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JEFFCO'S GRADUATION RATE THIRD IN THE NATION

Jeffco Public Schools has the third best graduation rate of the 50 largest school districts according to Education Week's [*Diplomas Count*](#) report released recently. The report calculates Jeffco's graduation rate at 85.5 percent. This is the second year that Jeffco has been one of the top districts for its graduation rate; previously it was ranked fifth in the nation.

"I am incredibly proud that our ranking has improved and is even better than before. To have the third best graduation rate of the largest school districts is a reflection of the great work being done in our schools to make sure students graduate with choices for their future," said Jeffco Superintendent Dr. Cindy Stevenson.

[The report](#), part of an ongoing project conducted by Editorial Projects in Education (EPE), presents an updated analysis of graduation patterns for the nation, states, and the country's 50 largest school districts. The new analysis focuses on the class of 2009, the most recent year for which data are available.

The EPE Research Center calculates graduation rates using data from the Common Core of Data (CCD), an annual census of the nation's public schools and school districts conducted by the U.S. Department of Education.