



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

February 16, 2021

Statewide Graduation Data:

- Statewide graduation rates were published by the Oregon Department of Education on Thursday, January 21, 2021.
- “The statewide graduation rate for the class of 2019-2020 is **82.6%**, up 2.6 percentage points over the previous year and the highest graduation rate ever recorded in Oregon...” (ODE News Release, 01/21/2021)
- Philomath High School Data:

Student Group	19-20 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	19-20 Four-Year Cohort Completer Rate	18-19 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
All Students	90.35%	98.25%	92.06%
Male	86.44%	> 95.00%	93.65%
Female	94.55%	> 95.00%	90.48%
Hispanic/Latino	83.33%	> 95.00%	90.91%
White	92.71%	> 95.00%	92.92%
Economically Disadvantaged	86.67%	> 95.00%	88.37%
CTE Participants	93.58%	> 95.00%	94.12%

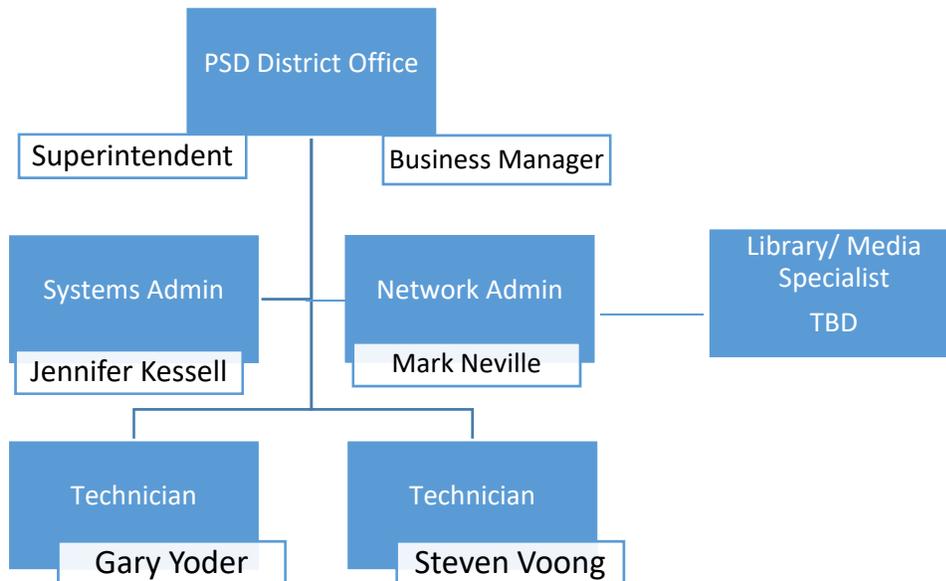
- A **cohort graduation rate** follows the students who are first-time high school students in a particular year and determines the percentage that graduate within a given time frame, such as four years.
- The **four-year cohort graduation rate** is the percentage of students in a cohort, adjusted for transfers into and out of the school, district, or state, that earn a standard diploma within four years of entering high school.
- The **four-year cohort completer rate** is similar to the graduation rate, but includes students who earned other completion credentials, such as extended and adult high school diplomas or GEDs, in the numerator.

COVID-19 Testing in Oregon's K-12 Schools:

- Currently working with District Nurse, Lori Haslam, on implementation considerations.
- In order to opt into outdoor contact sports, Philomath must “offer on-site responsive testing for symptomatic individuals and those with known exposures to individuals with COVID-19.”
- Any school level testing would operate under the same criteria.
- Testing requires active consent of parent/ guardian or adult student.
 - I give permission for school staff to test this student(s) for COVID-19 if new symptoms develop at school.
 - I give permission for school staff to test my student(s) if they are exposed to COVID-19 within their school cohort and testing is recommended by the local public health authority.
 - I do not give permission for school staff to test my student(s) under any circumstances.

Technology Update:

- Current staffing model is as follows:



- Technology Plan updates to be shared at May School Board meeting.

Nursing Updates:

- Last month, Lori Haslam, reported as hired for ½ time District Nurse.
- Full time District Nurse, Tina Hoch, to begin work in early March.

PSD Calendar Committee:

- Work on creation of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 district calendar proposals.
- Seeking membership representing licensed, classified, administrative, and unrepresented staff.
- Will also be seeking community input.
- Anticipate presentation at the April School Board meeting.

Student Success Act:

- Updated plan for 2020-2021 has been approved.
- Received Executed Grant Agreement from ODE today.
- Not later than March 1, 2021, we will begin assessing priorities for funding in the 2021-2023 biennium.

Association Connections:

- Numerous conversations have taken place with our Association partners.
 - Joint Conversations – District, PEA, and School Board (01/29 and 02/01)
 - Operational Blueprint Team (02/02, 02/03, 02/08, 02/11)
 - Philomath Chapter, Oregon School Employees Association (02/08)
 - Philomath Education Association (02/02, 02/10, 02/11, 02/12, 02/15)

Legislative Watch:

- HB 2001 – Relating to procedures for the reduction of educator staff.
Requires school district that is making reductions in educator staff positions to retain teacher with less seniority if teacher has more merit and if retention of teacher is necessary to maintain school district's diversity ratio.
- SB 238 – Relating to law enforcement agency personnel in schools.
Prohibits district school board or superintendent from approving contract or other agreement that provides for members of law enforcement agency to be assigned to schools of school district.
- SB 334 – Relating to training for persons in leadership positions of public education providers.
Requires directors of school districts and education service districts, superintendents of schools districts and education service districts, members of public charter school governing bodies and principals of public charter schools to receive specified training.

Recent News:

- “Racism in Mathematics”
“The [Oregon](#) Department of [Education](#) (ODE) recently encouraged teachers to register for training that encourages "ethnomathematics" and argues, among other things, that White supremacy manifests itself in the focus on finding the right answer.”
PSD will continue to gather information. Simply want to ensure awareness.