

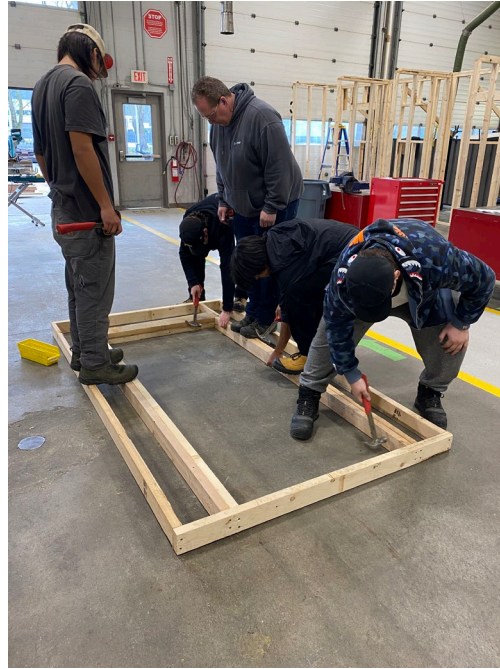
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## KSS UFV Trades Sampler Program Update

The Trades Sampler Program is designed to give students the opportunity to gain basic introductory knowledge and hands-on experience in several industrial trades. Upon completing the program, students will be able to evaluate their suitability for working in the trades and determine a trade they may want to pursue as a career choice. This 12-week program gives the students a hands-on approach to experience the following: safety of tools, forklift training, carpentry, blueprint reading and drafting, electrical, plumbing, pipefitting, automotive, and welding. This program gives students certificates for First Aid, forklift training and WHMIS. This year, students had the experience of learning how to use a computer drafting program called Auto-CAD, which is widely used in today's industry.



In carpentry, students were given the task of building a 40-foot-long wall out of 2 x 4s using hammers and nails. In the construction process, students were instructed on how to follow specific instructions from a drawing and given measurements to build the structure. Once the students completed the wall structure, they divided the wall into 5-foot cubical sections, which each student would be responsible for.

In this section, the students would be responsible for putting up the two partitions on either side and a front section for a door. If some students finished their section before others, they would use a team approach and help each other so that everyone would be able to move on to the next section together to ensure no one fell behind.

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In plumbing, students learned the different types of piping and how to assemble them. Students were given the task of measuring and cutting the pipe at the correct angles needed for Plumbing in a sink and toilet for their section. Students then learned to run cold and hot water lines to a sink. These lines were also pressure tested to make sure that there were no leaks throughout.

In piping, students learned about the different types and how to measure, prepare, and fasten connections with a torch and solder. Students also learned how to connect black metal pipes with a specific machine called a threader.

## Six Year Completion Rate Update

The Six-Year Completion Rate was developed to help estimate the percentage of British Columbia students who graduate, with a BC Certificate of Graduation ("Dogwood") or BC Adult Graduation Diploma ("Adult Dogwood"), within six years from the first time they enrol in Grade 8. While most students will complete high school within the expected five-year period, a number of students will take longer to complete. The Six-Year Completion Rate does not include students who receive the British Columbia School Completion Certificate ("Evergreen"). The Evergreen certificate recognizes the accomplishments of students with special needs and an Individual Education Plan (IEP), who have met the goals of their education program, other than Graduation.

### **Selecting a group of students for the calculation:**

For each school year, the six-year completion rate is based on a specific group, or *cohort*, of students in a district. All students present in the school system are included in one school year cohort, for one district only. Each cohort consists of students who either:

- Started in Grade 8 in Year 1 (of the six-year period), or
- Arrived in higher grades in later years during the six-year period

While the students may move between districts, the school district of record (for Completion Rate purposes) is **always** the last district in which the student appears in British Columbia during the six-year period. This district is called the *District of Responsibility* – in other words, it is the school district that is responsible for graduating that student. Some students arrive later in the process, and some students depart prior to graduation. The cohort calculation brings all of these changes into consideration.

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## Adjusting for outmigration:

The Dogwood Completion Rate is adjusted for outmigration – i.e., those students who leave British Columbia but who may successfully complete school elsewhere. This adjustment is made by calculating the outmigration rate for students in Grades 2 through 4 in each district. The logic is that children in these grades cannot “drop out,” since they are of school age; therefore, it is a reasonable assumption that the students in this proxy cohort who are missing from both this district and all other districts in the following year have truly moved out of the province.

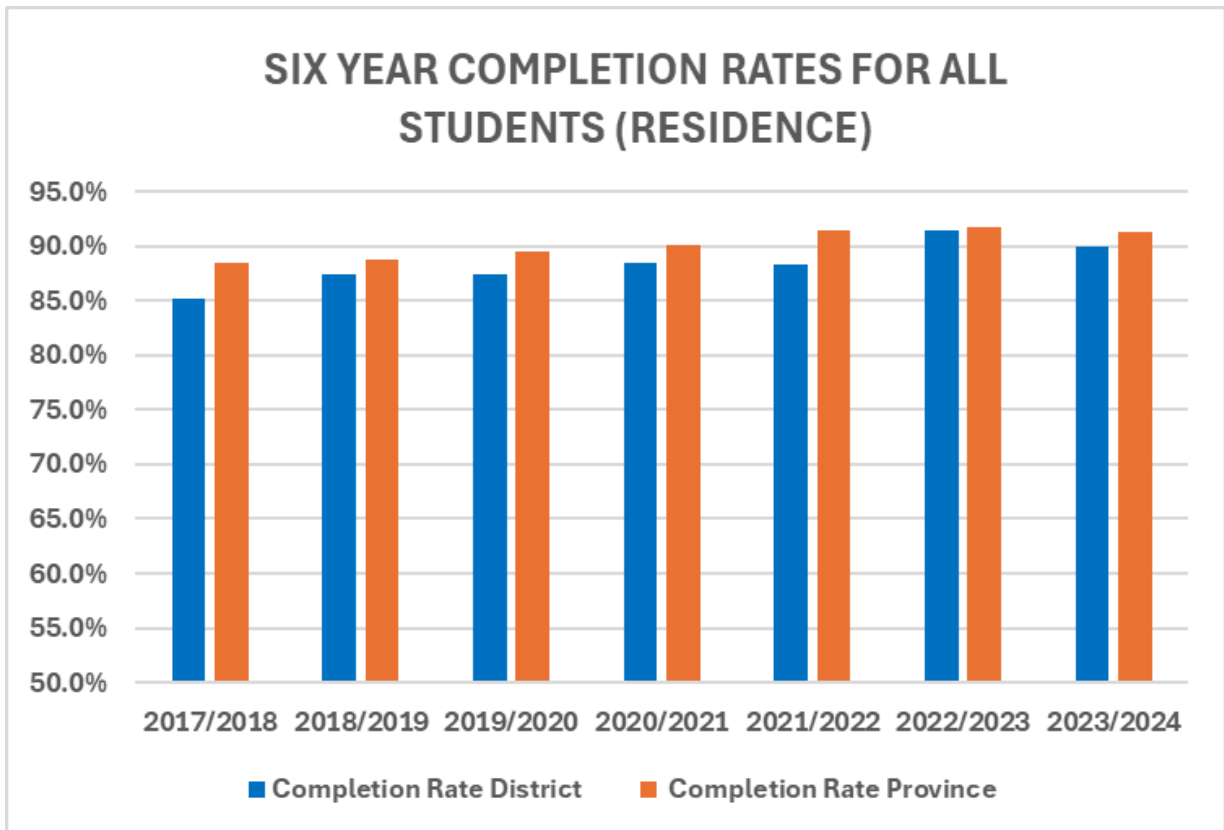
## Calculating the Six-Year Completion Rate:

The formula for the Six-Year Completion Rate at district level can now be calculated as follows:

**Graduated students (= Completions)**

*divided by (All students in the cohort – Outmigrations)  
at the end of the six-year period*

## Completion Rate Data 2023-2024 (Released November 2024)

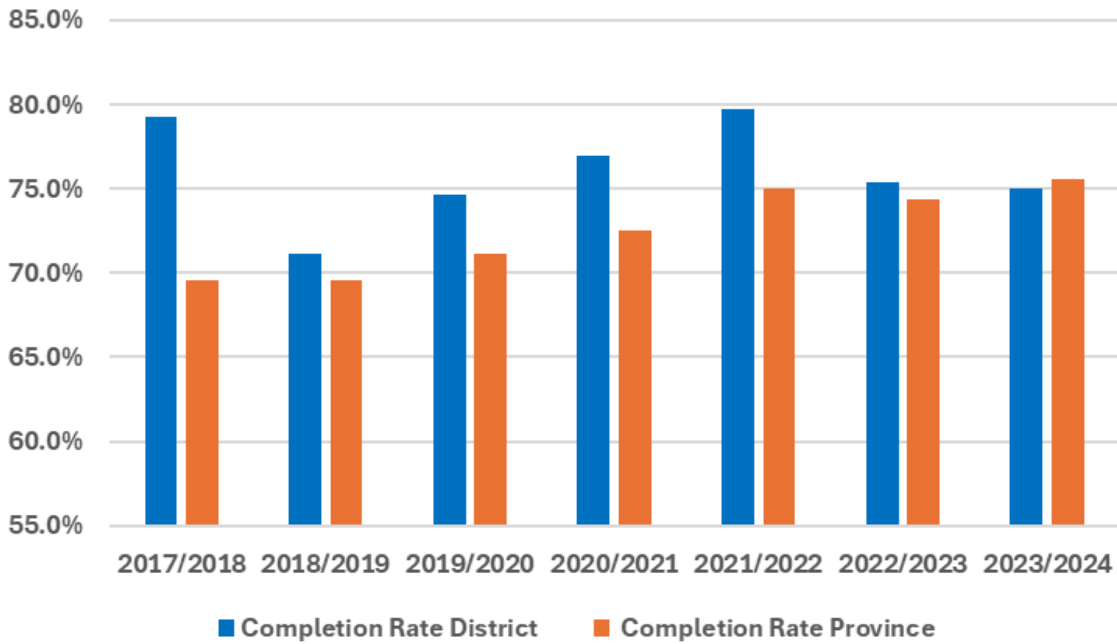


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## SIX YEAR COMPLETION RATES FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS



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