



Graduation rates on the rise in Chino Valley Unified School District

Chino Valley Unified School District's graduation rate for the 2014-2015 school year was much better than both the state and county, according to reports released by the state this week.

The reports looked at members of the Class of 2015: the group of students who entered school in fall 2011 as ninth graders and moved through high school together.

Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) had a graduation rate of 89.7% for that group of students, while statewide the graduation rate was 82.3% and the San Bernardino County rate was 80.7%.

The District's graduation rates have increased for the last four years, from 86.5% in 2012 to 89.7% in 2015.

In addition, the District had a lower drop-out rate than the state and county for the Class of 2015: 6.7% for CVUSD, 10.7% for the state, and 11.4% for the county.

CVUSD's Class of 2015 also had a slightly higher graduation rate (89.7%) than the Class of 2014 (89.4%).

Improvements were also made among CVUSD students classified as English Learners, Special Education, and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged.

English Learners in CVUSD's Class of 2015 had a 75.2% graduation rate, up 1% (74.2%) from the same group in the Class of 2014.

CVUSD Special Education students in the Class of 2015 posted a 79% graduation rate, up .9% (78.1%) from those students in the Class of 2014.

CVUSD students listed as Socioeconomically Disadvantaged made the highest gain in one year regarding graduation rates. Those students in the Class of 2015 had an 84.1% graduation rate, while their counterparts in the Class of 2014 had an 82.5% graduation rate. That is a graduation rate increase of 1.6%.

CVUSD also had better graduation rates for those students than did the state and county:

English Learners – CVUSD 75.2%, State 69.4%, County 71.7%

Special Education – CVUSD 79%, State 64.5%, County 65.3%

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged – CVUSD 84.1%, State 77.7%, County 77.3%

CVUSD's Class of 2015 also bested the state and county when it came to meeting University of California and California State University requirements for college admission. Forty-six percent of CVUSD's students met the requirement, while only 43.4% of students statewide did, and only 33.8% of county students did.

The District's Class of 2015 also improved on meeting those college requirements when compared to 2014. Forty-six percent of the Class of 2015 met those requirements, while 44.5% of the Class of 2014 met the UC and Cal State admission standards.

"This is an important increase because it shows that we're making greater gains in preparing students for both college and career," said Julian Rodriguez, CVUSD Director of Assessment and Instructional Technology.

Graduation rates for the Class of 2015 dipped and dropout rates rose at each of CVUSD's four comprehensive high schools (Ayala, Chino, Chino Hills, and Don Lugo) when compared to the Class of 2014.

"Dropout rates also include students who leave the district, state, and country and do not notify us, or for whom we cannot confirm re-enrollment in schools," Rodriguez said. "Since this is a cohort (high school class) percentage rate, it is aggregate over four years."

The state did not report individual graduation and dropout rates for Boys Republic High, Buena Vista Continuation High or the Chino Valley Learning Academy (for suspended students) to protect privacy since there were 10 or fewer students in the Class of 2015 at those schools. But, the graduation and dropout rates of those schools were figured into the District's total rates.