

# Graduation Updates

## WCPSS Board of Education Student Achievement Committee

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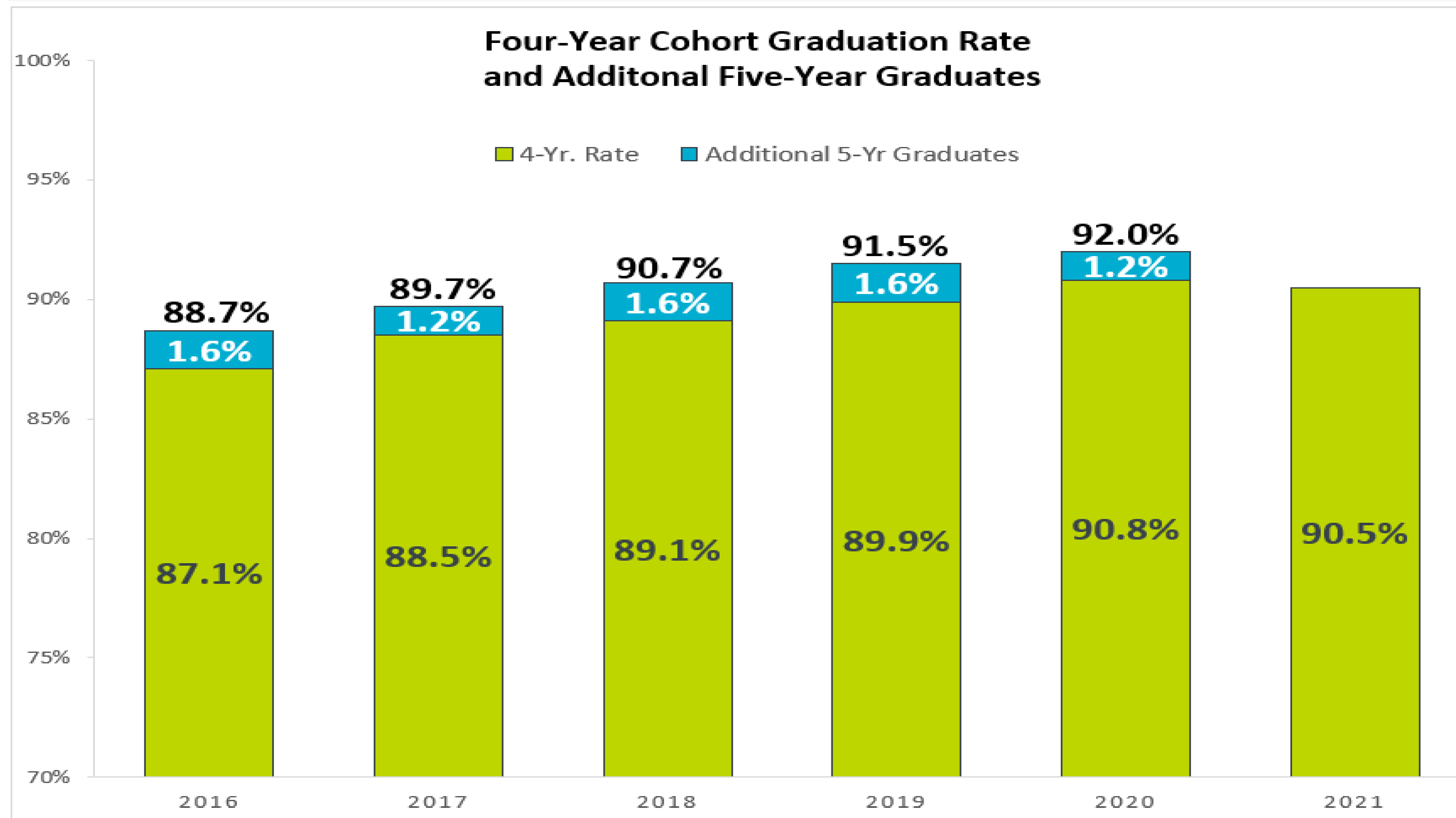


## Desired Outcomes

### **By the end of this presentation the Board will have been provided:**

- Highlights from our efforts to support 9th grade transition and success,
- Opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom within Career & Technical Education,
- Plans for Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2022!

# WCPSS Graduation Rates (Before and During Pandemic)





# 9th Grade Support Structures

**Schools are engaging supports aligned to their student needs.**

***School Strategies include:***

- Freshman Orientation Strategies
- 9th Grade Academy & Strategic Scheduling Structures
- Peer Tutorial Programs

***District Strategies include:***

- High School Data Days
- Summer Learning Programming
- 9th Grade Leaders Learning Network

# 9th Grade Support Structures

## School Focus: Apex High Student Ambassadors

Juniors and Seniors committed to helping Freshmen build community and connectedness as they transition to high school.

- Monthly Cougar Class Sessions
- Freshman Friday
- Academic and Social Mentoring
- Leadership Development



# Enriching the High School Journey

## Opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom enrich the high school experience!

- School Career Academies
- CTE Student Organizations
- Internships, Apprenticeships, and Community Partnerships
- SHED Competition
- Summer Enrichment Programs





## CREDENTIAL BOOT CAMPS

Student needing extra time and practice to achieve credentials can work with staff to master standards and earn credentials valued by employers.

## CAREER ACCELERATOR

A new workforce development program created to provide high school students in 10th through 12th grade with immersive experiences with local companies exploring targeted career fields.

## DESIGN BLITZ

Students will engage in the design process while working through a design charrette/challenge in collaborative groups. Work is geared towards students interested in all areas of design (graphic, industrial, art) as well as students with entrepreneurial and engineering interests.

## BUILDER'S BRIDGE

Students interested in construction careers can experience construction with residential and commercial builders. During this one week immersion, students will visit job sites, develop skills, and learn about career pathways.

## ACE MENTOR

Students participate in a program designed to attract high school students into pursuing careers in the Architecture, Construction and Engineering industry, including skilled trades. Work alongside engineering mentors to design, model, and pitch your ideas.

## DISTRICT C TEAMSHIP

Students immerse themselves in a problem solving cycle for a local business partner. Students work in collaborative teams to learn about business needs, develop a solution and pitch their ideas to professionals.

## RED HAT ACADEMY

Students have the opportunity to learn to deploy, administer, manage and secure Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

# Graduation: Class of 2022

## Final Push Strategies

- Monitoring Cohort Graduation Rate
- Proactive measures to mitigate the impact of factors outside of the student's control
- Positive impact of summer learning opportunities in Summer 2021
- Positive impact of SEL focus work
- Impact of proactive relationships to help students in the final months and weeks





## Graduation: Class of 2022

### Gratitude for the K-12 Journey: In the words of our seniors ...

- "... if it weren't for Mrs. G, I wouldn't be the person I am today, and I wholeheartedly believe that her work and impact will carry on with me after high school."
- Coach really helped me see myself as a strong person regardless of what kind of obstacles I was facing. I might not have always listened to him as close as I should have but I think every word stuck somehow. I am deeply appreciative for my coach and his dedication to track despite his own obstacles.
- I had failed 2nd grade and was put in [her] class the following year. She was very kind and helpful throughout my school year. ... She pushed me to become the person I am today. Not only did I [become] a better learning student but because of [her] I believe in myself. She will always have a special place in my heart. I'm glad [she] was my teacher.

# Graduation: Class of 2022



**Line up the graduates ...**

**... It's time to celebrate!!**

Graduation ceremonies will return to traditional venues & structures in 2022 at:

- Raleigh Convention Center
- Reynolds Coliseum
- Meymandi Hall

**Dates:**

- May 20-27, 2022
- June 10-16, 2022

# Dialogue and Questions

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