

Education & Learning

Focus area renamed from *Educational Opportunity & Attainment*

Why it's important

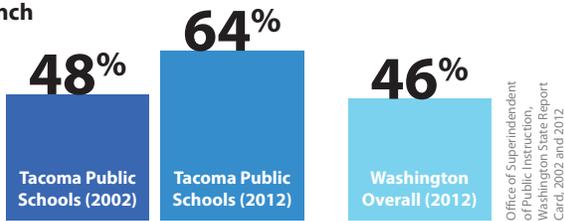
A quality education builds the skills students will need to compete in work and life and to secure a strong economic future. Students from high poverty backgrounds are at greater risk of academic failure. Access to a quality education helps build community.

Topics

- Early childhood development
- College readiness
- Kindergarten readiness
- High school graduation
- School safety
- English as a second language

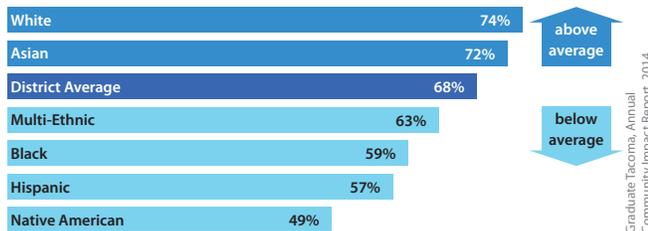
Key Facts

Free lunch



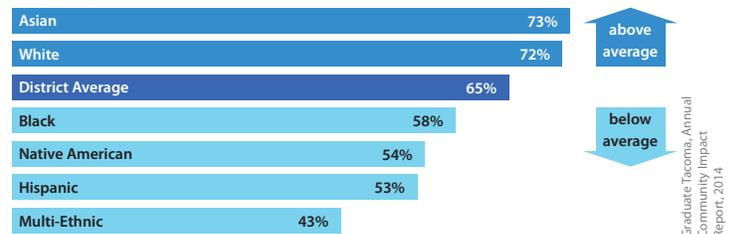
Today, more students served by Tacoma Public Schools receive free or reduced-price lunches than 10 years ago.

High school completion



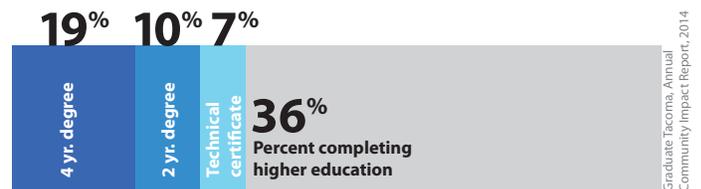
Fewer than 70% of Tacoma students graduate high school within four years. Performance is lower among some racial and ethnic minorities.

Reading



Two-thirds of Tacoma third graders meet state reading standards. Performance is lower among some racial and ethnic minorities.

Higher education



From the class of 2006, just over one-third of Tacoma Public School students completed higher education.

How are the City and its partners responding?



Partnering with the University of Washington, Tacoma to support childhood development and learning through the Whole Child Initiative



Partnering with the Children's Museum and Library to provide playful learning opportunities for parents and young children



Connecting families with summer learning opportunities through Summer Learning Tacoma



shared vision | shared future