

**St. Cloud Area School District 742**  
**Excerpt from CIMP Report**  
**2006-2007 Graduation Rates**

Results

Our district had an overall Special Education Graduation Rate of 80.9%.

Our district performed below the state Special Education Graduation Rate of 84.6% . The state target for this indicator is 82.1% .

Analysis

Although the District's rate decreased by 5.7%, our rates have historically been above State rates. Internal data also revealed a 4% decrease in the percentage of students exiting special education due to graduation (from 52% in 2005/06 to 48% in 2006/2007).

The decrease is likely due to the increase in the number of students continuing beyond year four of high school. The District has two programs which serve students ages 18-21. The number of students attending these programs has increased from 10 in 2000 to 28 in 2007. Additionally, students are served beyond year four at the Area Learning Center. Seven students scheduled to graduate in 2007, continued to attend the Area Learning Center.

The trend for students to continue beyond year four of high school is illustrated by the annual check our district conducts each May to determine the graduation status of in-district students who were in 12th grade. The results for the 2006/2007 school year revealed that only 24/55 or 44% of active 12th grade students attending high school or the Area Learning Center graduated, while 31/55 or 56% would be continuing their education at one of our post secondary programs, the Area Learning Center or one of the high schools.