

Graduation rates

early on, and to be able to see that, even through a pandemic, at 98.82 percent, shows that we have the programming, as well as the investment of our teachers, our students, and our families.

Eastbrook Community Schools boasted a graduation rate of 97.48 percent. Eastbrook High School Principal Pat McLaughlin credited not only the tremendous teachers in the school system, but also Eastbrook students for taking it upon themselves to continue learning, adapting their skill sets, and coming together in a tough set of circumstances.

“For our kids here at Eastbrook, and across the state, to really be wanting to get their education completed and doing what it takes to do that says a lot about the character of our kids across the state and how important they value their education,” McLaughlin said. “I’m blessed with the teaching staff that I have, and I would put my teaching staff up against anybody in the state as far as caring for kids and their work ethic and providing rigorous instruction that kids need to be successful after high school. I couldn’t have been more pleased with the effort they put forth when they started this whole pandemic, virtual schooling. We always talk about Eastbrook being a family, and I think that really came to light when we faced this pandemic.”

Marion Community Schools Superintendent Brad Lindsay echoed McLaughlin’s sentiments. With Marion’s graduation rate at 88.14 percent, Lindsay praised all the teachers, students, faculty, and staff

for their diligence, their perseverance,

“Anything that happens at the high school level is a cumulative journey. It’s a journey from preschool all the way through 12th grade, and it just shows that the longer you stay with Marion Community Schools, the more success that you do have,” Lindsay said. “I think more than ever before, it was a collaborative effort. Each year, the graduating class takes on the challenge of surpassing the class before. I think we have outstanding principals heading up each of our schools....and are really dedicated to the specific mission of the children of Marion Community Schools and offering them our very best.”

Mississinewa Community Schools finished with a graduation rate of 95.05 percent, and Mississinewa High School Principal Steve Quaderer stated that while the numbers are impressive, it all starts with a group of educators at every level coming together for one common goal – to help prepare students for the rigors of life after graduation. That mission did not change because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and despite the hardships they faced, Mississinewa Community Schools continued to provide quality education for their students, and helped them succeed.

“We are extremely proud of the tremendous efforts of our teachers, students, parents and our entire community to endure all that we did and still complete all of the requirements for gradu-

ation during a pandemic,” Quaderer said. “The administrative team and the teachers work extremely hard to get to know our students and their stories. We work hard to meet the various individual needs of each student while constantly raising the expectations for student achievement. This takes a team effort. Our teachers preschool through 12th grade work hard to provide quality instruction and enriching experiences that encourage student engagement in their own education. While the graduation rate represents the finish line, the goal is to provide outstanding opportunities for all of our students when they graduate.”

Oak Hill rounded out the five Grant County schools with a 96.06 percent graduation rate in 2020. Oak Hill Superintendent Chad Cripe, as did his peers and colleagues, credited the collaborative effort between students, teachers, and staff to not only work together through the COVID-19 pandemic, but to provide quality education from preschool up through 12th grade to help Oak Hill students be ready for what comes after.

“We have great teachers that will do whatever it takes for our students to be successful,” Cripe said. “Our teachers work extremely hard and have gone over and beyond the call of duty during these unprecedented times to provide an effective learning environment for our students, and our students have done an excellent job of adjusting to learning virtually when nec-

essary. One goal of all educators is for our students to be successful. During these unprecedented times, everyone pulled together to do whatever it takes for our students to learn, grow, and for our seniors to graduate. This is a complete team effort and it takes a community of teachers, students, and parents to provide grace, flexibility, and understanding, the graduation rate is just one indicator of this collaborative effort.”

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Arrest

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Narcotic Drug with Intent to Deliver, a Level 2 Felony, and Possession of Marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

The JEAN Team is submitting a case to the Grant County Prosecutors Office for an arrest warrant for Moore for an additional charge of Conspiracy to Deal Cocaine or a Narcotic Drug, stemming from a 2020 investigation.

Moore is currently on bond for Level 2 Dealing in a Narcotic Drug, Level 5 Dealing in a Narcotic Drug, Level 5 Dealing in Marijuana, Level 6 Maintaining a Common Nuisance, and two counts of Level 6 Neglect of a Dependent.