

# The state of public education in Delaware

# PROGRESS MADE



Preparing our students for a lifetime of success

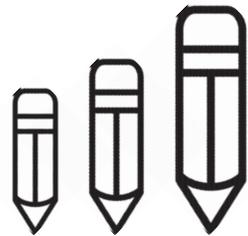
Delaware public schools and their students have made enormous progress since 2005. Here are just a few highlights from Delaware's many achievements.



**75,000** students will have access to the **Schoology digital learning management system** in 2015-16.

**10,000 (58%)**

Delaware children with high needs are enrolled in top-tier Stars programs



Student achievement has grown at the **third-fastest rate** in the U.S. between 1990-2009

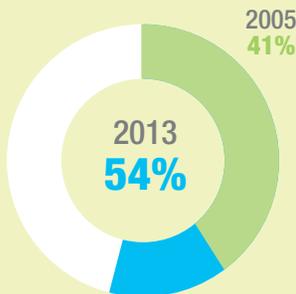


All teachers meeting in Professional Learning Communities to discuss grades, test scores, and teaching methods



Higher, clearer academic standards

Thousands more young people are better prepared to enter a career or college



Completed education beyond high school (ages 18-24)



**84%**

84 percent—or thousands more Delawareans—are completing high school in four years. This is higher than the national average of 80 percent.

Hundreds more students are **taking and passing** one or more Advanced Placement exams

% of graduating class scoring 3 or higher on AP Exam

2005  
2013

13%  
17%

**98%** of all college-ready students **applied, got accepted, and intended to enroll** in a higher education institution

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## A LONG WAY TO GO

Despite our gains, Delaware still has a long way to go to reach world-class status. Here are some areas that still need improvement.

By 2025, Delaware's aspiration is to be top 10 in the country in proficiency in math and reading across all levels



A school funding system that dates back to the 1940s

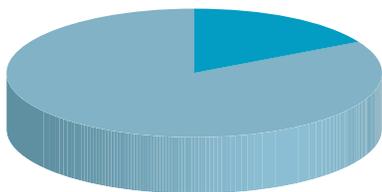
Although the proportion of students in Delaware who were **racial/ethnic minorities** increased from 44% in 2005 to **52% in 2014...**



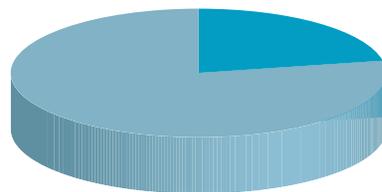
...and the proportion of **low-income students** increased from 37% in 2005 to **56% in 2014,**



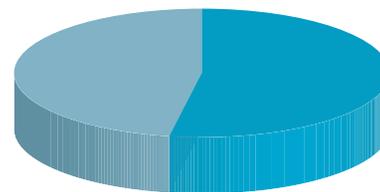
Delaware is **1 of 4** states that does not provide additional resources to English learning students and **1 of approximately 15** states that does not provide additional resources for low-income students, limiting the system's ability to meet the far-ranging needs of our students



Only **17% of low-income students** who enter the 9th grade make it to a second year of college



Delaware has a 90% participation rate for the SAT, but only **22% of the 2014 graduating class** met the SAT college readiness benchmark



**53%** of Delaware students **must take remedial courses** upon entering Delaware colleges