



## MSDE Public Website of State Performance Plan Results

### Local School System Results for Special Education

#### Maryland: Indicator 1

Percent of youth with IEPs graduating from high school with a regular diploma compared to percent of all youth in the State graduating with a regular diploma.

### Results

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
State Baseline:	74.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Target:	-	83.24%	83.24%	85.5%	85.5%	85.5%	87.75%
State Results:	-	76.8%	75.61%	-	-	-	-
State Total# of Students:	-	5369	5522	-	-	-	-
State Indicator Measurement:	-	4122	4175	-	-	-	-

### Narrative Description of Indicator

Maryland defines the graduation rate as the percentage of students who receive a Maryland high school diploma during a reported school year. This is an estimated cohort rate. It is calculated by dividing the number of high school graduates by the sum of the dropouts for grades 9 through 12 respectively in consecutive years plus the number of high school graduates. Maryland uses this measurement for all students.

Maryland did not meet the target set by the Maryland State Board of Education for FFY 2006. The graduation rate for students with disabilities was 75.61% (n = 4,175 divided by 5,522) and the graduation rate for their nondisabled peers was 86.10%.

The graduation rates for students with disabilities and their nondisabled peers dropped for FFY 2006. Students with disabilities had a slippage of 1.18% from FFY 2005 when the graduation rate was 76.77%. The graduation rate slippage of nondisabled students for FFY 2006 was 0.11% from 86.21% for FFY 2005.

The slippage of 1.18% may not indicate a downward trend at this time. As the graduation requirements increase, trends may develop.

The following factors may have contributed to the slippage:

- The method used to calculate the graduation rate does not take into consideration the number of students with disabilities who take advantage of additional years to meet graduation requirements.
- In FFY 2006, 9.2% of students with disabilities exited from high school with a Maryland High School Certificate of Program Completion. This was a 4% increase over FFY 2005.