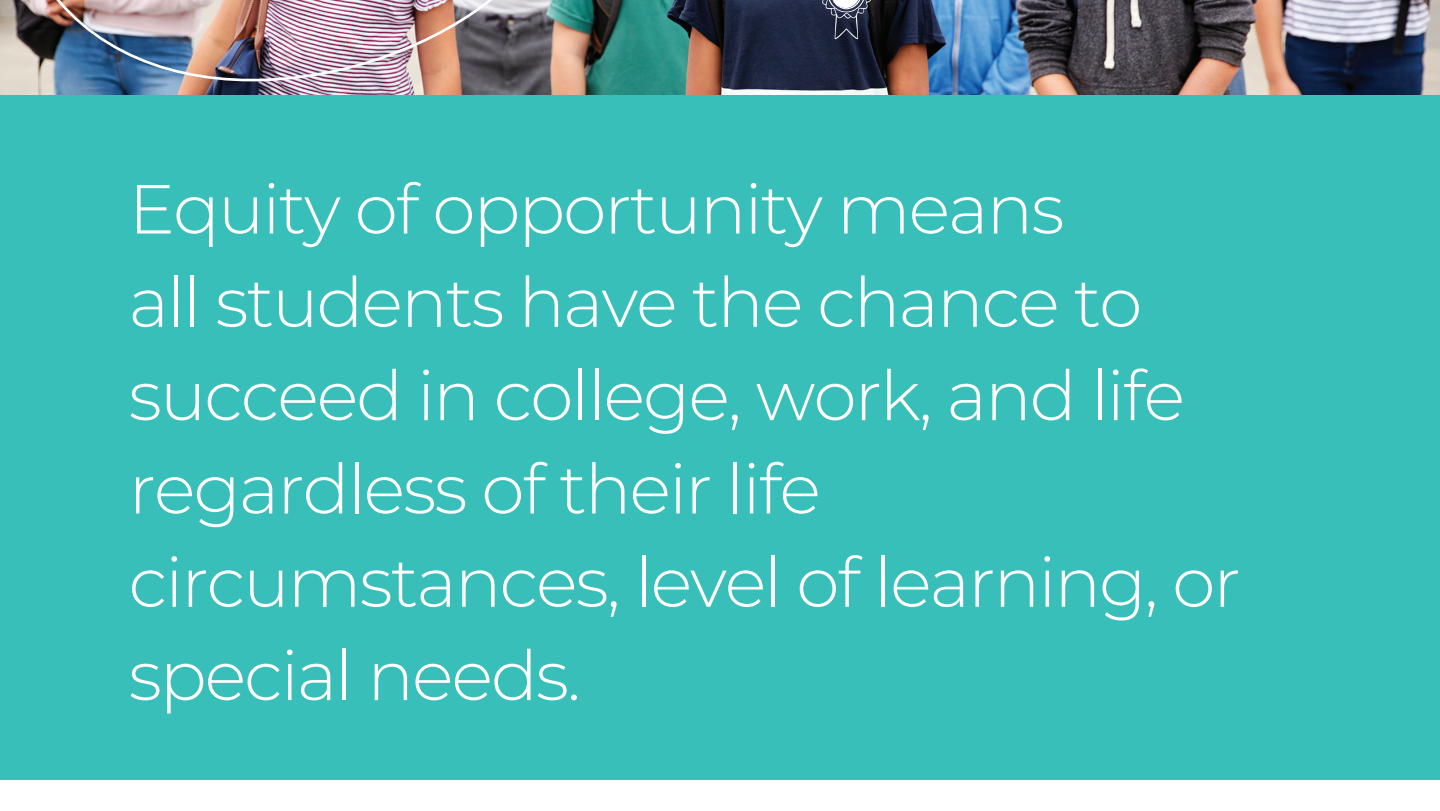


EQUITY VS. EQUALITY

Why It Matters

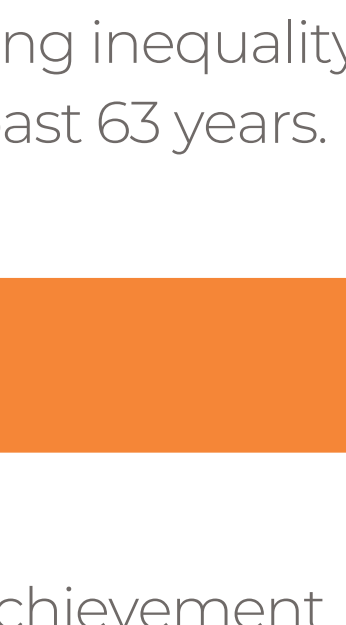


Equity of opportunity means all students have the chance to succeed in college, work, and life regardless of their life circumstances, level of learning, or special needs.

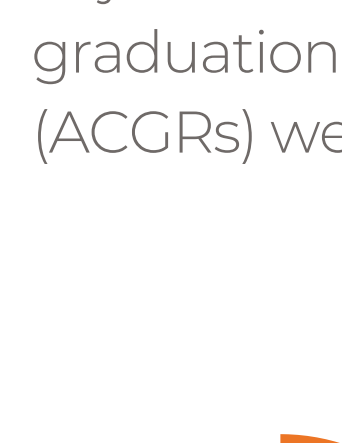
There's Still Work to Do

Government Involvement

The 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* declared state-sanctioned segregation of schools unconstitutional.



Education Reform

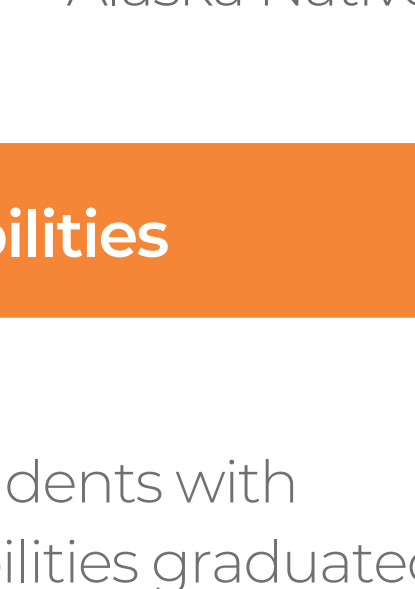


Educational reform has made steady progress in addressing inequality for the past 63 years.

Achievement Gaps

Yet we still see significant achievement gaps between underserved students and their peers.

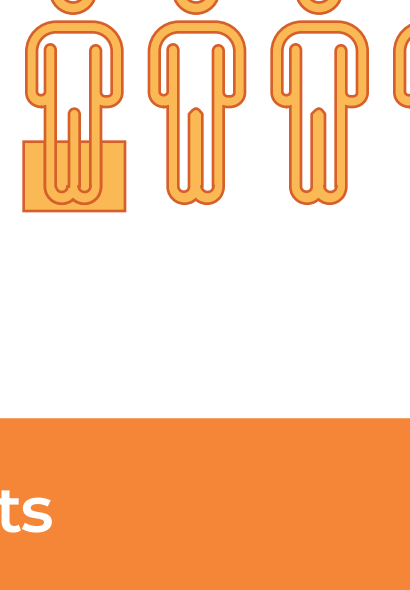
During the 2016–2017 school year, the adjusted cohort graduation rates (ACGRs) were:¹



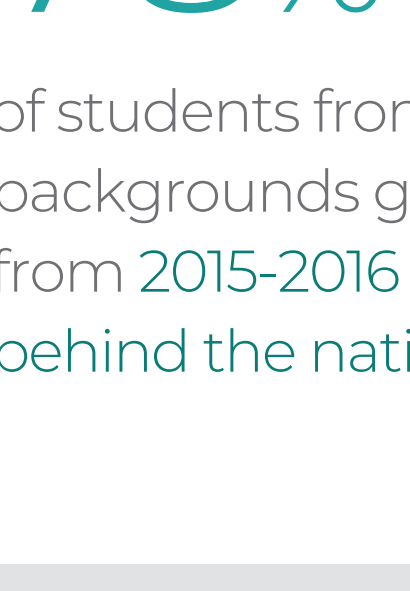
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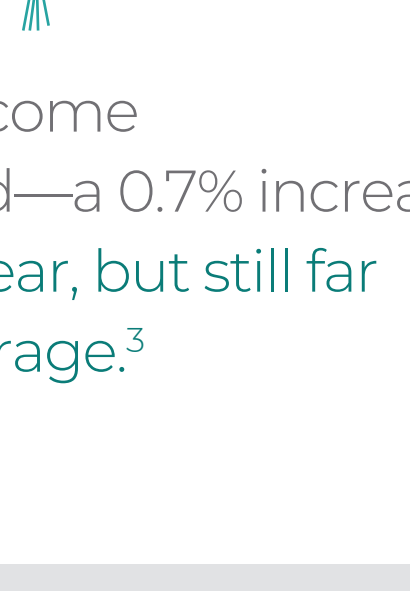
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Hispanic



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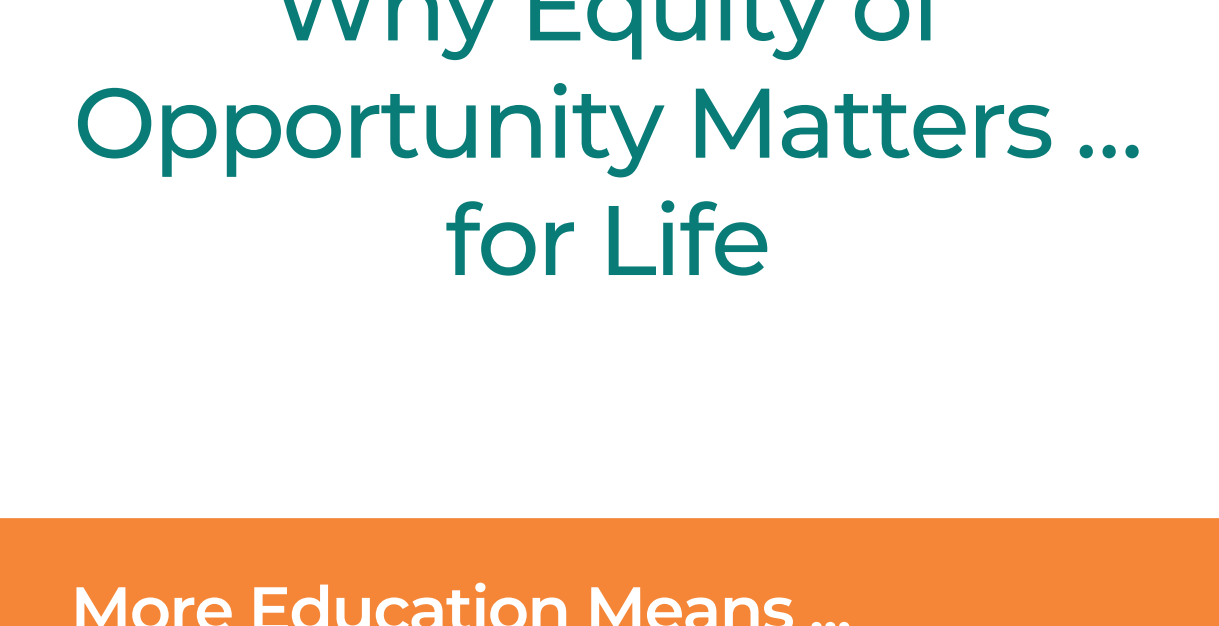


American Indian/
Alaska Native

Students with Disabilities

IN 2017,
67%

of students with disabilities graduated from high school, about 20% lower than the national average.²



Low-Income Students

IN 2017,
78%



of students from low-income backgrounds graduated—a 0.7% increase from 2015–2016 school year, but still far behind the national average.³

The Difference Between Equity and Equality

“An equitable system does not treat all students in a standardized way, but differentiates instruction, services, and resources to respond effectively to the diverse needs of students, so that each student can develop his or her full academic and societal potential.”

—Learning Policy ⁴

Why Equity of Opportunity Matters ... for Life

More Education Means ...



a higher income.⁵

a better chance at full-time employment.⁶



No Diploma

VS

High School Diploma

5.6%

3.2%
Nationally

4.1%

Unemployment rate

Unemployment rate

Weekly median income of

Weekly median income of

\$553

\$932
Nationally

\$730

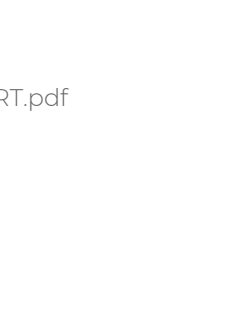
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018)⁷

- Provides students opportunities to succeed.
- Serves both accelerated and struggling students.
- Expands educational offerings and aligns with ESSA.
- Frees teachers to teach and to know where students are in their learning.
- Provides virtual learning options.
- Meets the specific needs of diverse populations such as ELL and special education.
- Helps students achieve grade-level proficiency and content mastery.
- Targets gaps with scaffolding and supports.
- Closes achievement gaps while raising the bar for all students.

Learn how Bellevue School District brings equity of opportunity to at-risk and underserved students.



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