

Definitions for Open Data – BC Schools - First Time Grade 12 Graduation Rate

Column	Definition
[Definition of extract]	This extract contains information on the proportion of students (residents only) who were in Grade 12 for the first time in September and who then graduated within the same SCHOOL_YEAR.
[Technical Notes]	<p>Students who receive a School Completion certificate (“Evergreen”) are not included in the final counts or rates of students who graduated. However, any student assigned to grade 12 (as opposed to a lower grade, or Secondary Ungraded) that is appearing in that grade for the first-time will be included in the initial cohort count (i.e., FIRST_TIME_GRADE_12_COUNT).</p> <p>‘Msk’ (masked) values are for numbers fewer than 10, to prevent the identification of individuals.</p>
[Key References]	<p>Ministry of Education: Reporting on K-12 Glossary of Terms</p> <p>Graduation Requirements</p> <p>Graduation Information for Students</p> <p>School Completion Certificate Program</p> <p>Handbook of Procedures</p> <p>Student Credentials (see Honours Standing)</p>
SCHOOL_YEAR	<p>The school year that commences on July 1 and ends the following June 30.</p> <p>For this dataset, the earliest school year is ‘1996/1997’.</p>
DATA_LEVEL	<p>Use this column to select results at the province-, district-, or school-level.</p> <p>Values: ‘Province Level’ ‘District Level’ ‘School Level’</p>
PUBLIC_OR_INDEPENDENT	<p>Use this column to select only public schools, independent schools, or both school types.</p> <p>Values: ‘BC Independent School’ ‘BC Public School’ ‘Province - Total’ (= a rollup of both school types)</p>

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DISTRICT_NUMBER	<p>The number of the school district. This does not include independent school authorities.</p> <p>This value is a 3-digit string (e.g., 005, 023). However, leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with the First Time Grade 12 Graduation Rate extract</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NAME.</p>
DISTRICT_NAME	<p>The name of the school district or independent school authority.</p> <p>For the number of the district, please see the column DISTRICT_NUMBER.</p>
SCHOOL_NUMBER	<p>The eight-digit numerical identifier assigned to the school by the Ministry of Education. This is also known as the MINCODE ("Ministry Code"). The first three digits are often the district number (geographic district number). However, leading zeros may be automatically removed when opening the file in Excel. See <i>Working with the First Time Grade 12 Graduation Rate extract</i> guide for tips on how to prevent this from happening.</p> <p>For the actual name of the school, please see the column SCHOOL_NAME.</p>
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FACILITY_TYPE	<p>The facility type describes the type of program offered and the way in which it is delivered.</p> <p>The only value in this column is 'All Facility Types'.</p>
SUB_POPULATION	<p>Use this column to select a subset of the student population. Set this column to 'All Students' to see how all students performed.</p> <p>Values: 'All Students' 'Disabilities and Diverse Abilities' 'Indigenous' 'Non Disabilities and Diverse Abilities' 'Non Indigenous'</p>
MEASURE_NAME	<p>A description of the rate being calculated.</p> <p>The only value in this column is 'First Time Grade 12 Graduation Rate'.</p>
FIRST_TIME_GRADE_12_COUNT	<p>The count of first-time Grade 12 students, whether or not they are eligible to graduate.</p>

Column	Definition
FIRST_TIME_GRADUATION_COUNT	The count of first-time Grade 12 students who graduated in that school year.
GRADUATION_RATE	<p>The percentage of first-time Grade 12 students who graduated in that school year.</p> $\text{FIRST_TIME_GRADUATION_COUNT} / \text{FIRST_TIME_GRADE_12_COUNT}$
HONOURS_COUNT	The count of first-time Grade 12 students who satisfied provincial graduation requirements and obtained a higher than 3.0 (a better than B average) in the best 76 credits for required courses and elective credits.
HONOURS_RATE	<p>The percentage of first-time Grade 12 students who graduated with honours that school year.</p> $\text{HONOURS_COUNT} / \text{FIRST_TIME_GRADE_12_COUNT}$