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Educational Attainment Among South Seattle High School Graduates

The Community Center for Education Results (CCER) is the supporting organization for **The Road Map Project**, a community-wide effort to close the achievement gaps for low-income students and students of color by doubling the number of South King County and South Seattle students on track to graduate or earn a career credential by 2020. Last December, CCER released its *2013 Results Report*¹ providing data on 33 indicators of student success.

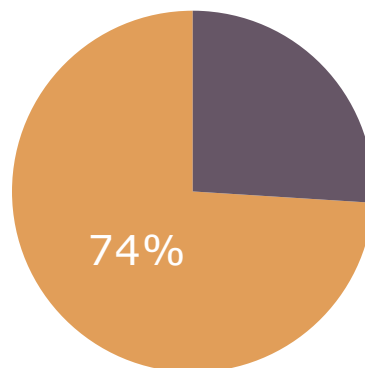
This edition of *Beyond the Headlines* focuses specifically on the findings of CCER’s report relating to high school graduation rates, college attendance, college preparedness, college persistence and postsecondary credential attainment among students attending South Seattle public high schools.² Within the Seattle Public School District, schools in South Seattle have relatively high percentages of students of color (81 percent), English Language Learners (14 percent) and low-income students (66 percent).³

Are South Seattle High School Students Graduating?

ROAD MAP PROJECT INDICATOR:

Percentage of students who graduate high school on time

FIGURE 1: On-time Graduation Rate of South Seattle High School Students (Class of 2012)

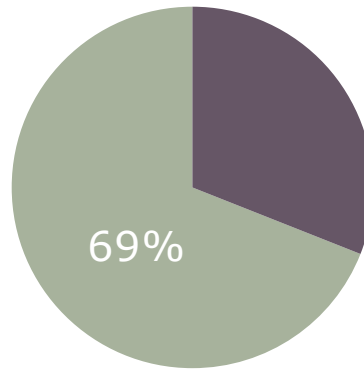


Are South Seattle High School Graduates Transitioning to College?

ROAD MAP PROJECT INDICATOR:

Percentage of students who directly enroll in postsecondary education (within one year of high school graduation)

FIGURE 2: Percentage of South Seattle High School Graduates Enrolling Directly in Postsecondary Education (Class of 2012)



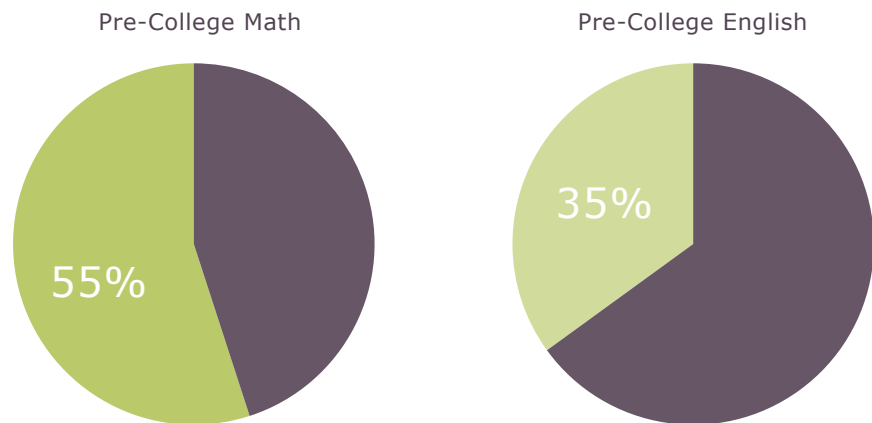
Are South Seattle High School Graduates Prepared for College-Level Work?

ROAD MAP PROJECT INDICATOR:

Percentage of students at community and technical colleges enrolling in pre-college coursework (measures students enrolling in community colleges but not prepared

for college-level work, and thus taking developmental – or remedial - courses that do not offer credits toward a credential)

FIGURE 3: Percentage of South Seattle High School Graduates (Class of 2012) at Washington 2-Year Public Colleges Enrolled in Pre-College Courses:

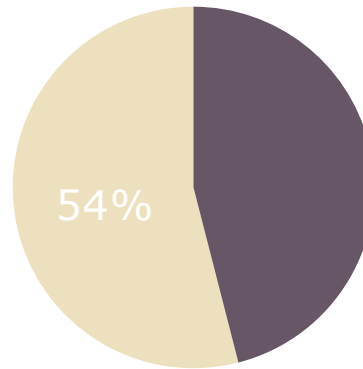


Are South Seattle High School Graduates Persisting in College?

ROAD MAP PROJECT INDICATOR:

Percentage of students continuing past the first year of postsecondary education

FIGURE 4: South Seattle High School Graduates (Class of 2012) Persisting in College Past the First Year

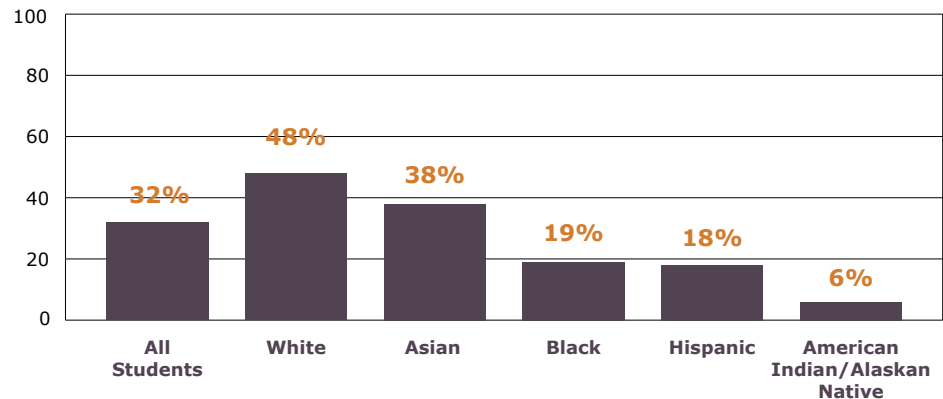


Are South Seattle High School Graduates Earning College Credentials?

ROAD MAP PROJECT INDICATOR:

Percentage of students who earn a postsecondary credential by age 24

FIGURE 5: South Seattle High School Graduates (Class of 2007) Completing a 2- or 4-year Degree Within 6 Years of High School Graduation, by Race⁴



NOTE: College includes 2- and 4-year postsecondary institutions. Enrollment and persistence data are presented in years since high school graduation.

Taken together, these indicators demonstrate that Seattle must do better at preparing students coming from its south end high schools for college and career: improving their high school graduation rates while ensuring they graduate prepared for college-level work; increasing their access to college; and supporting their persistence in college toward attaining credentials with value in the local labor market.

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1. The Road Map Project's *2012-13 South Seattle District Report* (February 2014) can be found at <http://www.roadmapproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2013-South-Seattle-District-Report.pdf> (accessed May 12, 2014).
 2. Includes Chief Sealth International High School, Cleveland High School, Franklin High School, Garfield High School, Rainier Beach High School, and South Lake High School.
 3. The Road Map Project. *2012-13 South Seattle District Report*, pp.13-14.
 4. Chart adapted from The Road Map Project. *2012-13 South Seattle District Report*. p. 97. Utilizing data from the National Student Clearinghouse and The BEREC Group.

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Seattle Jobs Initiative creates opportunities for students, workers and business to succeed by helping education and job training programs meet the demands of a new economy. We find and apply solutions for people to gain the skills they need for good jobs that create prosperity for all in today's marketplace.

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