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MCSO Graduation Rate

(Columbus, GA)-The Muscogee County School District has been above the state graduation rate average since 2008. However, the most recent Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) graduation rate report reflects less than a one percent decrease for the Muscogee County School District graduation rate, which places the district just below the state average.

Graduation Rate	2011	2012
Muscogee County	68.2	67.5
Georgia	67.4	69.7

The Cohort Rate is calculated using the data of students who have been in high school for four years, which allow states to uniformly compare graduation rate across the nation. The cohort rate calculation is a requirement by U.S. Department of Education and is one of the indicators used in the calculation of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

The 4 year cohort rate does not capture the total number of students who complete high school with a diploma from Muscogee County School District, only those who meet the requirements for a high school diploma within four years.

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“Obviously our goal is to ensure that our students graduate within four years,” said Interim Superintendent, Dr. John Phillips, Jr. “However, we recognize that our students are unique and learn at different paces. In some instances, additional time is needed to meet requirements.”

There are several strategies the district is using to help students meet graduation requirements through increased learning time (credit recovery, before, during and after school tutorial sessions, test prep academies for End of Course Tests, Georgia High School Graduation Test, instructional software programs) standards based classroom instruction, co-teaching, and the Response to Intervention (RTI) process.

“There are challenges and we realize we have more work to do,” said Chief of Academics Veronica Collins. “Using our school district improvement plan and data to guide our instruction, we expect to see improvement.”

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