



# Pathway to Graduation

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# Student Success

## What we know:

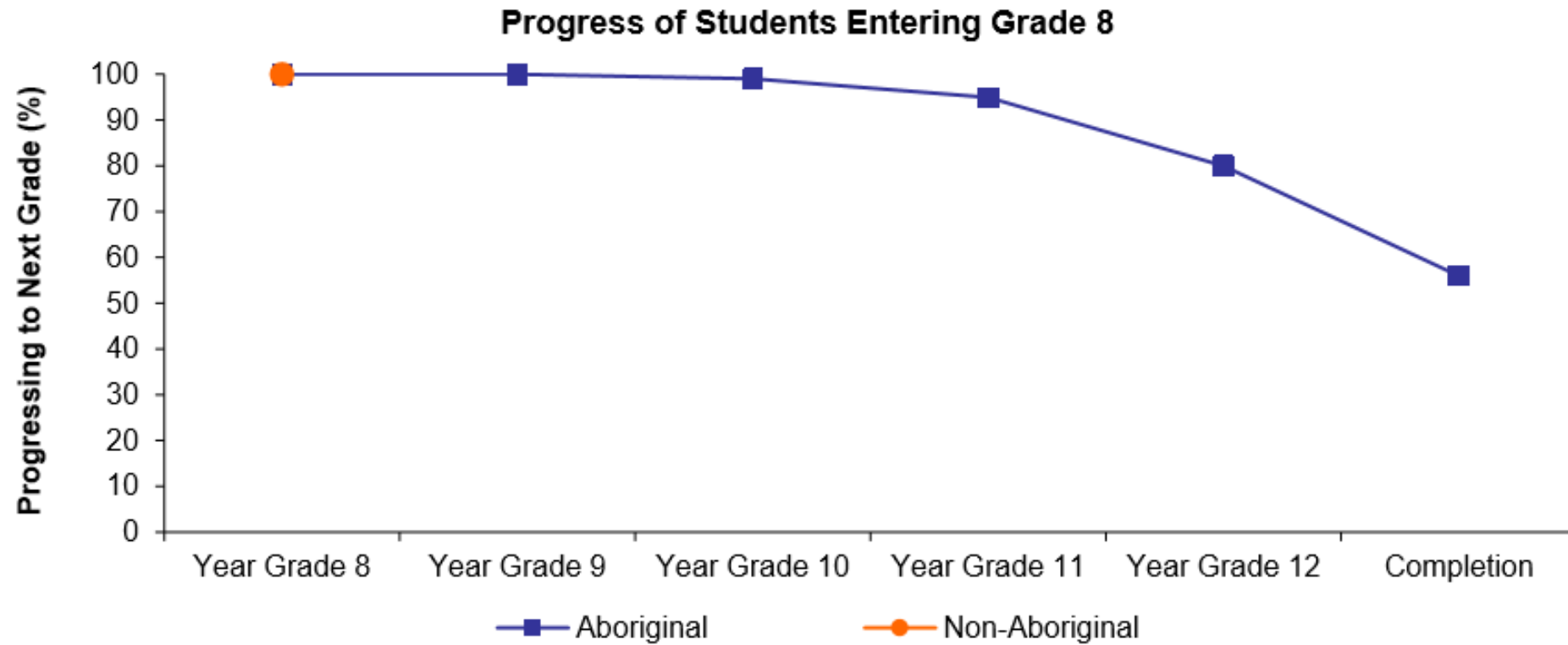
- Our students are graduating at a rate below the provincial average
- Too many of our students need to “up-grade” after they finish high school in order to pursue career goals
- Too many of our students have inadequate literacy and numeracy skills

## Goals:

- 100% of our students will cross the stage in a position to pursue their dreams and live the lives they choose to live
- 100% of our students will graduate with confidence and pride in who they are

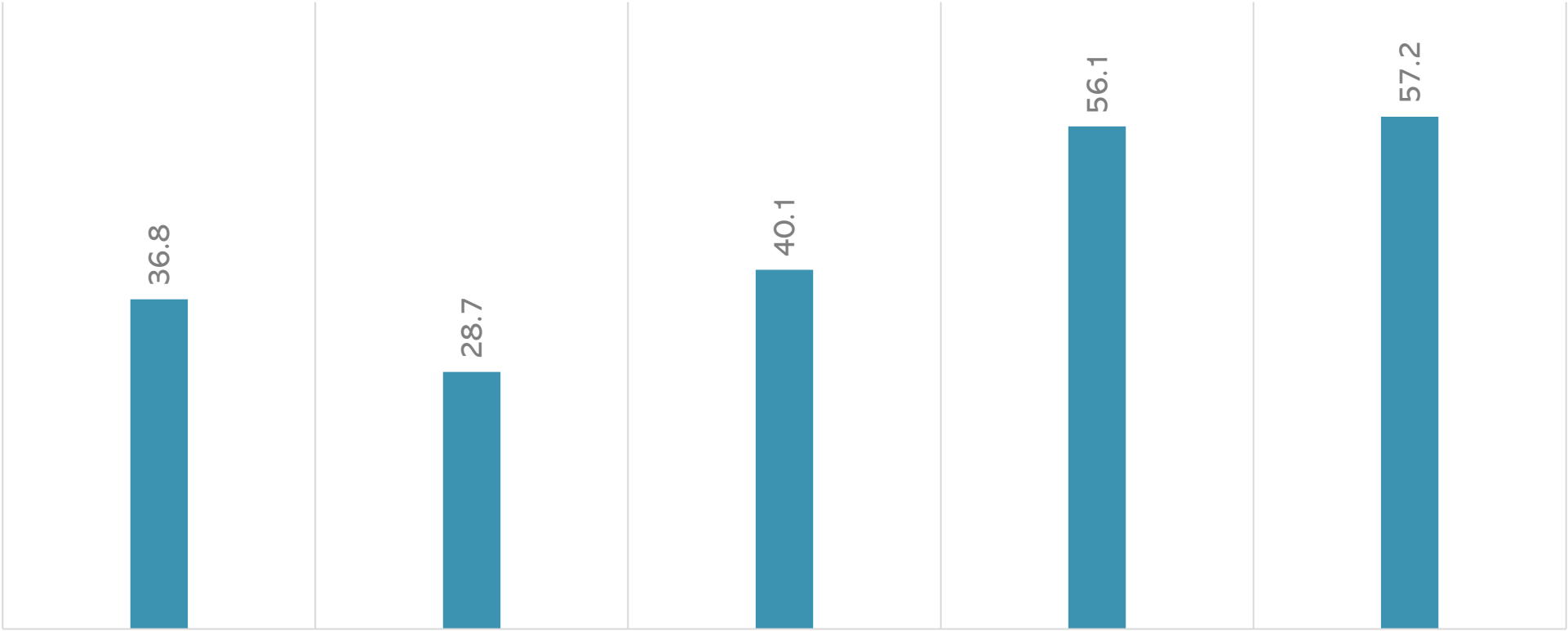
What's happening?

2013/14 – 2018/19



# SIX-YEAR COMPLETION

■ Completion



2015 2016

2016 2017

2017 2018

2018 2019

2019 2020

Cohort Size: 33

15

18

26

20

## Graduation June 2021

**Cohort size:** 22 (# of students who entered grade 8 in September 2016)

**Potential graduates:** 5 (2003)

2 (2002)

1 (2004) – early graduate 😊

What can we do immediately to increase the graduation rate for our students?

- Closer tracking of progress – regular review of course completion and interventions
- Include students & parents in planning the graduation program



## PATHWAY TO GRADUATION

### Overview



\*\*A MINIMUM of **52 credits** are needed in the following areas.  
 ELA 10 courses are 2 credits each; ALL other courses are 4 credits each.

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>English Language Arts</b>	Any <b>TWO</b> of the following: (2 credit courses)  Composition 10, Creative Writing 10, Spoken Language 10, Literary Studies 10, New Media 10, First Peoples New Media 10, First Peoples Spoken Language 10, First Peoples Studies 10	Any <b>ONE</b> of the following:  Composition 11, Creative Writing 11, Spoken Language 11, Literary Studies 11, New Media 11, First Peoples Literary Studies & New Media 11, First Peoples Literary Studies & Writing 11	Any <b>ONE</b> of the following:  English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12
<b>Mathematics</b>	Any <b>ONE</b> of the following:  Foundations of Math & Pre-calculus 10, Workplace Math 10	Any <b>ONE</b> of the following:  Foundations of Math 11, Pre-calculus 11, Workplace Math 11, History of Math 11, Computer Science 11, Foundations of Math 12, Apprenticeship Math 12, Pre-calculus 12, Geometry 12, Statistics, Computer Science 12	
<b>Science</b>	Science 10 ( <b>required</b> )	Any <b>ONE</b> of the following:  Physics 11, Earth Sciences 11, Chemistry 11, Biology 11, Science for Citizens 11, Environmental Science 11, Physics 12, Geology 12, Chemistry 12, Anatomy & Physiology 12, Specialized Science 12, Environmental Science 12	
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Grade 10</b> Social Studies 10 ( <b>required</b> )	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
		Any <b>ONE</b> of the following:  Explorations in Social Studies 11, BC First Peoples 12, Comparative Cultures 12, Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12, Comparative World Religions 12, Economic Theory 12, History 12, Human Geography 12, Urban Studies 12, Physical Geography 12, 20 <sup>th</sup> Century World History 12, Asian Studies 12, Genocide Studies 12, Political Studies 12, Law 12, Philosophy 12, Social Justice 12	
<b>Arts Education/ADST</b>	Choose <b>4 credits</b> at grade 10, 11, <b>or</b> 12 level: - <b>Arts education:</b> dance, drama, music, visual arts, media arts, musical theatre - <b>ADST:</b> business, home economics & culinary arts, information & communications technology (computer studies, media design, graphic production), technology (drafting, electronics, metalwork, woodwork, automotive technology, robotics, art metal & jewelry, engine & drivetrain, engineering, coding, cabinetry, ROVs & drones, machining & welding, mechatronics)		
<b>Career Education</b>	Required <b>8 credits</b> in Career Education at grade 10, 11, <b>or</b> 12: - Career-Life Education - Career-Life Connections (including 30 hours of work experience or career-life exploration)		

<b>Physical &amp; Health Education</b>	Required <b>4 credit</b> course: - Physical & Health Education 10		
<b>***Electives: minimum 28 credits</b>			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>Elective Courses</b>	_____	_____	_____
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<b>TOTAL: 80 credits required for graduation.</b>			
*at least <b>16 credits</b> must be at the <b>Grade 12</b> level, including the required Grade 12 ELA course.			
*Nisga'a Language 10, 11, & 12 are offered every year and count as elective courses.			
*Dual credit courses in Nisga'a Language 12 & WWNI's Nisga'a Level 1 are offered annually for grade 12 students.			
<b>Graduation Program Assessments</b>			
<b>Required for Graduation</b>	<b>Grade 10 Literacy</b>		<b>Grade 12 Literacy</b>
	<b>Grade 10 Numeracy</b>		Beginning 2021/2022

Parents & students should review program progress at least 3 times each year in grades 10, 11, and 12.

## **Next steps:**

- Grade 11 graduation program planning with students and families
- Grade 10 graduation program planning with students and families
- Focus on literacy programming and interventions as soon as students enter school in Kindergarten

## **Literacy matters.**

1. Literacy is among the major antidotes for poverty.
2. Literacy makes your life better.
3. Literate people have more choices in their work and personal lives, leading to greater freedom.
4. Literacy is great at teaching you how to think successively – that is, making meaning one step at a time to then build a story.
5. Literacy soon becomes the currency of other learning.

*(Visible Learning for Literacy, 2016)*



I have never  
encountered any  
children in any  
group who are not  
geniuses.

- Dr. Asa Hilliard



The ultimate aim of  
education is nothing  
other than the  
creation of human  
beings in the fullness  
of their capacities.

-John Dewey