Key Findings from the Ninth Grade Success Evaluation

Program Outcomes in Year 4
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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.
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**

- All students: 79% (Success) vs 75% (Comparison)
- Latinx: 70% (Success) vs 66% (Comparison)
- Low-income: 70% (Success) vs 66% (Comparison)
- Multi-lingual learners: 64% (Success) vs 56% (Comparison)
- Students with Disabilities: 71% (Success) vs 66% (Comparison)

**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).

Source: OSPI SQSS data, 2013-14 to 2021-22.
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• For more information about the University of Washington evaluation of the Ninth Grade Success initiative, see Knight et al. (2022)

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