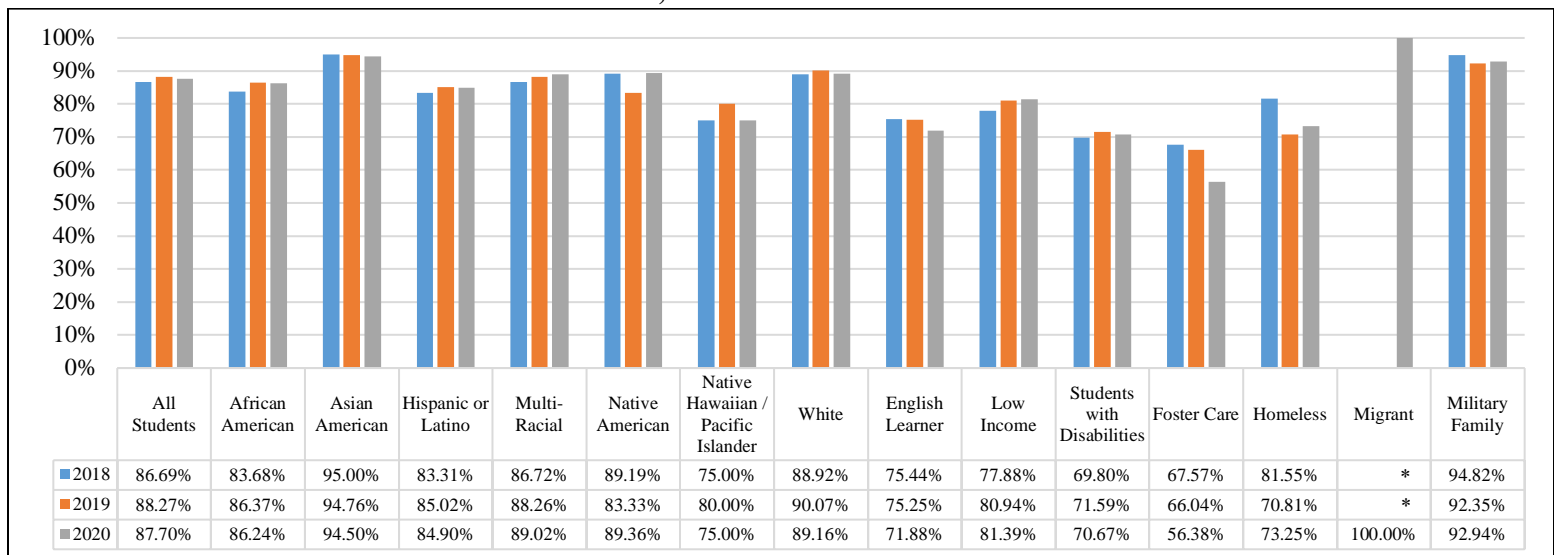
### ***Five-Year and Six-Year Adjusted Cohort***

- The graduation rate for the Class of 2019 was 88.27% at the end of four years, and 88.65% at the end of five years, increasing the graduating class by 39 students.
- The graduation rate for the Class of 2018 was 86.69% at the end of four years, 87.06% at the end of five years and 87.14% at the end of six years, increasing the graduating class by 44 students in the fifth year and 8 students in the sixth year.

**Table 1**  
**Four-Year Graduation Rates by Student Group**  
**Class of 2020**

Student Group	Students in Cohort	Graduates	Graduation Rate
All Students	10,676	9,363	87.70%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
African American	3,445	2,971	86.24%
Asian American	418	395	94.50%
Hispanic or Latino	1,781	1,512	84.90%
Multi-Racial	255	227	89.02%
Native American	*	*	89.36%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	*	*	75.00%
White	4,722	4,210	89.16%
<b>By Other Characteristics</b>			
English Learner	608	437	71.88%
Low Income	2,767	2,252	81.39%
Students with Disabilities	1,708	1,207	70.67%
<b>By Residence</b>			
Foster Care	94	53	56.38%
Homeless	501	367	73.25%
Migrant	*	*	100.00%
Military Family	425	395	92.94%

**Figure 1**  
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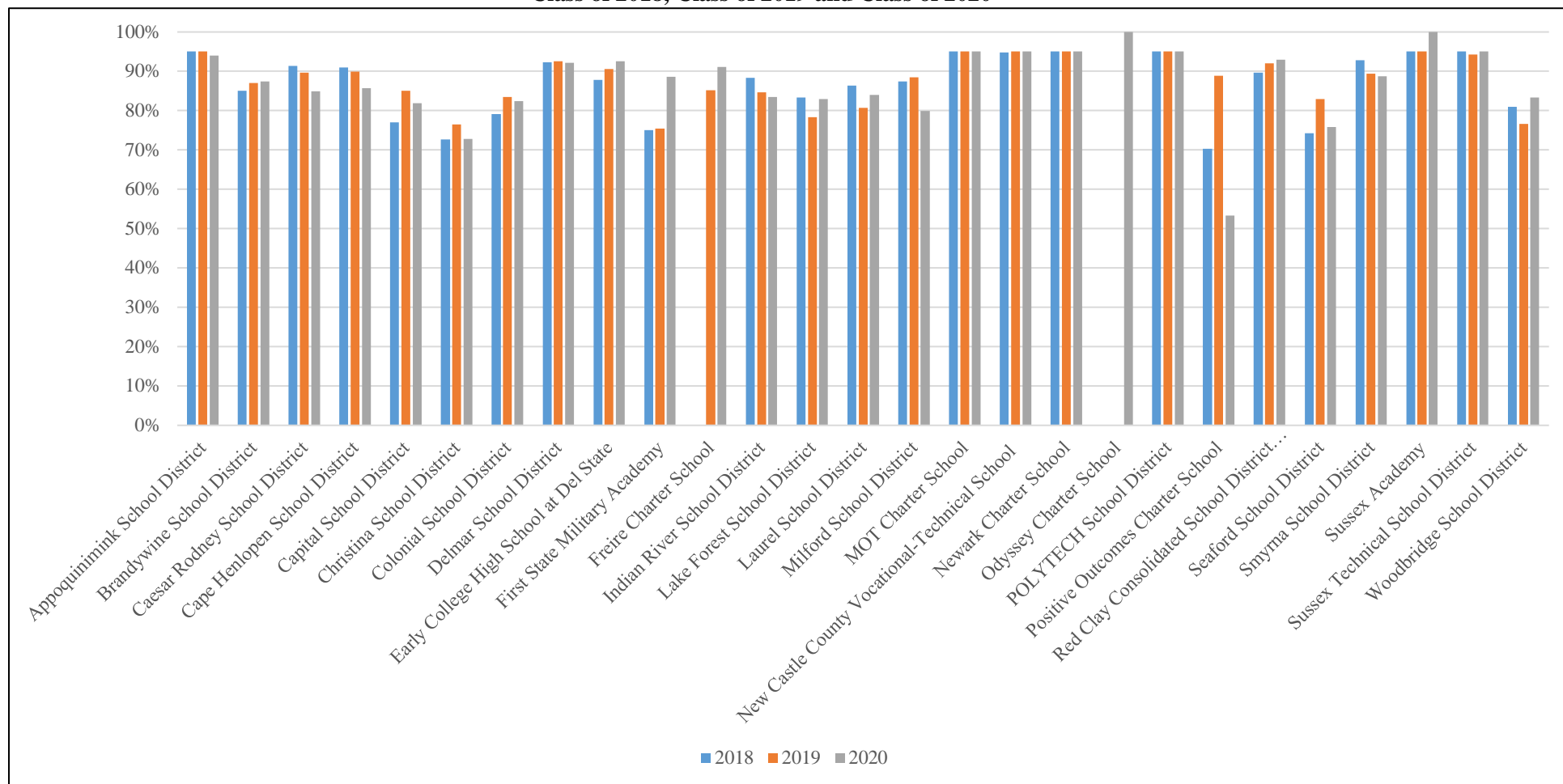


**Table 2**  
**Four-Year Graduation Rates by District/Charter**  
**Class of 2018, Class of 2019 and Class of 2020**

District/Charter	2018	2019	2020
Appoquinimink School District	>95.00%	>95.00%	94.06%
Brandywine School District	84.99%	87.05%	87.45%
Caesar Rodney School District	91.37%	89.60%	84.94%
Cape Henlopen School District	91.01%	89.86%	85.68%
Capital School District	77.08%	85.04%	81.85%
Christina School District	72.73%	76.49%	72.84%
Colonial School District	79.18%	83.51%	82.37%
Delmar School District	92.36%	92.55%	92.11%
Early College High School at Del State	87.84%	90.63%	92.59%
First State Military Academy	75.00%	75.45%	88.66%
Freire Charter School	n/a	85.19%	91.11%
Indian River School District	88.40%	84.63%	83.51%
Lake Forest School District	83.33%	78.28%	82.89%
Laurel School District	86.40%	80.74%	84.03%
Milford School District	87.39%	88.42%	79.87%
MOT Charter School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
New Castle County Vocational-Technical School	94.75%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Newark Charter School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Odyssey Charter School	n/a	n/a	100.00%
POLYTECH School District	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Positive Outcomes Charter School	70.37%	88.89%	53.33%
Red Clay Consolidated School District	89.61%	92.03%	92.98%
Seaford School District	74.24%	82.98%	75.83%
Smyrna School District	92.80%	89.35%	88.74%
Sussex Academy	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%
Sussex Technical School District	>95.00%	94.27%	>95.00%
Woodbridge School District	80.95%	76.69%	83.33%

- Notes:
- Red Clay Consolidated School District includes Charter School of Wilmington and Delaware Military Academy.
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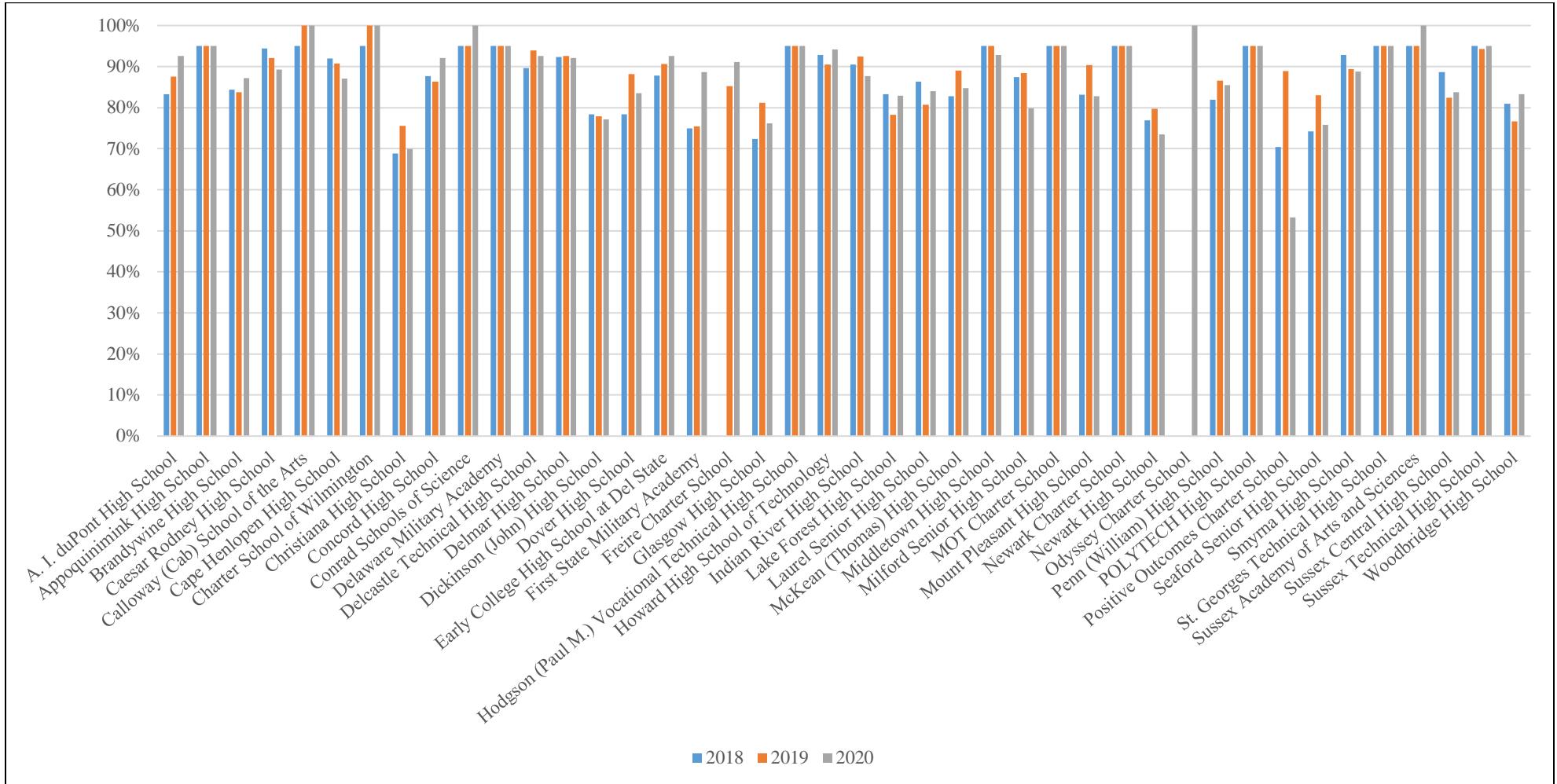
**Table 3**  
**Four-Year Graduation Rates by School**  
**Class of 2018, Class of 2019 and Class of 2020**

School	2018	2019	2020
A. I. duPont High School	83.22%	87.61%	92.58%
Appoquinimink High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Brandywine High School	84.34%	83.75%	87.16%
Caesar Rodney High School	94.40%	92.14%	89.25%
Calloway (Cab) School of the Arts	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Cape Henlopen High School	91.98%	90.76%	87.06%
Charter School of Wilmington	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Christiana High School	68.78%	75.51%	69.92%
Concord High School	87.63%	86.32%	92.05%
Conrad Schools of Science	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%
Delaware Military Academy	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Delcastle Technical High School	89.69%	93.95%	92.54%
Delmar High School	92.36%	92.55%	92.11%
Dickinson (John) High School	78.38%	77.87%	77.14%
Dover High School	78.41%	88.22%	83.52%
Early College High School at Del State	87.84%	90.63%	92.59%
First State Military Academy	75.00%	75.45%	88.66%
Freire Charter School	n/a	85.19%	91.11%
Glasgow High School	72.37%	81.17%	76.17%
Hodgson (Paul M.) Vocational Technical High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Howard High School of Technology	92.89%	90.45%	94.22%
Indian River High School	90.55%	92.41%	87.75%
Lake Forest High School	83.33%	78.28%	82.89%
Laurel Senior High School	86.40%	80.74%	84.03%
McKean (Thomas) High School	82.73%	89.09%	84.80%
Middletown High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	92.86%
Milford Senior High School	87.39%	88.42%	79.87%
MOT Charter School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Mount Pleasant High School	83.21%	90.35%	82.82%
Newark Charter School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Newark High School	76.94%	79.74%	73.52%
Odyssey Charter School	n/a	n/a	100.00%
Penn (William) High School	81.98%	86.54%	85.48%
POLYTECH High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Positive Outcomes Charter School	70.37%	88.89%	53.33%
Seaford Senior High School	74.24%	82.98%	75.83%
Smyrna High School	92.80%	89.35%	88.74%
St. Georges Technical High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	>95.00%
Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%
Sussex Central High School	88.66%	82.46%	83.73%
Sussex Technical High School	>95.00%	94.27%	>95.00%
Woodbridge High School	80.95%	76.69%	83.33%

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**Table 4**  
**Four-Year Graduation Rates by School and Race/Ethnicity**  
**Class of 2020**

High School	All Students	African American	Asian American	Hispanic or Latino	Multi-Racial	Native American	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	White
<b>All Schools</b>	<b>87.70%</b>	<b>86.24%</b>	<b>94.50%</b>	<b>89.02%</b>	<b>89.36%</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	<b>84.90%</b>	<b>89.16%</b>
A. I. duPont High School	92.58%	89.71%	100.00%	89.29%	100.00%	100.00%	-	>95.00%
Appoquinimink High School	>95.00%	93.65%	100.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	>95.00%
Brandywine High School	87.16%	87.34%	100.00%	88.89%	33.33%	100.00%	-	88.00%
Caesar Rodney High School	89.25%	87.16%	>95.00%	87.80%	94.12%	100.00%	-	89.62%
Calloway (Cab) School of the Arts	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	-	100.00%
Cape Henlopen High School	87.06%	85.71%	100.00%	87.50%	90.91%	-	50.00%	87.10%
Charter School of Wilmington	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	-	100.00%
Christiana High School	69.92%	67.16%	95.00%	73.68%	87.50%	100.00%	-	63.08%
Concord High School	92.05%	83.91%	>95.00%	94.74%	-	-	100.00%	>95.00%
Conrad Schools of Science	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
Delaware Military Academy	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	>95.00%
Delcastle Technical High School	92.54%	93.50%	87.50%	94.48%	-	-	-	89.38%
Delmar High School	92.11%	88.89%	100.00%	94.44%	88.89%	-	-	92.19%
Dickinson (John) High School	77.14%	66.67%	75.00%	81.82%	100.00%	-	-	83.87%
Dover High School	83.52%	84.07%	82.61%	79.37%	90.91%	71.43%	-	84.40%
Early College High School at Del State	92.59%	92.65%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	-	85.71%
First State Military Academy	88.66%	95.00%	100.00%	90.91%	-	100.00%	-	84.75%
Freire Charter School	91.11%	92.19%	100.00%	81.82%	100.00%	100.00%	-	85.71%
Glasgow High School	76.17%	82.22%	100.00%	70.77%	80.00%	-	<5.00%	65.96%
Hodgson (Paul M.) Vocational Technical High	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	-	-	92.86%
Howard High School of Technology	94.22%	>95.00%	100.00%	93.10%	-	-	-	80.00%
Indian River High School	87.75%	85.00%	57.14%	81.97%	100.00%	100.00%	-	91.41%
Lake Forest High School	82.89%	78.72%	100.00%	80.00%	72.73%	100.00%	-	84.93%
Laurel Senior High School	84.03%	83.67%	100.00%	80.95%	-	50.00%	-	85.92%
McKean (Thomas) High School	84.80%	84.29%	100.00%	87.32%	100.00%	-	-	81.03%

**Table 4 - Continued**  
**Four-Year Graduation Rates by School and Race/Ethnicity**  
**Class of 2020**

High School - Continued	All Students	African American	Asian American	Hispanic or Latino	Multi-Racial	Native American	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	White
Middletown High School	92.86%	94.70%	100.00%	90.63%	93.33%	100.00%	100.00%	91.20%
Milford Senior High School	79.87%	82.43%	100.00%	65.28%	75.00%	-	-	85.52%
MOT Charter School	>95.00%	>95.00%	94.12%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	>95.00%
Mount Pleasant High School	82.82%	81.38%	91.67%	62.50%	66.67%	100.00%	-	87.39%
Newark Charter School	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	>95.00%
Newark High School	73.52%	67.83%	75.00%	77.78%	71.43%	-	-	77.78%
Odyssey Charter School	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	100.00%
Penn (William) High School	85.48%	87.93%	100.00%	82.64%	90.91%	-	-	81.02%
POLYTECH High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	94.74%	100.00%	100.00%	-	>95.00%
Positive Outcomes Charter School	53.33%	85.71%	#DIV/0!	50.00%	-	<5.00%	-	45.00%
Seaford Senior High School	75.83%	73.26%	100.00%	73.33%	87.50%	100.00%	-	78.26%
Smyrna High School	88.74%	88.42%	100.00%	91.43%	75.00%	-	-	88.60%
St. Georges Technical High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	-	96.79%
Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
Sussex Central High School	83.73%	86.89%	87.50%	77.65%	90.00%	100.00%	-	87.05%
Sussex Technical High School	>95.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	>95.00%	88.89%	100.00%	-	>95.00%
Woodbridge High School	83.33%	85.19%	100.00%	81.82%	66.67%	<5.00%	-	84.52%

**Table 5**  
**Four-Year Graduation Rates by School and Other Subgroup Characteristics**  
**Class of 2020**

High School	All Students	English Learner	Low Income	Students with Disabilities	Foster Care	Homeless	Migrant	Military Family
<b>All Schools</b>	<b>87.70%</b>	<b>71.88%</b>	<b>81.39%</b>	<b>70.67%</b>	<b>56.38%</b>	<b>73.25%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>92.94%</b>
A. I. duPont High School	92.58%	87.10%	92.21%	88.37%	-	78.57%	-	100.00%
Appoquinimink High School	>95.00%	100.00%	93.88%	76.47%	50.00%	80.00%	-	100.00%
Brandywine High School	87.16%	100.00%	84.44%	66.67%	-	75.00%	-	100.00%
Caesar Rodney High School	89.25%	100.00%	75.93%	86.96%	57.14%	60.00%	-	93.58%
Calloway (Cab) School of the Arts	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	100.00%
Cape Henlopen High School	87.06%	71.43%	74.73%	70.77%	100.00%	>95.00%	-	66.67%
Charter School of Wilmington	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	-	-	-	100.00%
Christiana High School	69.92%	86.36%	69.16%	53.23%	20.00%	40.91%	-	100.00%
Concord High School	92.05%	100.00%	80.30%	79.59%	<5.00%	40.00%	-	-
Conrad Schools of Science	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	100.00%
Delaware Military Academy	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	94.74%
Delcastle Technical High School	92.54%	88.00%	88.07%	72.41%	100.00%	70.59%	-	87.50%
Delmar High School	92.11%	88.89%	88.46%	76.47%	-	87.50%	-	100.00%
Dickinson (John) High School	77.14%	80.77%	75.47%	76.00%	-	80.00%	-	100.00%
Dover High School	83.52%	76.92%	80.57%	65.83%	63.64%	75.86%	-	-
Early College High School at Del State	92.59%	-	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
First State Military Academy	88.66%	-	86.96%	100.00%	-	40.00%	-	66.67%
Freire Charter School	91.11%	100.00%	94.29%	81.82%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
Glasgow High School	76.17%	62.96%	69.31%	63.33%	33.33%	66.67%	-	100.00%
Hodgson (Paul M.) Vocational Technical High School	>95.00%	100.00%	>95.00%	100.00%	-	81.82%	-	100.00%
Howard High School of Technology	94.22%	100.00%	90.91%	86.96%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
Indian River High School	87.75%	50.00%	82.69%	85.71%	<5.00%	60.00%	100.00%	87.50%
Lake Forest High School	82.89%	100.00%	75.71%	74.42%	-	100.00%	-	-
Laurel Senior High School	84.03%	58.33%	88.89%	50.00%	25.00%	60.00%	-	100.00%
McKean (Thomas) High School	84.80%	90.63%	86.75%	76.19%	66.67%	91.67%	-	100.00%
Middletown High School	92.86%	100.00%	87.50%	78.33%	50.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
Milford Senior High School	79.87%	58.00%	73.68%	72.34%	40.00%	76.00%	-	100.00%
MOT Charter School	>95.00%	100.00%	90.00%	90.00%	-	100.00%	-	100.00%

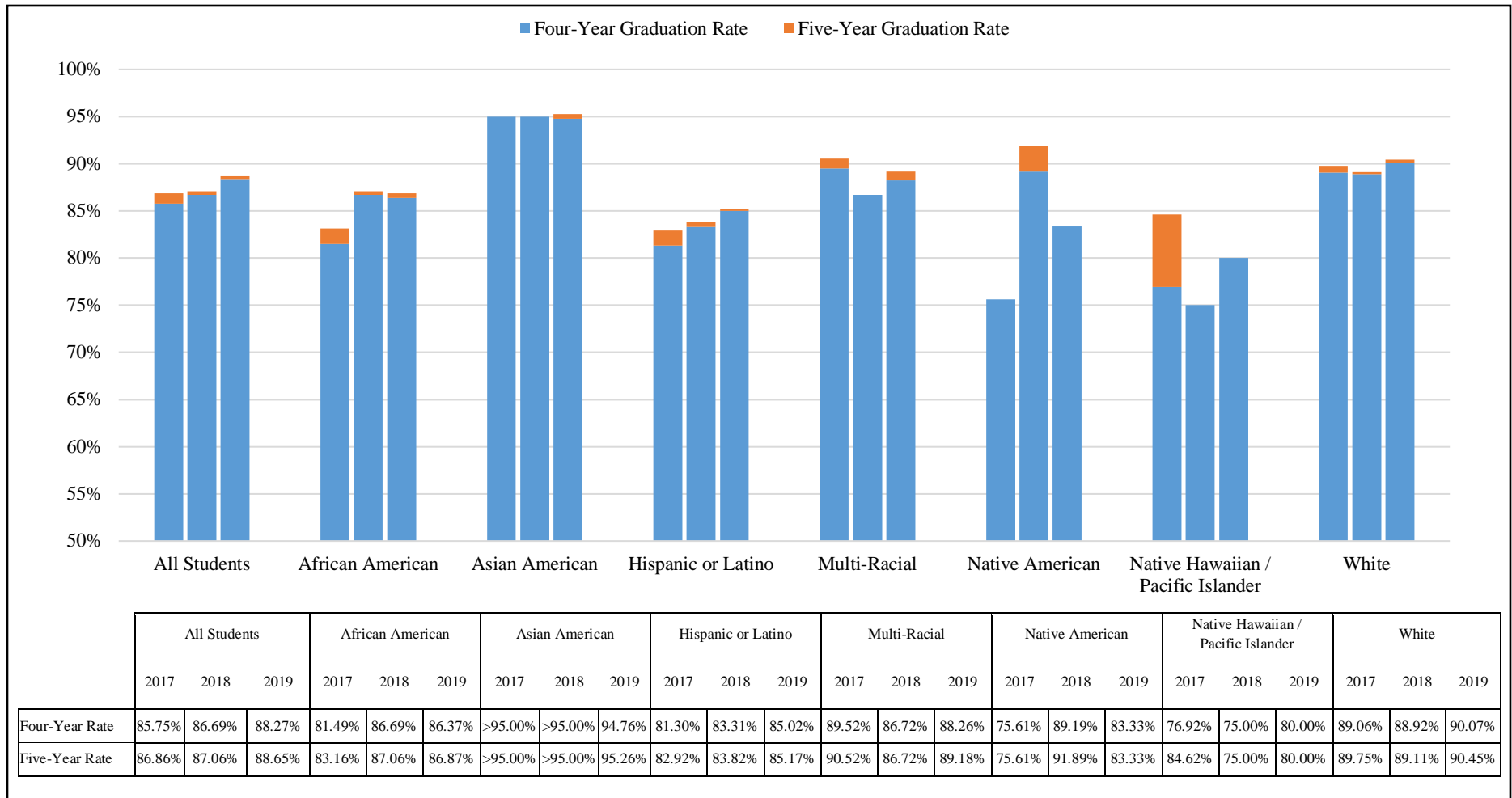
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**Four-Year Graduation Rates by School and Other Subgroup Characteristics**  
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High School	All Students	English Learner	Low Income	Students with Disabilities	Foster Care	Homeless	Migrant	Military Family
Mount Pleasant High School	82.82%	80.00%	76.19%	65.91%	66.67%	80.00%	-	-
Newark Charter School	>95.00%	-	100.00%	83.33%	-	-	-	-
Newark High School	73.52%	77.42%	70.69%	46.03%	25.00%	54.55%	-	100.00%
Odyssey Charter School	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	-
Penn (William) High School	85.48%	71.93%	78.33%	78.07%	81.82%	76.47%	-	66.67%
POLYTECH High School	>95.00%	-	93.02%	87.10%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%
Positive Outcomes Charter School	53.33%	-	58.33%	53.85%	50.00%	66.67%	-	100.00%
Seaford Senior High School	75.83%	61.54%	77.22%	59.46%	33.33%	75.00%	100.00%	81.82%
Smyrna High School	88.74%	80.00%	82.65%	80.43%	87.50%	80.56%	-	88.89%
St. Georges Technical High School	>95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	94.44%	100.00%	75.00%	-	93.75%
Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	100.00%
Sussex Central High School	83.73%	41.54%	86.27%	72.73%	50.00%	78.57%	100.00%	88.89%
Sussex Technical High School	>95.00%	-	93.18%	88.00%	-	100.00%	-	100.00%
Woodbridge High School	83.33%	64.71%	81.33%	58.06%	100.00%	100.00%	-	100.00%

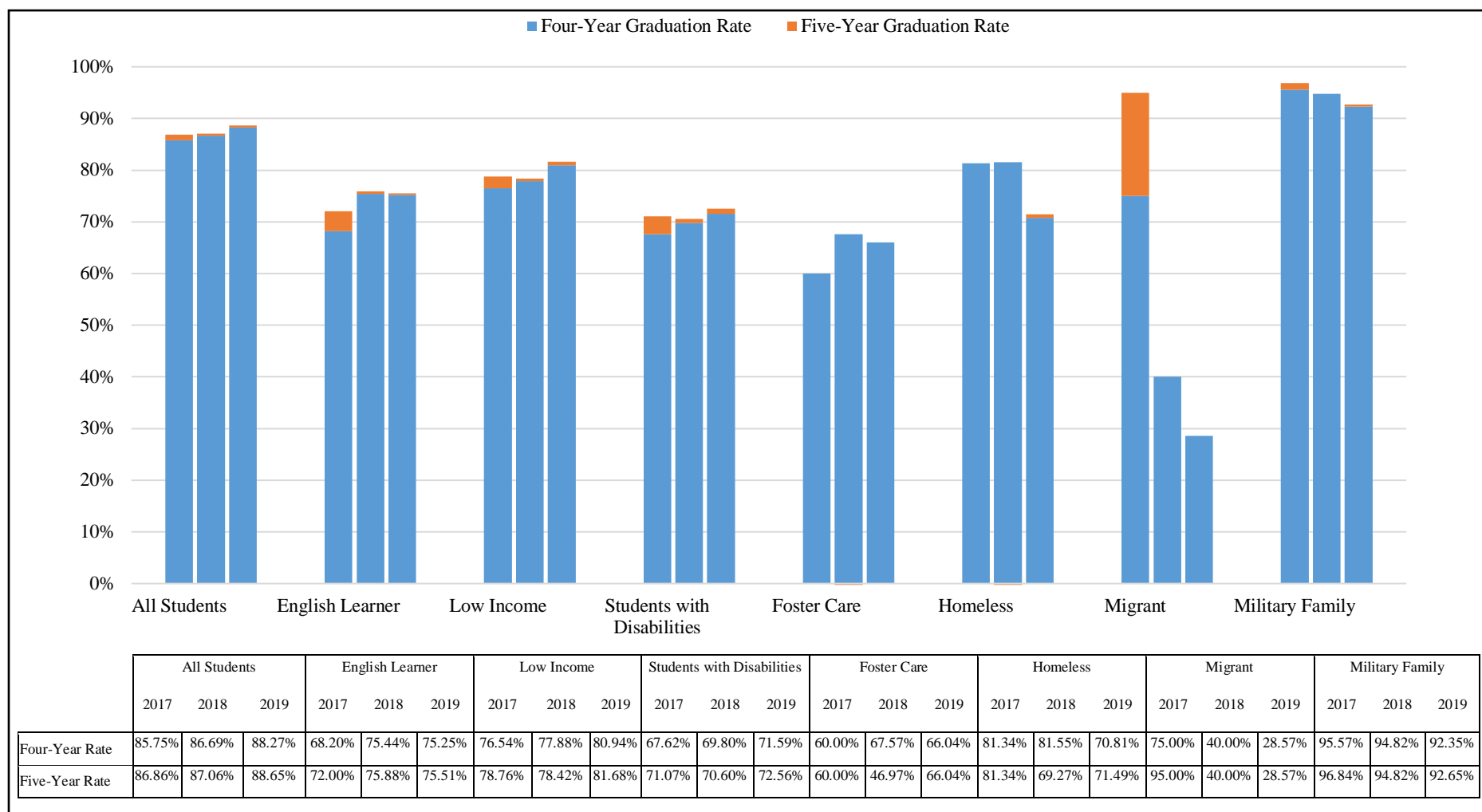
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**Four-Year and Five-Year Graduation Rates by Student Group**  
**Class of 2019**

Student Group	Four-Year Graduates	Five-Year Graduates	Net Change in Graduates	Four-Year Graduation Rate	Five-Year Graduation Rate
All Students	8,562	8,601	39	88.27%	88.65%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
African American	2,618	2,633	15	86.37%	86.87%
Asian American	362	363	1	94.76%	>95.00%
Hispanic or Latino	1,226	1,229	3	85.02%	85.17%
Multi-Racial	203	206	3	88.26%	89.18%
Native American	30	30	0	83.33%	83.33%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<15	<15	0	80.00%	80.00%
White	4,111	4,128	17	90.07%	90.45%
<b>By Other Characteristics</b>					
English Learner	371	373	2	75.25%	75.51%
Low Income	1,970	1,988	18	80.94%	81.68%
Students with Disabilities	1,076	1,092	16	71.59%	72.56%
<b>By Residence</b>					
Foster Care	35	35	0	66.04%	66.04%
Homeless	313	316	3	70.81%	71.49%
Migrant	<15	<15	0	28.57%	28.57%
Military Family	314	315	1	92.35%	92.65%

**Figure 4**  
**Four-Year and Five-Year Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity**  
**Class of 2019**



**Figure 5**  
**Four-Year and Five-Year Graduation Rates by Other Subgroup Characteristics**  
**Class of 2019**



**Table 7**  
**Four-Year, Five-Year and Six-Year Graduation Rates by Student Group**  
**Class of 2018**

Student Group	Four-Year Graduates	Five-Year Graduates	Six-Year Graduates	Net Change in Graduates Year 4 to Year 5	Net Change in Graduates Year 5 to Year 6	Four-Year Graduation Rate	Five-Year Graduation Rate	Six-Year Graduation Rate
All Students	8,918	8,962	8,970	44	8	86.69%	87.06%	87.14%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>								
African American	2,748	2,771	2,773	23	2	83.68%	84.30%	84.36%
Asian American	383	383	383	-	-	96.72%	96.72%	96.72%
Hispanic or Latino	1,193	1,202	1,204	9	2	83.31%	83.82%	83.96%
Multi-Racial	222	222	222	-	-	86.72%	86.72%	86.72%
Native American	33	34	34	1	-	89.19%	91.89%	91.89%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific	<15	<15	<15	-	-	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%
White	4,327	4,338	4,342	11	4	88.92%	89.11%	89.19%
<b>By Other Characteristics</b>								
English Learner	344	346	347	2	1	75.44%	75.88%	76.10%
Low Income	2,134	2,151	2,155	17	4	77.88%	78.42%	78.56%
Students with Disabilities	1,010	1,023	1,024	13	1	69.80%	70.60%	70.67%
<b>By Residence</b>								
Foster Care	25	31	31	6	-	67.57%	46.97%	46.97%
Homeless	168	390	391	222	1	81.55%	69.27%	69.45%
Migrant	<15	<15	<15	-	-	40.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Military Family	238	238	239	-	1	94.82%	94.82%	95.22%



## ***Appendix A***

### **Graduation Definitions:**

- **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Four-Year Adjusted Graduation Rate:** The number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class.
- **Cohort Adjustment:** The cohort is adjusted by adding any students transferring into the cohort and by subtracting any students who transfer out, emigrate to another country, or die during the years covered by that cohort's rate calculation.
- **Transfer Into:** A transfer into a cohort occurs when a student enrolls after the beginning of the entering cohort's first year in high school, up to and including in grade 12. A transfer in may be from another public school in Delaware, a nonpublic school in Delaware or a student transferring in from another state or country.
- **Transfer Out:** A transfer out of a cohort occurs when a student leaves a Delaware public school and enrolls in another public or nonpublic school within Delaware or out of state or in an educational program that culminates in the award of a regular high school diploma. Transfers out must have appropriate documentation; otherwise the student shall be considered a drop out.
- **Regular High School Diploma:** The standard high school diploma awarded to students that is fully aligned with the state's academic content standards and does not include a GED credential, Diploma of Alternate Achievement Standards, Certificate of Performance or any alternative award.