Paul Mitchell The School Rapid City

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES (IPEDS)

The school publishes its retention and graduation rates each year so you can see how students progress through our programs. These rates are reported to the U.S. Department of Education through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

FIRST-TO-SECOND YEAR RETENTION RATE

The retention rate is the percentage of first-time students who return to the school to continue their studies the following fall.

Students who began in Fall 2023 and returned in Fall 2024	Retention rate
Full-time students	80%

GRADUATION AND TRANSFER-OUT RATES

The overall graduation rate is also called the "Student Right to Know" or IPEDS graduation rate. It tracks students who started as full-time, first-time students seeking a degree or certificate. It shows how many completed their program within 150% of the program's "normal time." For example, a student in a 12-month program would count as a graduate if they finished within 18 months.

The transfer-out rate is the percentage of those same students who transferred to another school before completing their program here. Not all schools report a transfer-out rate.

Students who began in 2021-22	Rate
Overall graduation rate	88%
Transfer-out rate	Not reported

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THESE RATES

Not every student is counted in the graduation rate. The following students are not tracked:

- Students who attended another college or school before enrolling here
- Students who began their studies part-time