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The 4 year and 5 year graduation rate for all Worcester students has continued to consistently increase over the last 5 years. 4 year graduation rates have increased across all but two subgroups (EL and Asian), and 5 year graduation rates have increased across all subgroups. The Hispanic/Latino subgroup's graduation rate has been consistently below the district average and the gaps between the graduation rates of different race/ethnic groups have remained relatively stable.

It is important to note that the categories on the chart are not discrete [e.g. English Learners (EL), students with disabilities, and low income]. Students are counted in each category they qualify for. Thus, the same student may potentially be counted in each of these categories and under their self-identified race/ethnicity. Please note the criteria for low income changed in the 2014-2015 school year.

We are actively engaging in initiatives to identify reasons for these gaps and solutions. Our 2018-2019 work with the BARR Foundations requires the development of specific action steps and a related timeline for implementation. Additionally, multiple grants are currently in place to support students in college and career explorations and planning.

Please see data on page 2 of Annex A.

District	4yr Grad. Rate 2014	4yr Grad. Rate 2015	4yr Grad. Rate 2016	4yr Grad. Rate 2017	4yr Grad. Rate 2018	5 Yr Grad. Rate 2013	5 Yr Grad. Rate 2014	5 Yr Grad. Rate 2015	5 Yr Grad. Rate 2016	5 Yr Grad. Rate 2017
All Students	79.2	80.8	81.9	83.3	83.5	78.7	82.5	84.4	86.4	87.1
Male	74.9	77.9	77.8	80.8	81.7	75.0	78.8	82.6	82.4	84.9
Female	83.9	84.0	86.4	86.1	85.4	82.5	86.5	86.4	90.7	89.5
EL	75.8	75.2	74.3	75.6	74.4	78.0	81.2	80.3	80.6	80.5
Students w/disabilities	63.1	62.4	61.5	63.7	76.5	60.3	67.6	67.3	68.9	72.3
Low Income	77.1	79.1	79.9	81.0	79.9	76.4	80.8	83	85	85.1
African American/Black	83.5	82.2	86.4	87.7	84.5	80.9	86.2	86.6	91.5	90.9
Asian	92.9	91.5	93.6	95.3	90.6	89.5	96.1	94.5	95	97.3
Hispanic/Latino	72.1	74.9	77.1	76.6	78.3	70.9	76.4	79.6	82.5	81.2
White	81.6	84.0	84.0	86.9	88.2	83.6	83.8	86	87	90
Multi-Race*	76.0	88.2	60.5	80.0	81.7	79.2	84.0	91.2	74.4	85.7

*given the small number of students identifying as multi-race, this percentage fluctuates more due to the larger impact a few students can have on the overall percentage.

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