



SHEBOYGAN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SASD Graduation Rate at a Five Year High

The Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) is proud to report a significant increase in graduation rates, with a **91.6%** four-year graduation rate reported for the 2013-2014 school year (graduating class of 2014). This rate is nearly 4 percent higher than last year (3.8 percentage points). The SASD four-year graduation rate is 3 percent above the state average of 88.6%.

“We are very encouraged to see our graduation rates at a five year high. It is a top priority to see all students graduate, in a timeframe and program that fits their individual needs. This year’s gain means more students are reaching the goal of high school graduation and are ready to pursue college or a career,” said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Sheehan.

In addition to Wisconsin’s four-year graduation rate, the state also reported a six-year graduation rate for the first time in 2012. The main difference between the two rates is that the four-year rate is measuring the percent of students who graduate with a regular diploma in four years. The six-year rate is measuring the number of students who graduate in six years. All school districts are required to provide educational services for students with disabilities, if needed, until the age of 21. Additionally all districts are required to identify students who are “at-risk” of not graduating from high school and, like the SASD, may provide special opportunities or alternative programs. These, and other special situations, may require more than four years to graduate. For 2014, the SASD six-year graduation rate is 94.4%, nearly 3.0% higher than the state average of 91.5%.

The Sheboygan Area School District is proud to be able to provide a quality education for all students. The SASD works diligently to meet the varying needs of all students to prepare them for their next step in life.

| District/School Name | 4 Year Rate 2010 | 4 Year Rate 2011 | 4 Year Rate 2012 | 4 Year Rate 2013 | 4 Year Rate 2014 | 6 Year Rate 2014 |
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| SASD | 88.6% | 89.9% | 90.3% | 87.8% | 91.6% | 94.4% |
| State | 85.7% | 87.0% | 87.5% | 88.0% | 88.6% | 91.5% |

*Data compiled from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction **WISEdash** website (wishedash.dpi.wi.gov)*