

Ninth Grade Success

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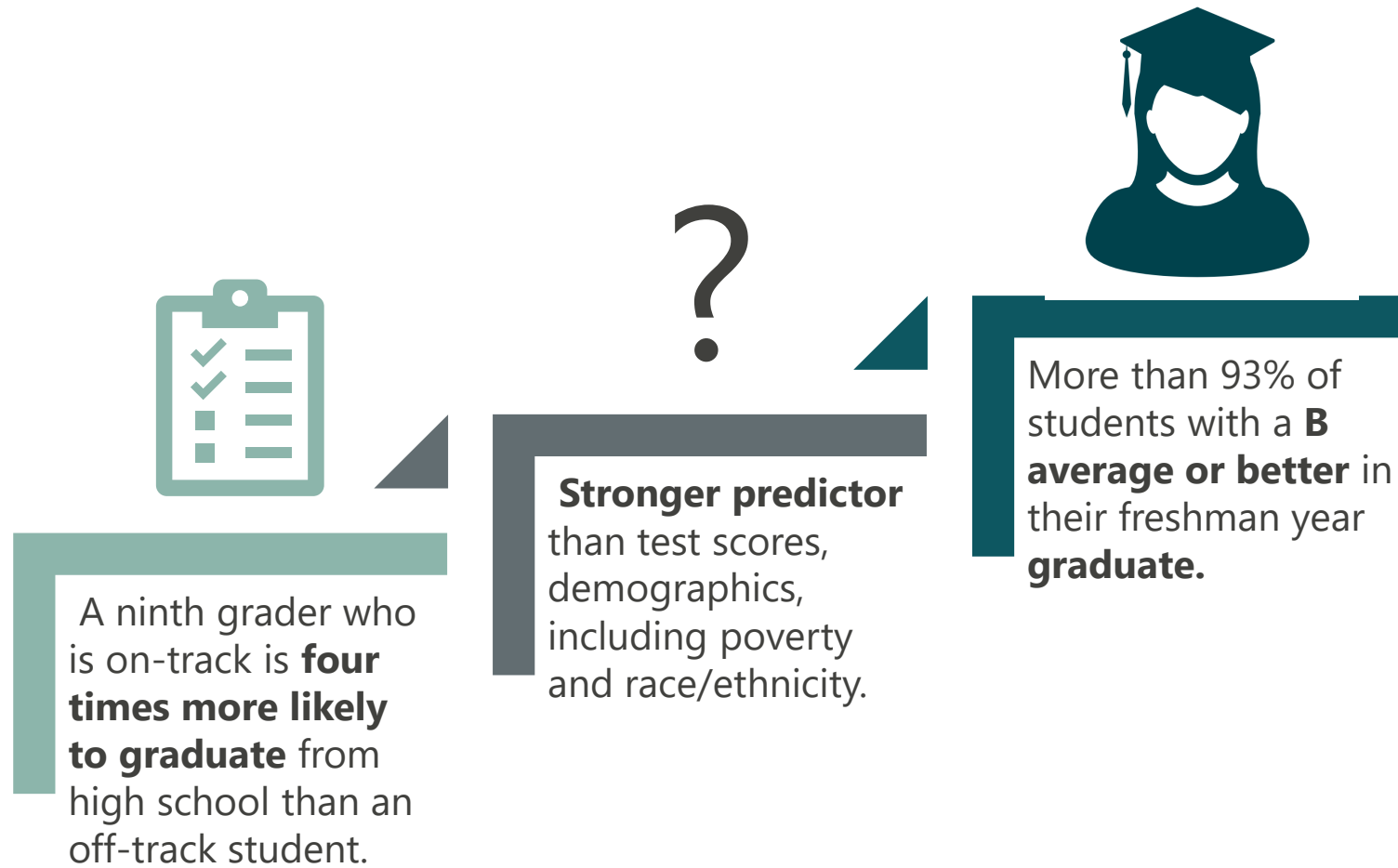
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Ninth Grade Success is Highly **Predictive** of Graduation Success



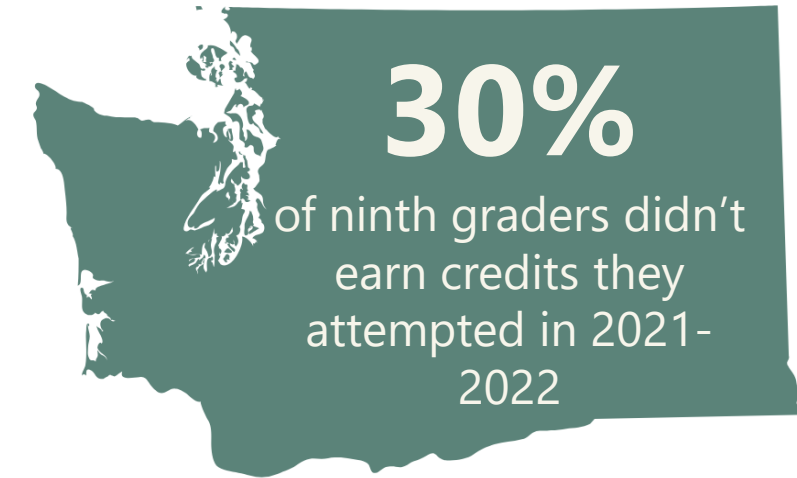
2015 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Ninth Grade Success identified as a measure for School Quality & Student Success

Key Performance Indicator

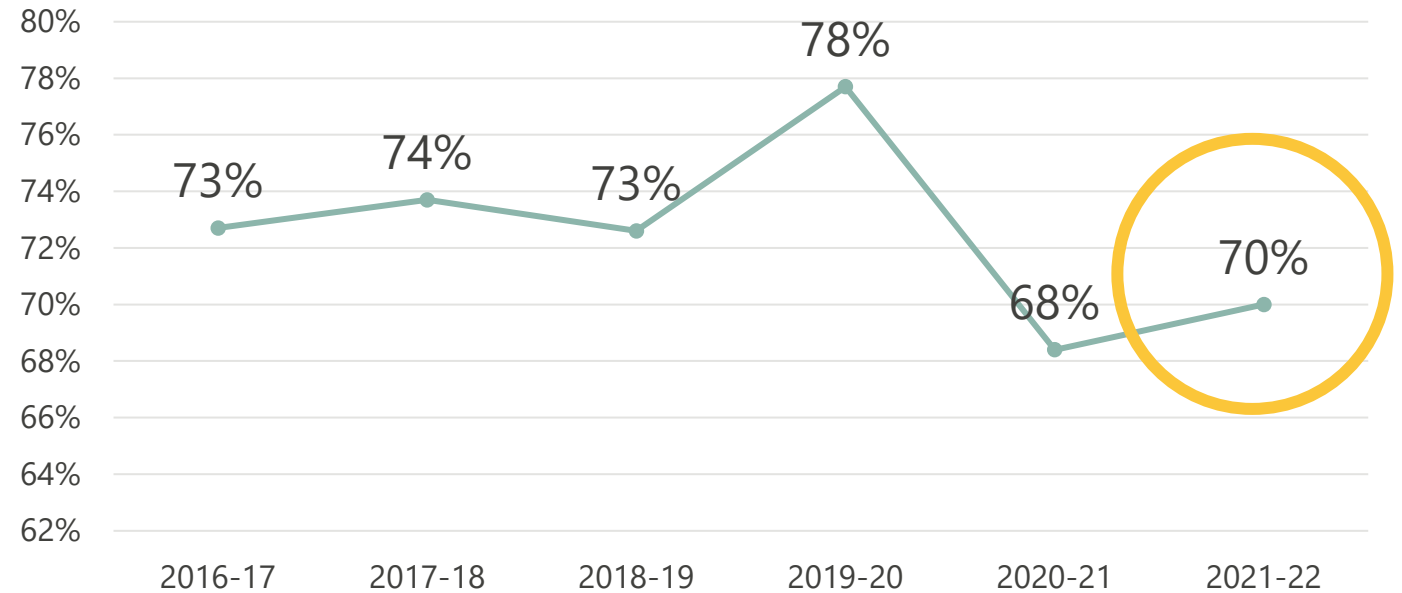
- Ninth grade on-track rates are published for every school in OSPI Report Card

Ninth Grade Success Predicts Future Graduation Rates

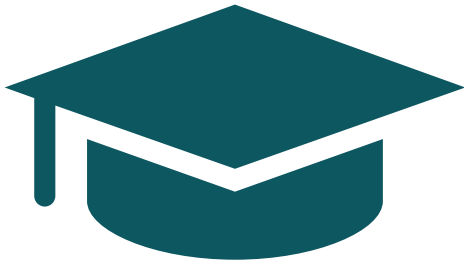


61,930 earned credit | 26,541 didn't
(88,471 ninth graders total)

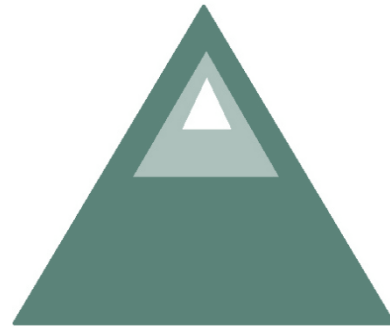
What percent of students passed all their classes
in ninth grade over time?



Intention of Project



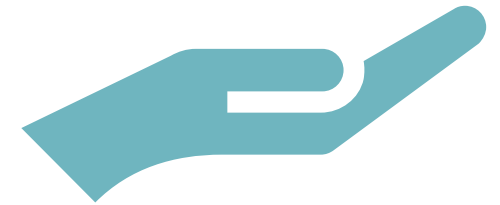
Increase Ninth Grade
Success &
graduation rates



Providing timely **data visualizations** to
more easily provide
tiered supports &
monitor their
effectiveness



Provide **time** for
teacher teams to
analyze student data
to provide early
support to struggling
students

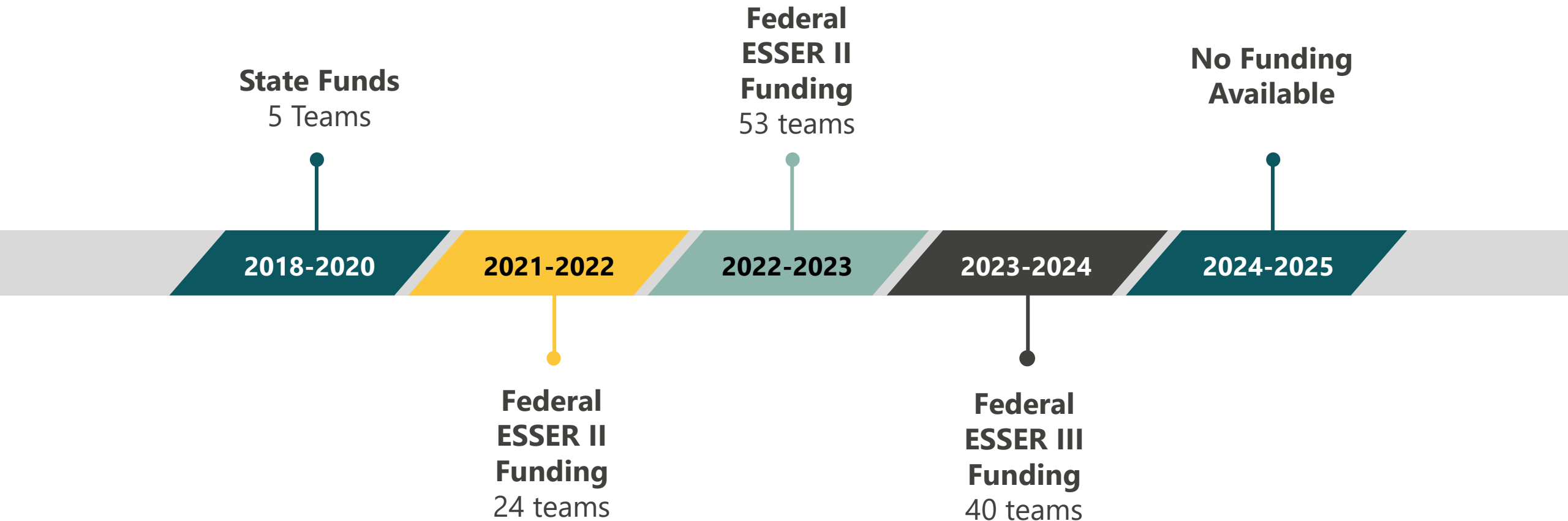


Provide **coaching** for
school teams to
analyze supports &
their effectiveness

Meet with other
schools to **network**
strategies that are
working



State & Federal Investments



How We Support Schools

Center for High School Success partners with schools to impact as many ninth-grade students as possible so that they are on-track to graduate on time, especially those whose boundless potential is **overlooked and under-tapped because of their skin color, zip code, first language, or disability.**

We provide training, coaching, data analysis, peer learning opportunities, and tools and resources to help high schools committed to effectively implementing the Ninth Grade Success Approach.



Training



Coaching



Data Analysis



Collaboration



Networking

The Roadmap is our comprehensive guide of systems, structures, strategies, and tools designed to support districts and schools in implementing 9th Grade Success work.

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ROADMAP FOR 9TH GRADE SUCCESS



DATA



TEAMS



INTERVENTIONS



TRANSITION



INSTRUCTION

THE HOW HIGH-IMPACT SUCCESS TEAMS INFORM AND COORDINATE



Washington State Center for High School Success Network Schools 2023-2024

★ Current Locations

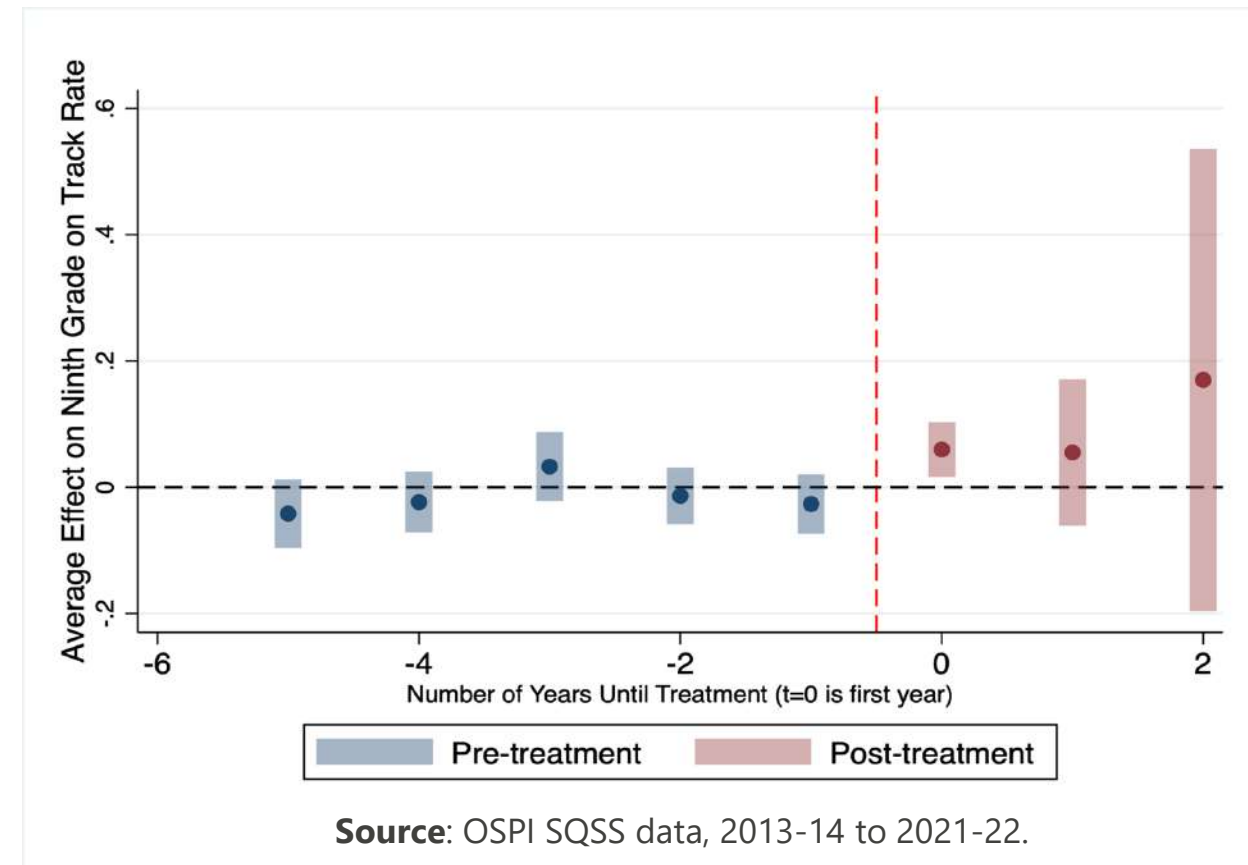
○ Potential areas for expansion in 2024-2025



Impact over 3 years: Ninth Grade Success increased Ninth Grade On Track rates by 6.69 percentage points

- The y-axis shows the difference in On Track rates between Ninth Grade Success schools and comparison schools
- The blue dots demonstrate that, in the years **before the program, Ninth Grade Success schools and comparison schools had similar On Track rates.**
- The red dots above zero show that, **after they implemented the program, Ninth Grade Success schools outperformed comparison schools all three years (2019-20 to 2021-22)**
- We find **consistent results across student income and race/ethnicity**

Figure 1. Effect of Ninth Grade Success on Ninth Grade On Track Rates



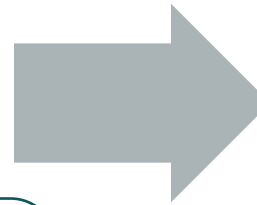
Qualitative Highlights

Data Snapshot

- 13 high schools
- 38 participants (Success Teams, coaches)
- 16 interviews and focus groups
- 30 hours of observations

Conditions that Support Implementation

- Building a Diverse and Dedicated Success Team
- Making Ninth Grade Success a School-Level Priority



Positive Outcomes

- Improved Capacity for Data-Based Decision Making
- Improved School and Classroom Practices



Ninth Grade Success Evaluation

Update for OSPI Decision Package
August 16, 2023

See full evaluation update [here](#)
And shared project folder [here](#)

[For more evaluation highlights
here are additional slides](#)

Spotlight on Implementation:

Making Ninth Grade Success a School-Level Priority

"I feel like if OSPI wants this to be a continuing thing that becomes a staple for all ninth-grade classrooms, there needs to be sacred dedicated time that administrators can't encroach upon... so that people [aren't] pulled in so many directions, especially newer teachers."

– Success Team Lead, Year 1 School

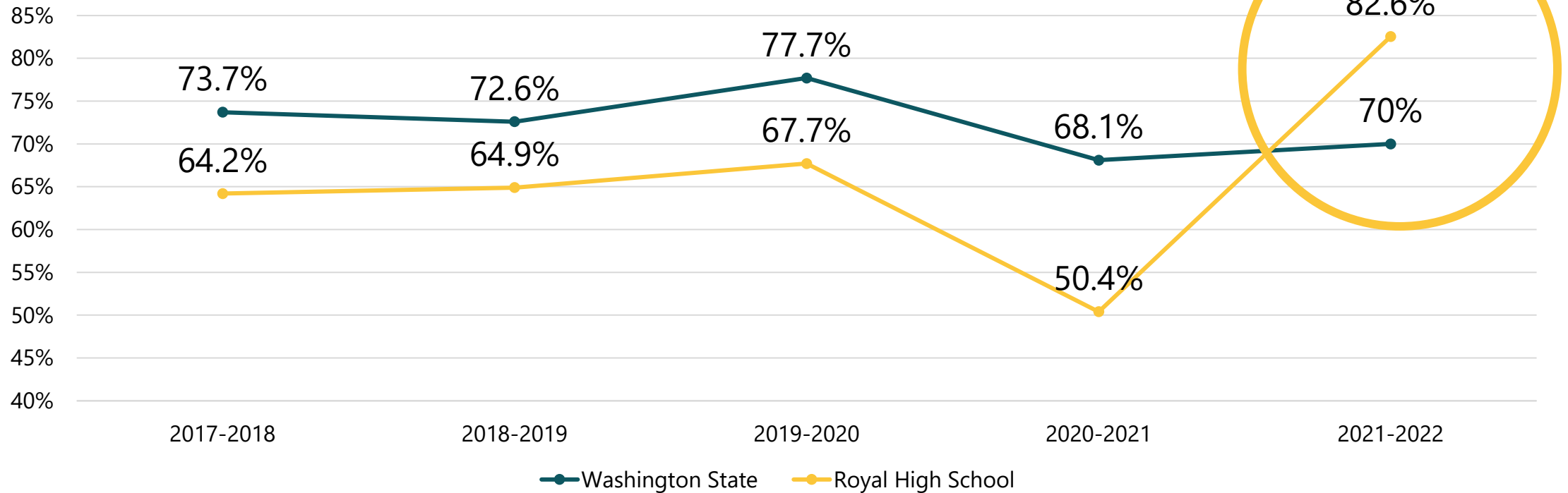
"We've done some real purposeful work around fair grading practices. So we had gone to trainings with STAND and our team learned about it, and then we did whole staff trainings, and then did follow up meetings with departments ... and we're starting to see traction with teachers."

– Success Team Lead, Year 4 School



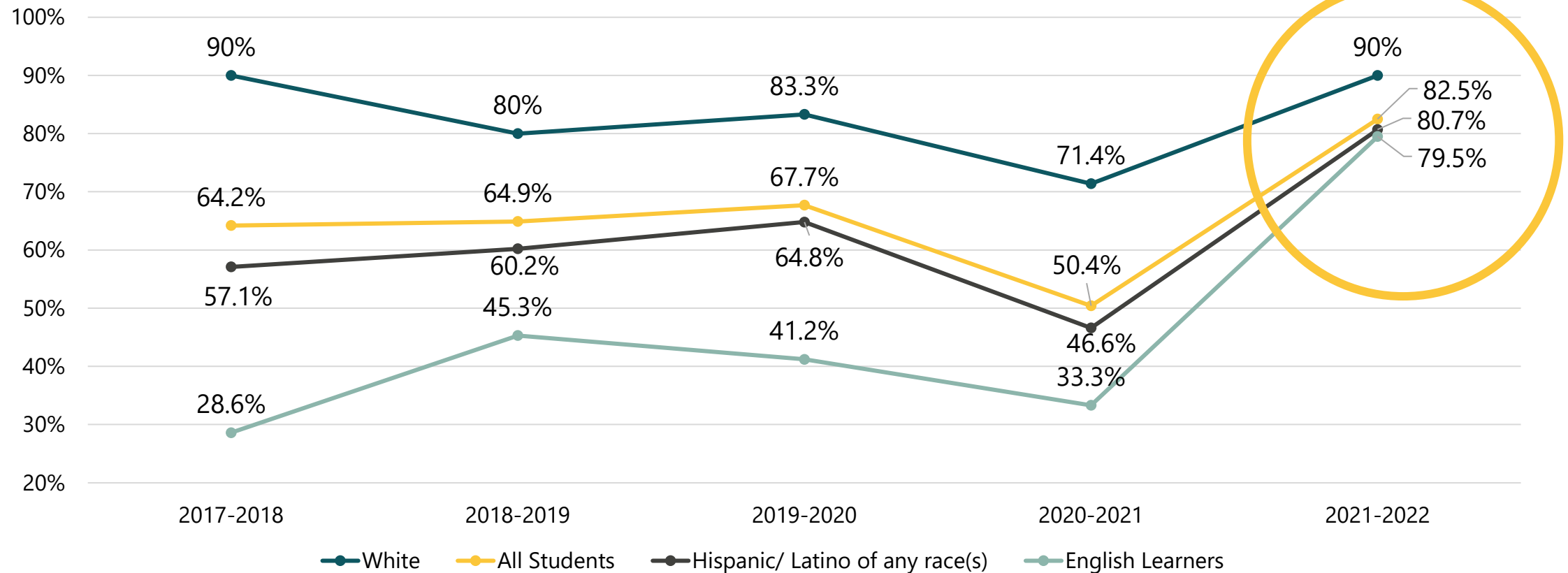
How Ninth Grade Success Impacted Royal High School

What percent of students passed all their courses in ninth grade? Washington State & Royal High School



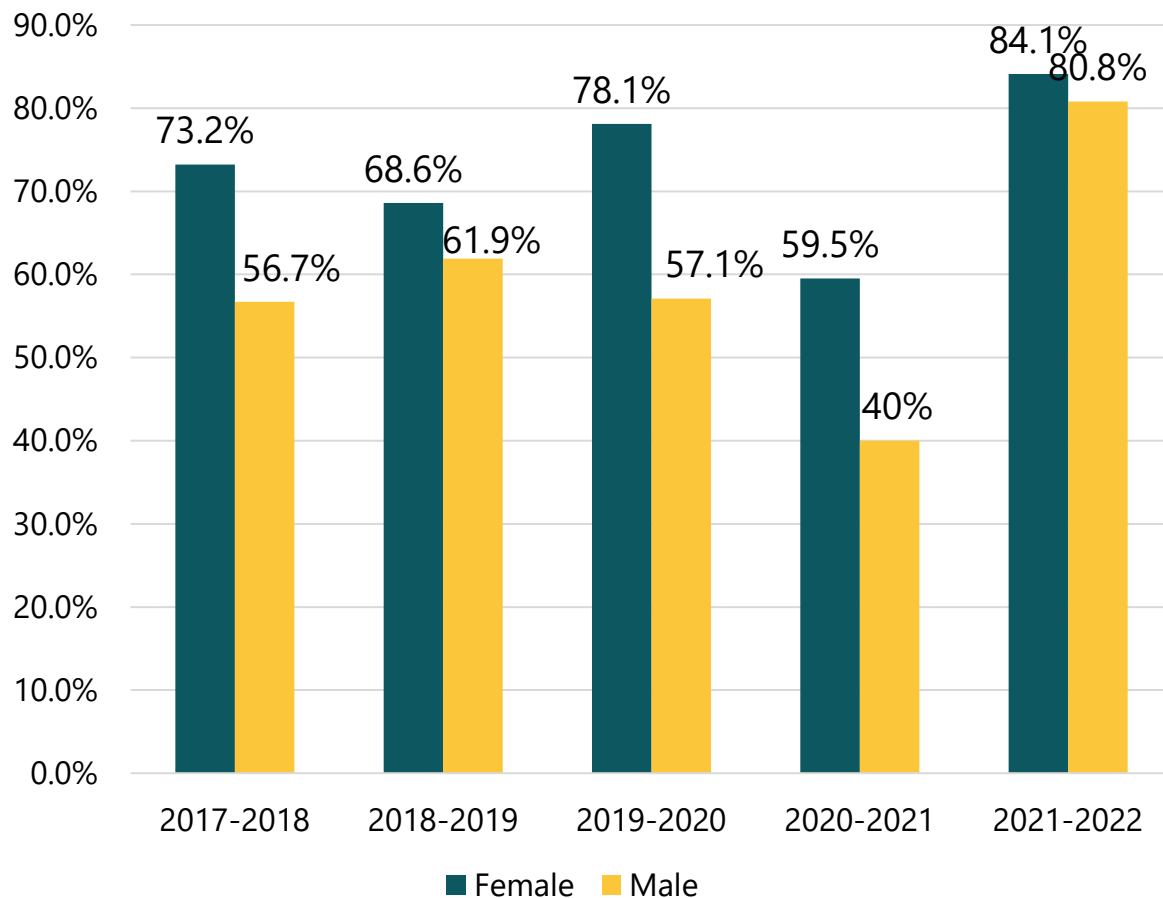
Royal High School Gap Closing

Royal High School Ninth Grade Success Rates by White, All Students, Hispanic/Latino of any race(s), and English Learner student groups 2017-2022

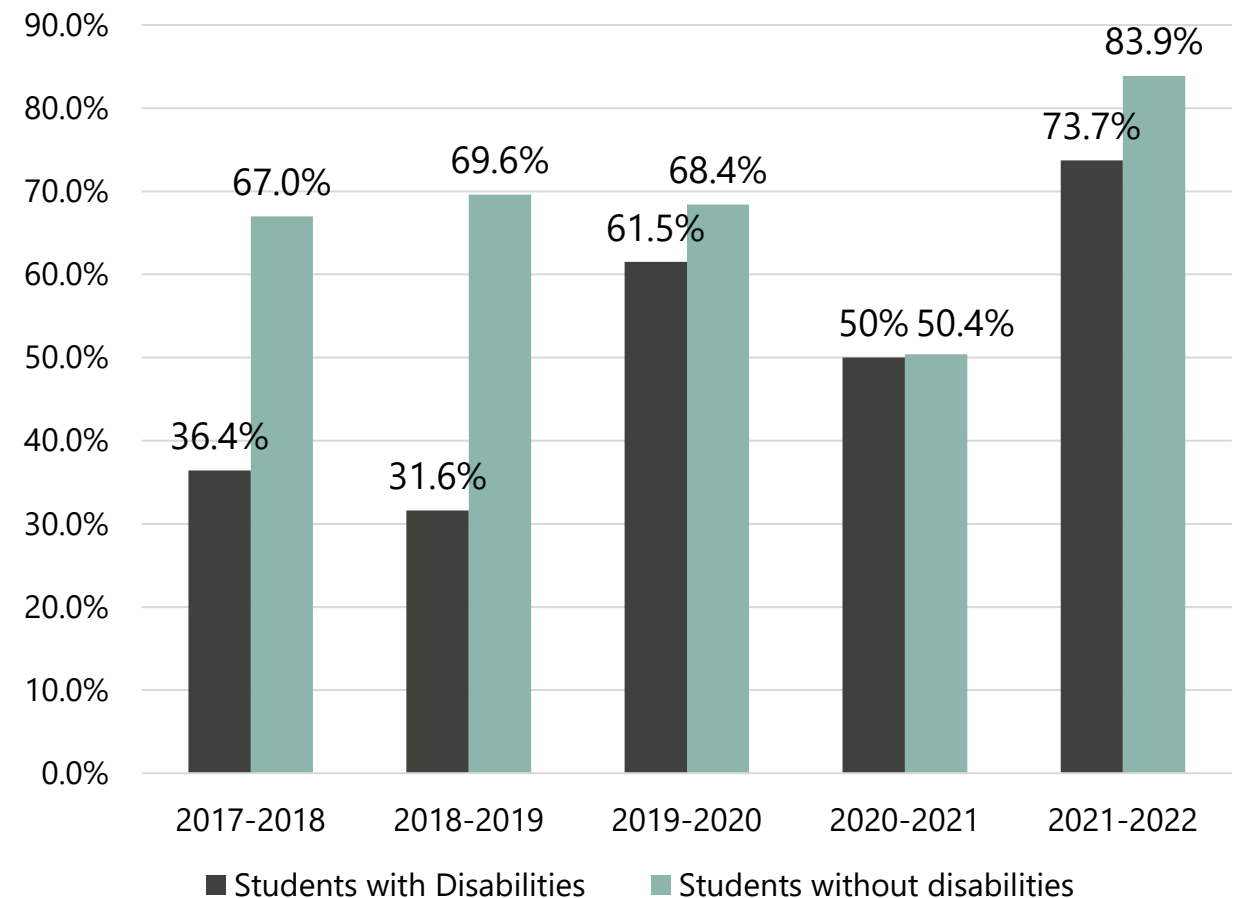


How Ninth Grade Success Impacted Royal Students by Gender & Students with Disabilities

What percent of male or female students passed their courses in ninth grade at Royal High School?



What percent of students with disabilities passed their courses in ninth grade at Royal High School?



Ninth Grade Success Helped Improve our Nesting of Support Systems



**Unique, dedicated,
consistent staff**

- School Improvement Team added a satellite Ninth Grade Success Team
 - Explicit Ninth Grade school-wide goals
- ASB Leadership, LINK Crew, Peer Mentors, High School Education & Celebrations
- Royal High School Administrative & Counseling Collaboration
- Teacher Data Master, shares & scaffolds analysis
 - Data always the driver
 - Faculty-wide use
- Advisory Intervention
- RTI & MTSS systems & interventions
- Ninth Grade Bridge to High School
- District Support & Partnership
- Special Education Accommodations Focus
- English Learners Instructional Strategies Focus
- Ninth Grade Success Teacher Leadership Team
- Walk to Tutoring
- Ninth Grade Advisory Curriculum
- Ninth Grade Advisory Teachers
 - opted in & trained
- Celebrations: Donuts & Ninth Grade on Track Train Award
- BAG: Behavior, Attendance, Grade checks
- Parent Collaboration
- Saturday School
- Grading practices book studies
- Tier One Intervention Focus



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