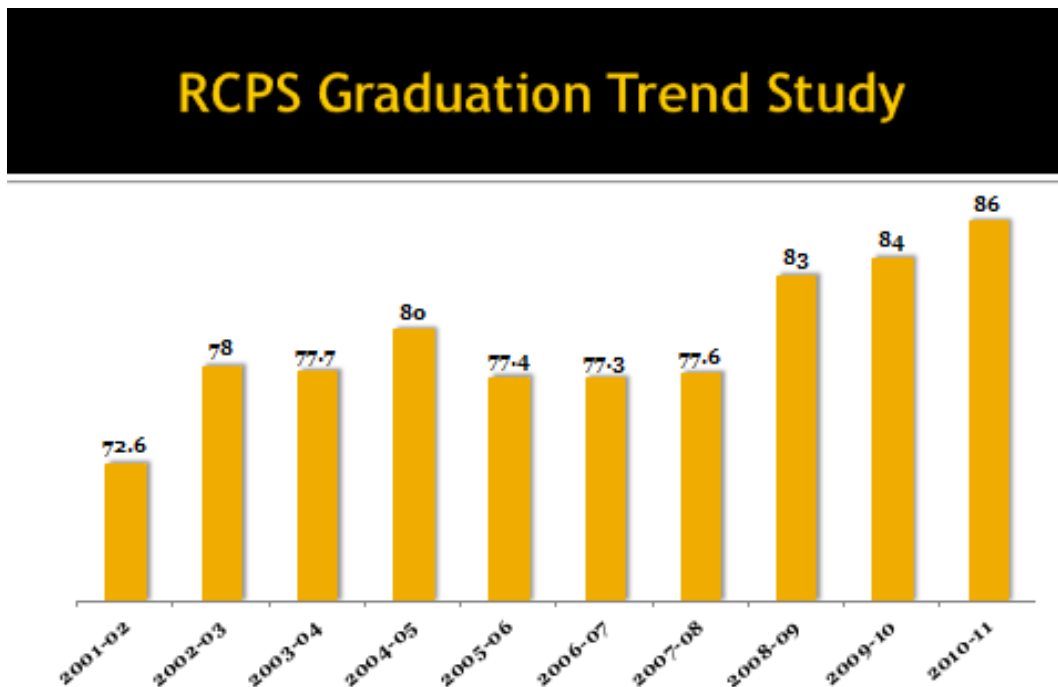


News Release

2011 ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' GRADUATION RATE CONTINUES TO RISE

Conyers, GA – Rockdale County Public Schools has met the state and federal requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the sixth consecutive year with 100% of the schools within the district also achieving AYP. AYP is an accountability measurement that was established in 2001 as required by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. One component of measurement for accountability is the graduation rate. The state uses a complex formula to determine the actual graduation rate; however, it reflects the percentage of entering 9th grade students who progress through high school and graduate within a specified time period.

RCPS reported its highest ever graduation rate last school year. This year the graduation rate went even higher. The final AYP results show the RCPS graduation rate is now at 86%. “Our efforts to expose all students to rigorous coursework and provide customized safety net and credit recovery programs are showing a positive impact on our graduation rate and the success of our students,” says Dr. Samuel King, Superintendent.

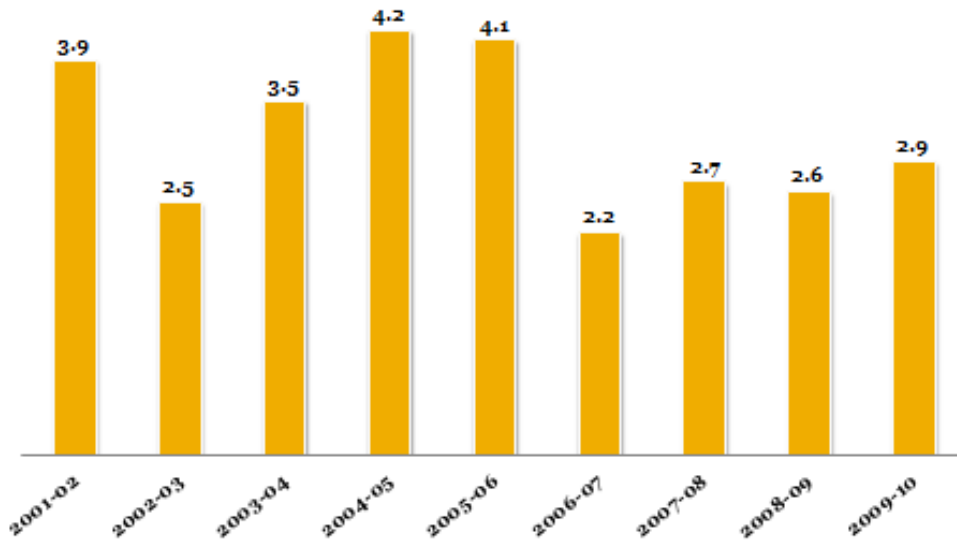


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“Through our innovative programs such as Open Campus, the Rockdale Career Academy, and our Virtual Campus, students have more options than ever when planning their future.”

Equally notable is the current low dropout rate of 2.9% for Rockdale County. “Although 2.9% is a comparably low rate, we work towards a dropout rate of 0%,” says King. “We believe that every child has the ability to learn and will continue to focus on providing every opportunity possible for students to succeed.”

RCPS Drop Out Trend Study



For more information on the No Child Left Behind Act and Adequate Yearly Progress, please visit the Georgia Department of Education web site at www.gadoe.org.

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