

## Graduation Rates 2021

### **Graduation Rate Calculations:**

The Department will report both a four-year and five-year cohort graduation rate. The four-year cohort graduation rate is calculated for the graduating class last May by dividing the number of students in the cohort who graduate with a regular high school diploma (numerator) in four years or less by the number of first-time 9<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in the fall of their freshman year (four years earlier) minus the number of students who transferred out plus the total number of students who transferred in (denominator).

The five-year cohort graduation rate is calculated for the class of 2017 using a similar methodology as the four-year cohort rate. This rate is calculated by dividing the number of students in the cohort who graduate with a regular high school diploma (numerator) in five years or less by the number of first-time 9<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in the fall of 2013 minus the number of students who transferred out plus the total number of students who transferred in (denominator).

### **Belmond-Klemme District Graduation Rates:**

- **2021** class 4-year cohort graduation rate: 100.0%
- **2020** class 4-year cohort graduation rate: 91.5%
- **2020** class 5-year cohort graduation rate: 91.5%

### **Dropout Rate Window:**

The dropout window for a school year begins on certified enrollment count day (October 1) of that school year and ends on the day before certified enrollment count day the following year (September 30).

### **The State of Iowa is the National Leader:**

In recent years, the state of Iowa has been a leader in the United States in graduation rates. Below are the four-year graduation rates for across the State of Iowa in recent years.

### **Recommended Action:**

No action is necessary. This is a discussion item.