

Today is December 15, 2018

Tomorrow is commencement.
Grades are due 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 20.
This is the last newsletter of the 2017 year.
The spring semester starts January 29, 2018
Next newsletter: Friday, February 2, 2018

BLUEVIEW information for new Drake students

Here is an updated version of Debbie Dodge's beautiful powerpoint introducing new and not-so-new students to BLUEVIEW and where to find things. Please share and use widely.
[BLUEVIEW.pptx](#)

Good News

10 facts: Iowa's high school graduation rate tops nation

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/2017/12/07/10-facts-iowas-high-school-graduation-rate-tops-nation/930935001/>

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Iowa again tops the nation in high school graduation rates, according to a new National Center for Education Statistics [report](#).

Here are 10 things to know about Iowa's graduation rate, one of many measures that school and state leaders watch as indicators of school success:

1. In 2016, 91.3 percent of Iowa seniors who started as freshman graduated in four years.
2. That's up from a graduation rate of 90.8 percent for the Class of 2015.
3. In 2016, the national average was 84.1 percent.

Search for your school's graduation rate: [Iowa's graduation rate tops 91 percent](#)

4. The District of Columbia graduated only 69.2 percent of seniors in four years, the lowest in the nation, and New Mexico only graduated 71 percent, the lowest of any state.

5. In Iowa, students who come from low-income backgrounds face challenges in graduating, with 83.9 percent earning a diploma in four years.

6. Both Kentucky and Indiana graduated a higher percentage of low-income students, at 85.6 and 85 percent, respectively.

7. Fewer minority students in Iowa graduated when compared to their peers. In 2016, 85 of Hispanic seniors and 80 percent of black seniors graduated, compared to 92.9 percent of white seniors.

8. Alabama and Arkansas both had a higher percentage of Hispanic seniors graduate, at 87 and 85.7 percent respectively.

9. Nine states had a greater percentage of black students graduate in four years than in Iowa, from highest: Alabama, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware, Arkansas, Montana, Rhode Island and Kentucky.

10. Iowa schools and education leaders are continuing efforts to improve the state's graduation rate and prepare students for success after high school.
"We're proud that Iowa continues to be the national leader in high school graduation rates," Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise said. "At the same time, we have work to do to ensure all students are prepared to succeed beyond high school."

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