

# Calibration

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Numbers will soon be reported as to the high on-time graduation rates and low dropout rates achieved in our high schools this year. Will this data be...flawed? Adjustments will be made for student movement in and out of the school district, death, etc...that's okay. Can you or I verify this information as accurate? No. What we can do is look at the numbers that are available and then come to a rational conclusion.

The following numbers are reported as graduation totals for 2017...so far –

Bethel – 405  
Hampton – 353  
Kecoughtan – 398  
Phoebus – 236

What was reported as the fall student count for the 9th grade classes in 2013/2014 –

Bethel – 561  
Hampton – 448  
Kecoughtan – 478  
Phoebus – 360

Hampton will want us to believe that, in one case in particular (Phoebus), a third of the students moved or graduated early rather than report that the students flunked on their way to 12th grade – preventing their on-time graduation - or dropped out.

The graduation percentages that will be reported will be nowhere near the more likely numbers from the available data –

Bethel – (405/561) 71%  
Hampton – (353/448) 79%  
Kecoughtan – (398/478) 83%  
Phoebus – (236/360) 66%