

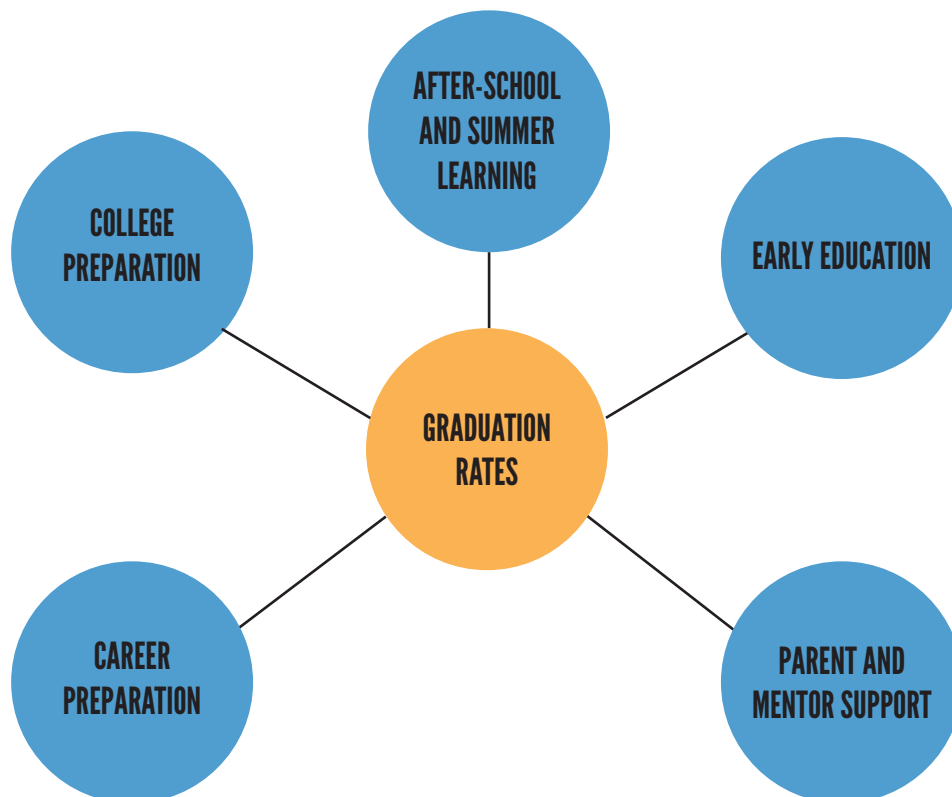
GRADUATION RATES

CEDAR VALLEY UNITED WAY SUPPORTS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES TO HELP EQUIP STUDENTS TO GRADUATE ON TIME. THROUGH COLLABORATION, WE WORK TO FOSTER A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

THE ISSUE:

- Education is a cornerstone of success, yet many students lack the resources they need to thrive. 68.7% of 4th graders in Black Hawk County read proficiently compared to 75.6% of 3rd grade students in Iowa. Children who can't read by the end of 3rd grade are 4x more likely to drop out of school.
- According to the United States Census Bureau, 8% of adults in Black Hawk County do not have a high school diploma or equivalent, such as a GED.
- The average high school graduation rate in Black Hawk County is 85.6%, according to the Iowa Department of Education. This is lower than the state average high school graduation rate of 89.9%.

HOW CEDAR VALLEY UNITED WAY HELPS:



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Funding from Cedar Valley United Way provides support across the spectrum of educational investments. By investing in Cedar Valley United Way's education initiatives, we can empower students to achieve their dreams.

EARLY EDUCATION:

Childcare Support

Cedar Valley Preschool and Child Care Center

Quality Child Care Services

Growing Minds Early Learning Center (Grin and Grow)

RSVP Primetime Reading Buddies

Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley

AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING:

Project Learn

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley

COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION:

iJAG: Creating Inclusive Career Pathways for Underserved Youth

iJAG (Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates)

Leader in Me

Leader Valley Foundation

PARENT AND MENTOR SUPPORT:

Home Visitation Program

Operation Threshold

Parents Achieving Success with Support

YWCA of Black Hawk County

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