

Key Findings from the Ninth Grade Success Evaluation

Program Outcomes in Year 4
August 16, 2023

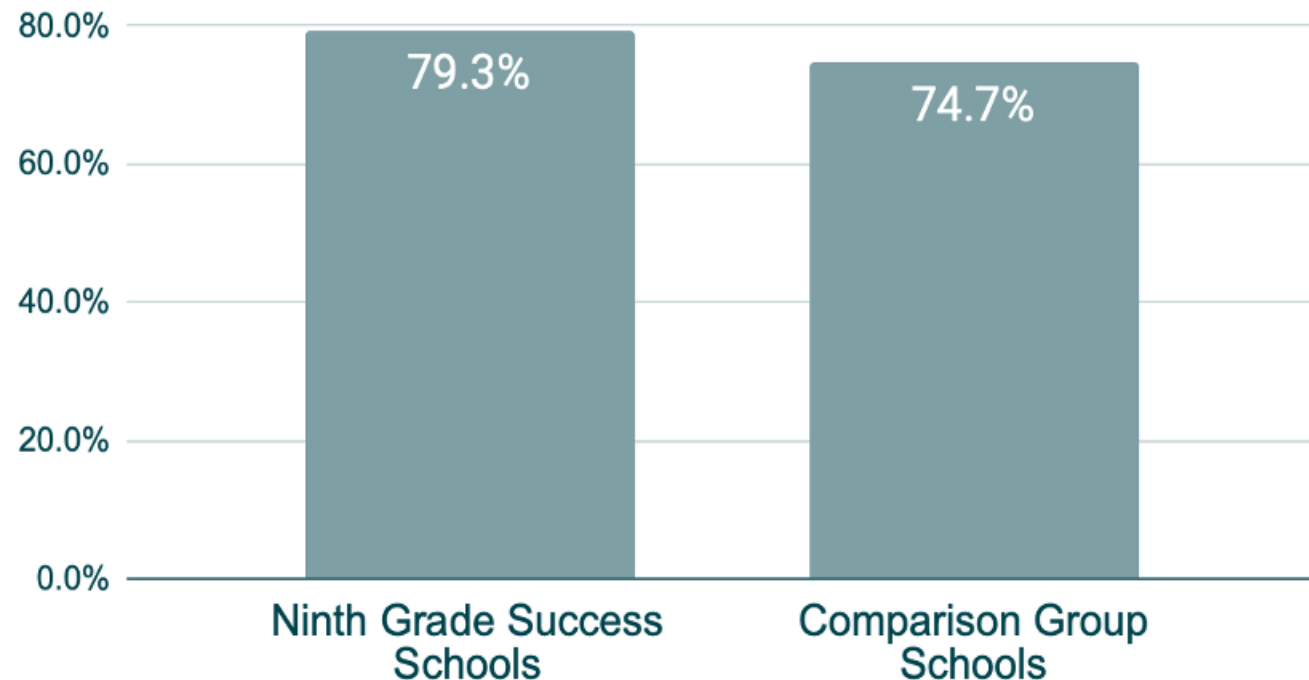


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Impact in 2021-22: Higher Ninth Grade On Track rates overall

- During the 2021-22 school year, Ninth Grade Success schools had **4.6 percentage points higher Ninth Grade On Track rates**, on average, than comparison group schools (79.3% compared to 74.7%)

Figure 2. Average Ninth Grade On Track Rates in Ninth Grade Success Schools and Comparison Group Schools, 2021-22

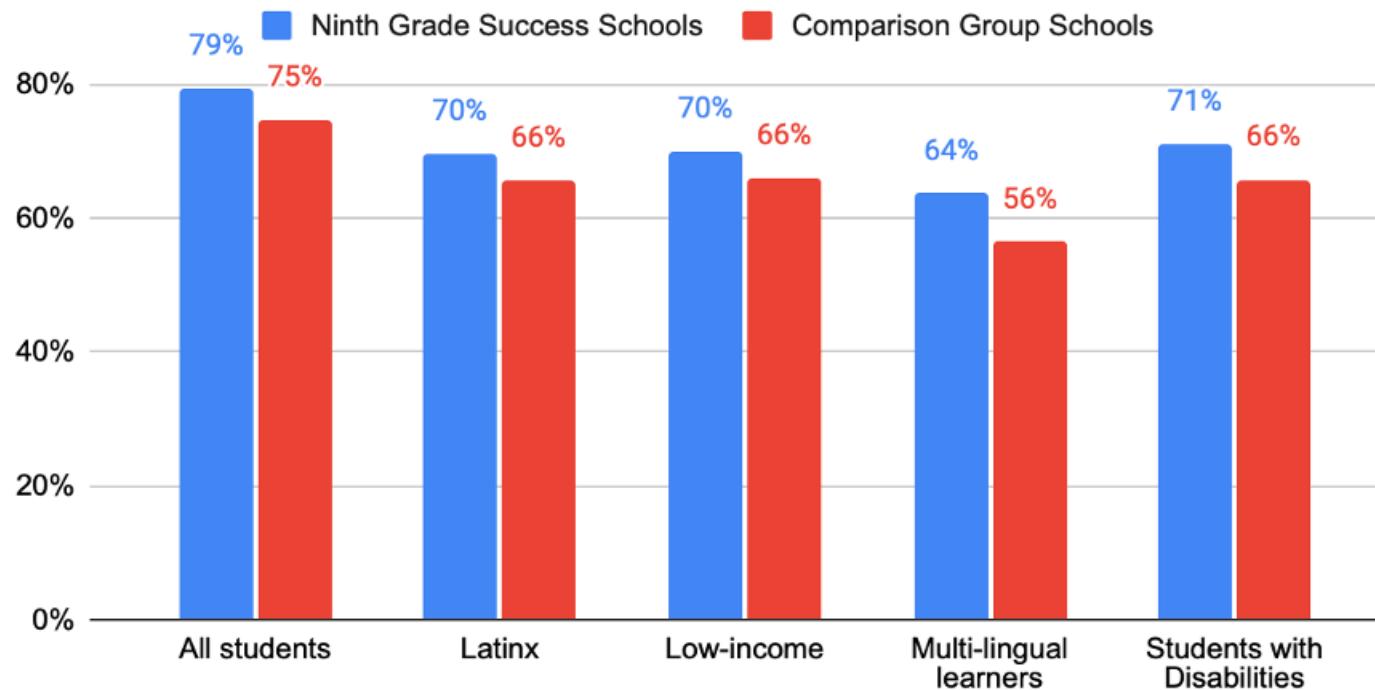


Source: OSPI SQSS data, 2013-14 to 2021-22.

Impact in 2021-22: Higher Ninth Grade On Track rates for all subgroups

During the 2021-22 school year, Ninth Grade Success schools had **higher Ninth Grade On Track rates for several groups**, relative to comparison group schools (79.3% compared to 74.7%)

Figure 3. Average Ninth Grade On Track Rates in Ninth Grade Success Schools and Comparison Group Schools, by student subgroup, 2021-22

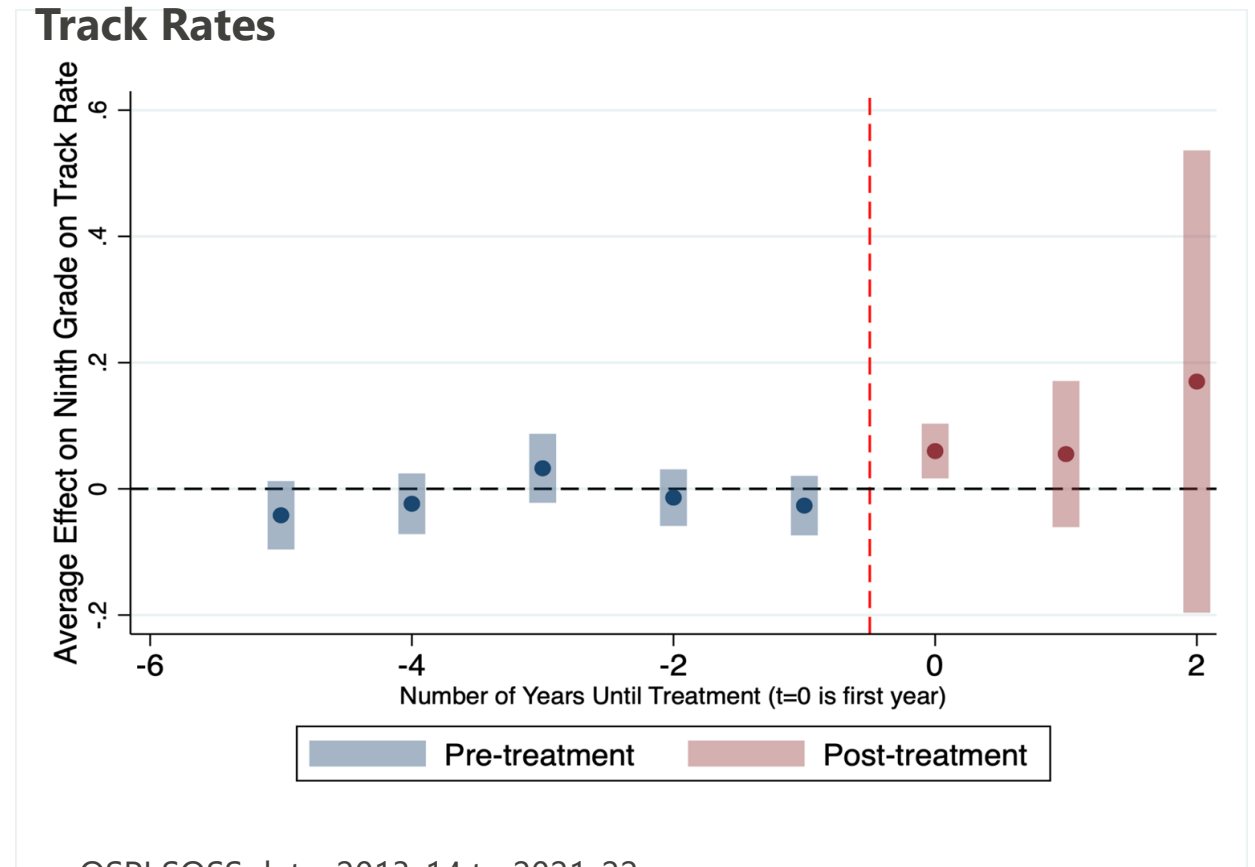


Source: OSPI SQSS data, 2013-14 to 2021-22.

Impact over 3 years: Ninth Grade Success increased Ninth Grade On Track rates by 6.69 percentage points

- The y-axis shows the difference in Ninth Grade On Track rates between Ninth Grade Success schools and comparison schools
- The blue dots hovering around zero show that, in the years **before the program, Ninth Grade Success schools and comparison schools had similar On Track rates.**
- The red dots above zero show that, **after they implemented the program, Ninth Grade Success schools outperformed comparison schools all three years (2019-20 to 2021-22)**

Figure 4. Effect of Ninth Grade Success on Ninth Grade On Track Rates



Source: OSPI SQSS data, 2013-14 to 2021-22.

A young girl in a yellow shirt is sitting on the floor in a classroom, with her hands raised high in the air. She is looking towards the right. In the background, other children are visible, some also with their hands raised. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal filter.

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