

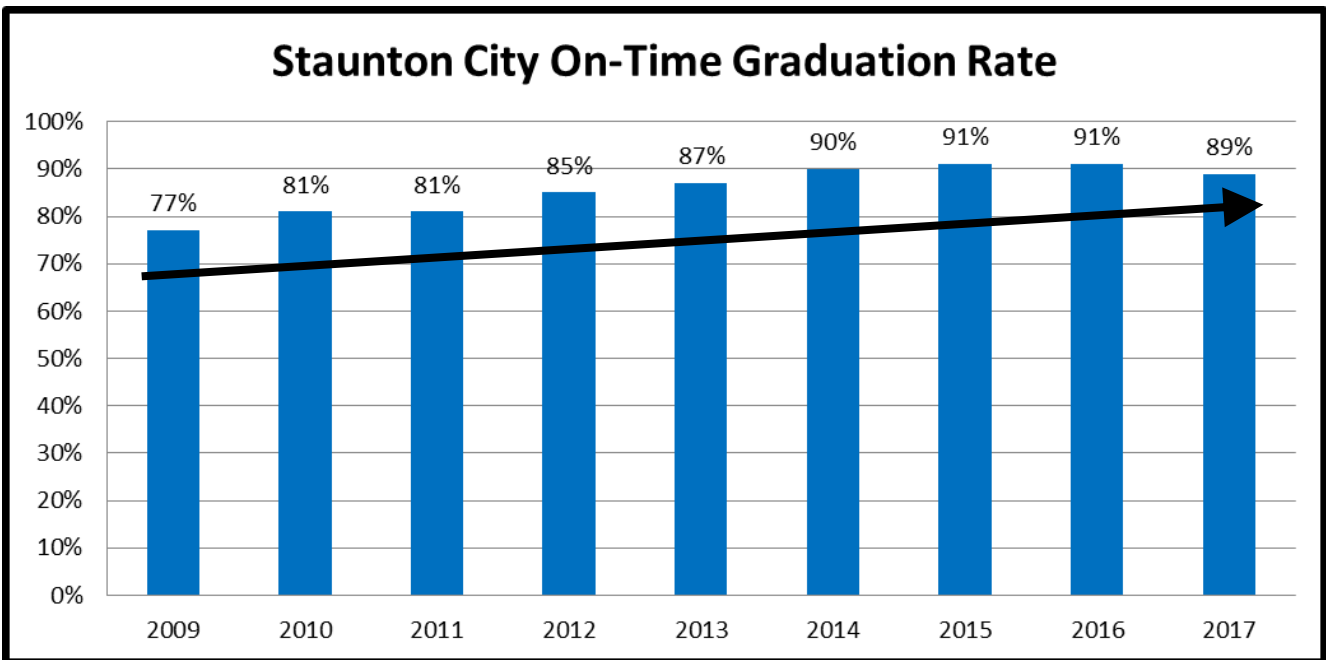
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September 27, 2017 – Staunton City Schools Maintains High Graduation Rate

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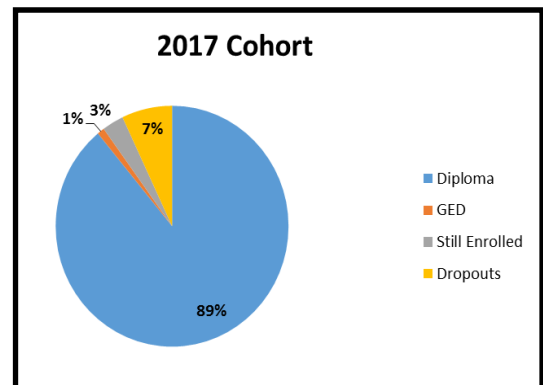
STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS MAINTAINS HIGH GRADUATION RATE

The percentage of students graduating on-time at R. E. Lee High School has increased significantly over the past several years. The 2017 graduating cohort maintained a high benchmark for students graduating, as 89% of the 175 students who entered the ninth grade in the fall of 2013 earned a diploma within four years. This percentage is 12 points higher than the on-time graduation rate eight years ago. The economically disadvantaged subgroup had the highest rate of graduation to date (94%).



Only students earning a diploma are included in the calculations for on-time graduation. Students who earn a GED, remain enrolled in school, or drop out are not included in the calculation. Of the students included in the 2017 cohort:

- 89% earned a Virginia-recognized diploma
- 1% earned a GED
- 3% remain enrolled
- 7% dropped out



Over half of the diplomas issued by Staunton City Schools were Advanced Studies diplomas.

“We are proud of our recent graduates, who worked hard to meet an important life accomplishment. Staff at *all* of our schools celebrate the success of these students - from creating strong early learning foundations to exceeding the rigorous academic standards and requirements set by the state. We are pleased to welcome these graduates into our community workforce and paths for higher learning,” states Director of Assessment and School Improvement, Stephanie Haskins.

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