

Education Priority: Indicators

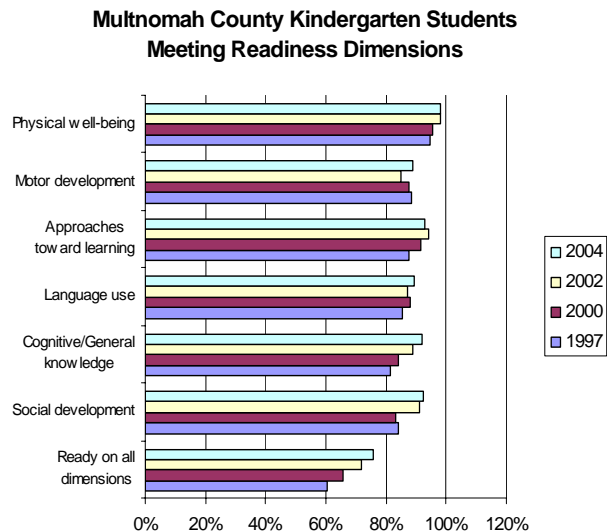
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1. Percent of entering kindergarten students who meet specific developmental standards for their age.

Kindergarten Readiness

The Oregon Department of Education conducts a periodic survey of Kindergarten teachers, asking them to assess their incoming students' readiness to learn on six different dimensions.

The survey indicates that Multnomah County kindergarten students in 2004 improved in most dimensions over prior years. The percentage of students ready on all dimensions has increased 26% since 1997.

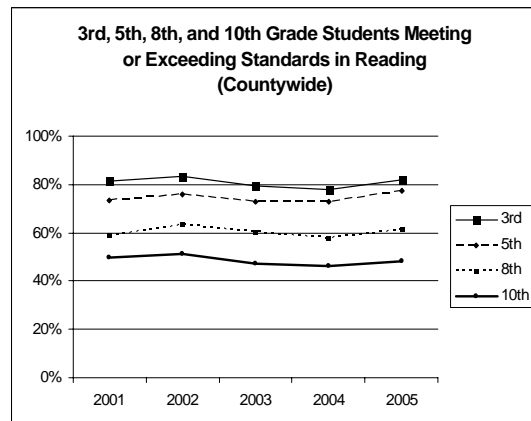


Source: Oregon Department of Education, Portland/Multnomah Progress Board

2. Percent of students at 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 10th grade that meet or exceed standards on state assessments.

Reading Standards

This chart shows the percent of students meeting standards on statewide assessments in reading. Over the past five years, the percent of Multnomah County students in grades 3, 5, 8, and 10 who meet standards in reading has vacillated. The percent of students meeting standards was up in 2005 at all grade levels.



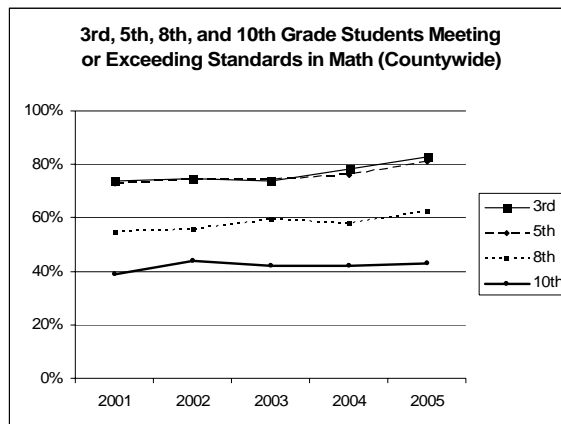
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Math Standards

This chart shows the percent of students meeting standards on statewide assessments in math. Over the past two years, the percent of Multnomah County students in grades 3, 5, and 8 who meet standards in math has increase, while 10th grade has remained stable. 3rd and 5th grade scores are roughly the same, so distinct trend lines are not able to be seen in the chart. The percent of students meeting standards was up in 2005 in all grade levels.

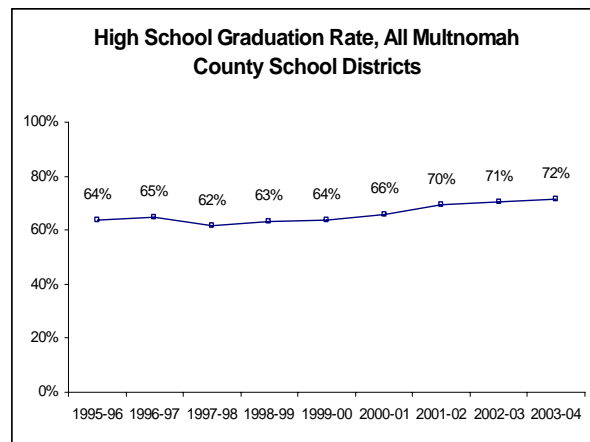


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3. Synthetic Four-Year Graduation Rate

High School Graduation

This chart represents a formula developed by the National Center for Education Statistics to simulate a graduation rate for a single class, or cohort, of students. It does so by dividing the number of graduates in a given school year by the number of graduates plus the number of dropouts in each grade for that year. The rate therefore attempts to reflect the number students who dropped out in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.



Source: Oregon Department of Education

The graduation rate in Multnomah County increased 12% between 2000 and 2004 and has trended upward each year for the past 6 years.