

# Story Release

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### All TCSS High Schools Above State Average for Graduation Rates

LaGrange, Ga., October 21, 2021 – After another year of navigating academics during COVID-19, the graduation rates for Troup County School System (TCSS) remained steady. Some schools even seeing higher rates than 2020. When the Georgia 2021 graduation rates were released – TCSS numbers were higher than the state average for the fourth year in a row. The district’s 2021 graduation rate is **85.87 percent**. The state average is 83.7.

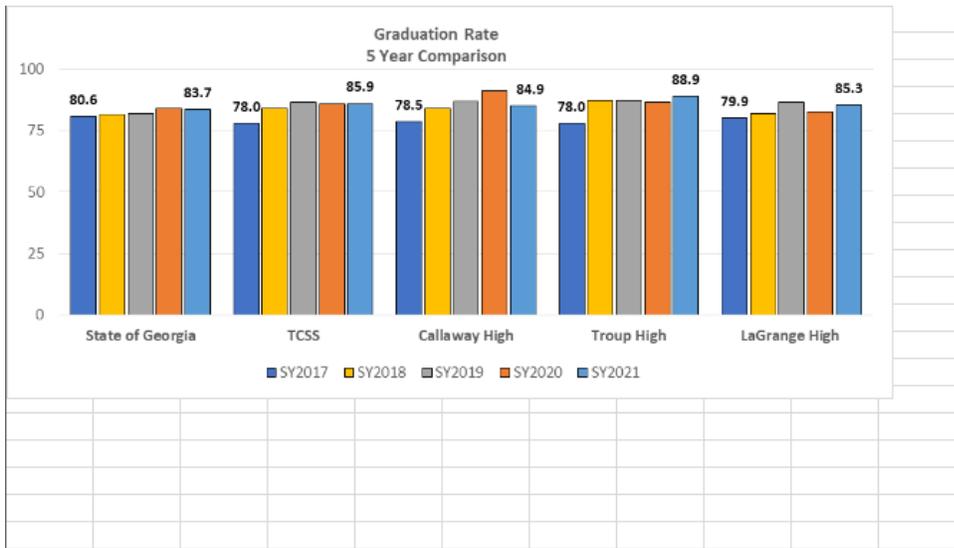
As TCSS graduated 729 students, Troup High School (THS) and LaGrange High School (LHS) saw a rise in scores from last year.

"We are very proud of the outstanding efforts of our high school staff members as the Troup County School System continues to outpace the state of Georgia in graduation rates. While we have much work to do, let's take a moment to celebrate these successes as we all have navigated a pandemic and everything that came with it. It truly took a village to make this happen and we congratulate our staff, students and their families as well as thank our community for the unbelievable support!" said Dr. Brian Shumate, Superintendent, Troup County School System.

### Seven Year Graduation Rates in TCSS

Graduation Rate	SY2021	SY2020	SY2019	SY2018	SY2017	SY2016	SY2015	5 Yr change	4 Yr change	1 Yr Change	Gap to State	
Troup High	88.89	86.5	87.15	87.2	78	80.9	75.8	7.99	10.89	2.39	(+)5.19	Troup
TCSS	85.87	85.9	86.57	84.1	78	76.9	71.4	8.97	7.87	-0.03	(+)2.17	County
LaGrange High	85.34	82.7	86.38	81.9	79.9	74.7	70.7	10.64	5.44	2.64	(+)1.64	Troup
Callaway High	84.86	91.2	86.67	84.1	78.5	74.9	67.2	9.96	6.36	-6.34	(+)1.16	Troup
State of Georgia	83.7	83.8	82	81.6	80.6	79.4	78.8	4.3	3.1	-0.1	0	State

### Graduation Rate-5-year comparison shown in the chart below



TCSS Subgroup data is contained in the chart below. Georgia Department of Education only reports data if there are 15 or more students in the cohort class.

Graduation Rates							
TCSS Subgroup	SY21	SY2020	SY2019	SY2018	SY2017	SY2016	SY2015
Asian	93.8	95.0	**	87.5	94.1	100.0	63.6
Black	86.9	86.5	84.3	81.1	74.3	73.5	67.9
Hispanic	78.7	82.4	90.0	76.0	76.9	74.2	69.0
Multi-Racial	78.6	73.3	85.4	79.3	75.9	65.5	67.6
White	86.2	86.2	87.8	87.1	80.4	79.3	75.1
Economically Disadvantaged	81.7	79.1	81.6	75.1	68.0	67.2	60.2
English Learners	62.5	76.0	**	80.0	**	**	55.0
Students with Disabilities	75.0	75.3	71.3	66.1	56.3	44.4	36.2
ALL	85.9	85.9	86.6	84.1	78.0	76.9	71.4
Gap B/W	-0.7	-0.3	3.5	6.0	6.1	5.8	7.2

\*\* Less than 10 graduating cohort

**This chart shows how Troup County compares to other localities in Georgia**

Graduation Rate	# of Graduates	SY2021	SY2020	SY2019	SY2018	SY2017	SY2016	SY2015	5 Yr change	4 Yr change	1 Yr Change	Gap to State	
Glynn County	767	93.9	93.5	92.8	95.1	90.9	83	83.3	10.9	3	0.4	-10.2	Similar
Heard County	130	93.5	88.2	83.3	91	93.6	84.5	90.9	9	-0.1	5.3	-9.8	RESA
Carroll County	944	93.4	95.1	93.3	91.7	85.7	85.7	82.7	7.7	7.7	-1.7	-9.7	RESA
Liberty County	584	92.1	93.7	88	85	82.1	83.3	84.8	8.8	10	-1.6	-8.4	Similar
Harris County	409	92.1	89.2	93.3	92.4	92.5	92.7	89.9	-0.6	-0.4	2.9	-8.4	RESA
Carrollton City	407	91.1	90.7	91	89.4	86.9	91.3	87.7	-0.2	4.2	0.4	-7.4	RESA
Coweta County	1610	89.3	91.6	86.9	84.8	85.5	84.7	86.3	4.6	3.8	-2.3	-5.6	RESA
Newton County	1206	89.1	89.8	86.9	87	83.5	82.7	81.5	6.4	5.6	-0.7	-5.4	Similar
Troup High	280	88.89	86.5	87.15	87.2	78	80.9	75.8	7.99	10.89	2.39	-5.19	Troup
Marietta City	554	86.7	83.7	75.7	76.2	78.5	75.1	74.7	11.6	8.2	3	-3	Similar
Dougherty County	707	86.2	83.3	85.1	86.1	83.1	80	77.8	6.2	3.1	2.9	-2.5	Similar
TCSS	729	85.87	85.9	86.57	84.1	78	76.9	71.4	8.97	7.87	-0.03	-2.17	County
LaGrange High	262	85.34	82.7	86.38	81.9	79.9	74.7	70.7	10.64	5.44	2.64	-1.64	Troup
Callaway High	185	84.86	91.2	86.67	84.1	78.5	74.9	67.2	9.96	6.36	-6.34	-1.16	Troup
State of Georgia		83.7	83.8	82	81.6	80.6	79.4	78.8	4.3	3.1	-0.1	0	State
Griffin Spalding County	538	83.5	90.2	88.6	85.4	81.5	73	69.2	10.5	2	-6.7	0.2	Similar
Bulloch County	644	83.4	83.5	79.9	85.1	82.5	84.9	84.5	-1.5	0.9	-0.1	0.3	Similar
Rockdale County	1048	82.1	84.6	82.7	81.8	84	82.1	83.3	0	-1.9	-2.5	1.6	Similar
Meriwether County	124	81.6	79.2	82.3	83.9	86.6	86.7	84	-5.1	-5	2.4	2.1	RESA
Clarke County	629	79.8	80.9	81.4	79.6	80.3	80.1	80.3	-0.3	-0.5	-1.1	3.9	Similar

### How Georgia calculates its graduation rate

Georgia calculates a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate as required by federal law. This rate is:

- 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

### **Georgia Graduation Rates – 2012 to 2021**

2021 – 83.7 percent  
 2020 – 83.8 percent  
 2019 – 82.0 percent  
 2018 – 81.6 percent  
 2017 – 80.6 percent  
 2016 – 79.4 percent  
 2015 – 79.0 percent  
 2014 – 72.6 percent  
 2013 – 71.8 percent  
 2012 – 69.7 percent

***Disclaimer on the use of Economically Disadvantaged subgroup data:*** During the 2020-2021 school year, the United States Department of Agriculture provided School Food Authorities operating the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs waiver flexibilities to offer school meals to all students at no cost. As a result, the response rate for Free and Reduced Meal Applications may show a decrease in submissions that resulted in a lower rate of economically-identified students where school meal applications are utilized for this purpose. Thus, the Economically Disadvantaged subgroup may not be comparable to previous years.

### About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2020 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To

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