HIGH SCHOOL
5-YEAR EXTENDED GRADUATION

The five-year extended graduation rate for Tacoma’s Class of 2017 remains at a solid 89.6 percent. Like on-time graduation rates, we are continuing to shift the scales and surpass our 2020 goal.

Despite a slight dip in our progress toward closing gaps for all students of color, Pacific Islander students reached a high point in graduation this year. This group realized an overall 10 point increase in graduation from 2016, reaching 95 percent!

Reducing Barriers

Meanwhile, at 79 percent, the five-year extended graduation rate for students experiencing homelessness in Tacoma has remained at a critical standstill for the last three years. The dramatic growth in four-year rates for this group and lack of growth in five-year rates might indicate that young homeless adults are losing access to resources after they turn 18. We know that ending the cycle of poverty is much more than a housing problem. Without a high school diploma or GED, these young adults are 3.5 times more likely to experience homelessness again later in life compared to their peers who completed high school. Moving forward, it is vital that we continue to work towards removing barriers that compound the impact of unstable housing.

DATA TRENDS

AIMING HIGHER GOAL: Increase the five-year extended high school graduation rate by 50 percent — to 87 percent by the Class of 2020.

MULTI-YEAR GAPS Represents the increase or decrease in the achievement gap between students of color and White students and between students in poverty and those not in poverty, baseline to current.

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKOUT

Data Source: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Note: Gap measures don’t perfectly match demographics due to rounding to the nearest percent.