



Results of the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate for the graduating class of 2011 show 58.58 percent of District of Columbia public high school students graduating within four years. Of the 5058 students within the cohort, 2963 obtained high school diplomas. Overall, half of District of Columbia schools rated higher than the state average, with 6 area schools over 90% and DCPS' Benjamin Banneker High School achieving an impressive 100% graduation rate.

Table 1: DC Graduation Rates

School Name	ACGR 2011	
BANNEKER SHS	100.00%	
MCKINLEY TECHNOLOGY	93.68%	
SCHOOL WW SHS	92.86%	
ELLINGTON SHS	91.67%	
WASHINGTON MATH, SCIENCE, & TECH	91.30%	
THE SEED SCHOOL	90.00%	
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON	86.05%	
FRIENDSHIP PCS – WOODSON	85.80%	
CESAR CHAVEZ PCS – CAPITOL HILL	84.88%	
CESAR CHAVEZ PCS – PARKSIDE	82.46%	
HYDE LEADERSHIP PCS/PERRY STREET PCS	79.41%	
THURGOOD MARSHALL PCS	75.44%	
WILSON SHS	73.76%	
IDEA PCS	72.31%	
EASTERN SHS	69.59%	
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS EC	69.30%	
IDEAL ACADEMY PCS – PEABODY [1]	68.57%	
MAYA ANGELOU PCS- EVANS	65.00%	
HOSPITALITY PCS	63.33%	
DUNBAR SHS	60.25%	
COOLIDGE SHS	59.81%	Statewide Average 58.58
WOODSON SHS	57.14%	
BALLOU SHS	48.11%	
SPINGARN SHS	47.74%	
ROOSEVELT SHS	46.03%	
MAYA ANGELOU PCS- SHAW	42.11%	
WILLIAM E. DOAR, JR PCS	42.11%	
ANACOSTIA SHS	42.06%	
CARDOZO SHS	39.93%	



Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

New for this year, OSSE calculated the graduation rates for school year 2010 – 2011 based on the Adjusted Cohort Graduation method. This method is required by the U.S. Department of Education for all states. With this method, students who were 9th graders in 2007 – 2008 are identified as the 2011 cohort.

The Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) is determined based on the total number of students who graduate with a regular diploma in 2011 within 4 years. Students who transferred, emigrated, or passed away during the four years in high school will be removed, while students who transferred in during any of the cohort’s four years in high school will be added. The total number of graduates is then divided by the cohort number.

	Adjusted Cohort Graduation Method
<i>Formula</i>	Adjusted Cohort: Total Number of Students who entered ninth grade in 2007 – 2008 school year minus students who transferred out equals the Adjusted Cohort Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate: Students that obtained high school diplomas in 2010 – 2011 school year divided by the Adjusted Cohort equals the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate
<i>District of Columbia ACGR</i>	There are 5935 students in the Adjusted Cohort that began 9 th grade in 2007-2008. Of those, 877 students transferred out during the next four years. At the end of 4 years (school year 2010-2011), 2963 high school diplomas were awarded. The Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate for the District of Columbia is 58.58 percent. $5935 - 877 = 5058$ $2963 / 5058 = 0.5858$ ACGR = 58.58%

It is important to note that the variance between the total number of student who entered the ninth grade 4 years earlier and the adjusted cohort graduation rate may be students that take longer than 4 years to graduate, obtained a GED instead of a regular high school diploma, or dropped out of school.