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JEFFCO’S GRADUATION, DROPOUT RATES TOP STATE

According to information released today by the Colorado Department of Education, 86 percent of Jeffco students attending a neighborhood high school in 2011, graduated on-time, an increase of 1.3 percent from 2010.

The overall district graduation rate, which includes option and charter schools, also increased to 79.1 percent.

“I’m so proud that our graduation rate continues to rise. That one percent increase is 50 to 60 more kids who will have brighter futures because they have completed high school. We begin in kindergarten by setting the expectation with students that they will graduate and our staff is relentless in helping students meet that expectation,” said Jeffco Superintendent, Dr. Cindy Stevenson.

The number of Jeffco students dropping out of school increased slightly for the 2010-11 school year; the district dropout rate is 1.9 percent, an increase of 0.1 percent over the previous year.

Jeffco’s on-time graduation rate

	2009-2010	2010-2011
Neighborhood schools	84.7%	86%
District rate including option and charter schools	78.1%	79.1%
State of Colorado	72.4%	73.9%
Jeffco’s dropout rate	1.8%	1.9%