Students with Disabilities Graduation Achievement Gap

Percentage Point Gap

0 10 20 30 40 50

MT AR HI KS AZ TX NJ IL MO OH NM PA TN DC IN ME IA MA NE NH UT CA VT RI ND SD WA WV WI NC WY AL CA CT MI MN DE AK FL MD NV OR VA GA SC LA NV MS

Class of 2011-12: Four-year adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

Colorado Specifics:

Rank: CO has one of the larger achievement gaps; ranking 33 of 48.

4-Yr Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate:
All Students: 75%
Students with Disabilities: 54%
Percentage Point Gap: 21

Colorado identifies about 10% of students as needing Special Education services.

National average is about 12%.

Note: Idaho, Kentucky and Oklahoma, which do not appear on this chart, have been permitted by the U.S. to delay reporting an adjusted-cohort graduation rate.

Data Source: U.S. Dept. of Ed, "Graduation Disparities Loom Large for Students with Special Needs" Ed Week

“Lagging Behind:
In many states, there are large gaps between students with disabilities and those in regular education on the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for the class of 2011-12. By 2015, the U.S. Department of Education will use these statistics, among others, to evaluate how well states are teaching special education students.” – Ed Week