

# Looking At The ISSUES

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## Stark County Graduation Rates Continue to Rise – Canton South High School Graduates 100%; Massillon Achieves Greater Than 90% Graduation Rate

Celebration is appropriate in Stark County. The graduation rates continue to rise. On the 2003-2004 report card, 10 districts had achieved a 90% or greater graduation rate for the 2002-2003 school year and now on the 2006-2007 report card 15 districts are at 90% or better.

### Stark County High School Graduation Rates

District	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
Alliance	82.8%	81.9%	80.3%	86.8%
Canton City	73.1%	72.4%	67.3%	54.1%
Canton Local	98.8%	98.3%	97.3%	97.8%
Fairless	97.1%	94.9%	96.2%	89.3%
Jackson	99.8%	98.6%	96.8%	95.3%
Lake	97.0%	99.2%	98.1%	96.9%
Louisville	95.8%	96.4%	94.5%	94.7%
Marlington	95.0%	96.8%	96.5%	94.8%
Massillon	93.1%	87.5%	88.9%	88.9%
Minerva	94.8%	92.7%	89.3%	87.5%
N. Canton	98.6%	99.8%	98.5%	97.9%
Northwest	96.0%	97.8%	98.9%	100%
Osnaburg	95.8%	96.8%	91.3%	85.7%
Perry	96.4%	96.0%	96.5%	99.1%
Plain	93.4%	95.0%	96.0%	95.2%
Sandy Valley	97.2%	93.9%	95.5%	93.8%
Tuslaw	96.5%	96.3%	96.1%	87.0%
<i>Number of Districts Greater than 90%</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>

Source: Ohio Department of Education

Note: Graduation rates published on the school district report cards reflect the graduation rate for not the previous year, but the one previous to that. Thus, the graduation rate listed on the 2006-2007 report card, is the graduation rate for the 2005-2006 school year.

## In The News

### Congratulations to Mount Union College

Dr. Richard Giese, President of Mount Union College reports, "Mount Union College, which in the past has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a top 15 regional college (Midwest), was promoted this year to the category of Best Liberal Arts Colleges. This is a national category, not a regional one, and Mount is now ranked compared to national bests such as Williams, Amherst, Carlton and Swarthmore. In this very prestigious category, Mount is listed among the top 160 of the best in the country."