Stark County’s Significant Educational Progress

Through the convergence of collaborative efforts of Stark schools and their partners, significant progress was made toward three high-level objectives: high school graduation, college-going rates and degree attainment.

2018 High School Graduation Rate (4-Year Rate)\(^1\) Studies demonstrate that a high school diploma is a necessary building block for career success. More Stark students are graduating with a high school diploma and additional valued college credits, degrees and career credentials.

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Some College/Associate Degree Attainment (Ages 18-24)\(^2\) More students are seeking education beyond high school as a pathway to career success.

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Total Degree Attainment – (Ages 25 and Up)\(^2\) The opportunity to earn college credits and Associate degrees in high school has had a powerful impact on all levels of degree attainment in Stark.

The Stark Education Partnership collaborates with education, business, civic and community members across the entire spectrum – cradle to career – to create and respond to opportunities that will provide ALL students with education and career success.
Greater Stark College-Going Rate³
Through a convergence of collaborative efforts, Stark schools and community partners made substantial progress in raising college-going rates.

51% IN 2005
62% IN 2017

Greater Stark College Persistence Class of 2016³
College access is the first step. Student persistence (those who return for their sophomore year) is another critical indicator for degree completion.

U.S. 74%
STARK 85%

College Credit Plus (CCP) in Stark County
In 2017-18, Stark County high school students had the highest rate of CCP enrollments per capita - more than any other county in Ohio.¹,²,⁵

According to the Community College Research Center at Columbia University, students successfully completing college coursework in high school are more likely to go to college.

32% IN 2017
38% IN 2018

Students Graduating w/ 3 or More College Credits¹

2018 TO 2019
INCREASED
44.1%

Industry Recognized Credentials⁴
Stark County large and small businesses are looking for candidates with strong technical skills. Stark high school career tech prep and community colleges are graduating increasing numbers of students with industry recognized credentials.

Sources:
¹ Ohio Department of Education
² U.S. Census American Community Survey
³ National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker
⁴ Stark County Educational Service Center
⁵ In counties with more than 1,000 student enrollments