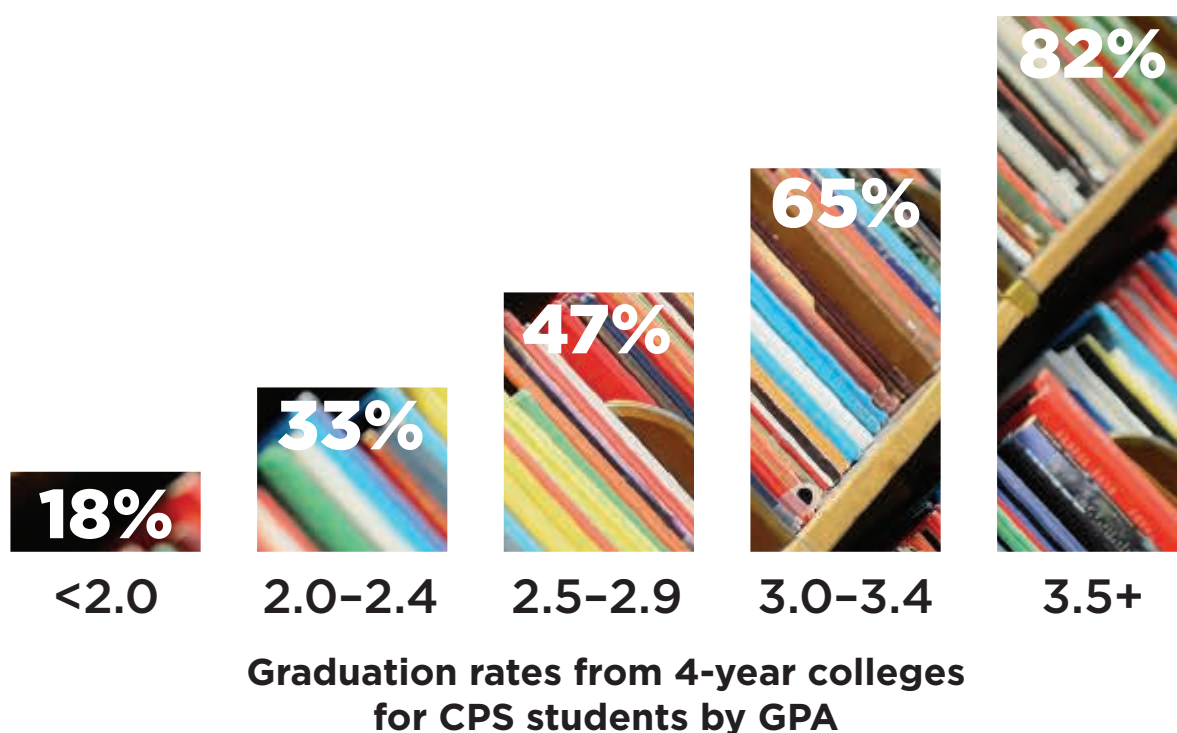


Research from the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research shows that a student's high school grade point average (GPA) is a better predictor of college graduation than his or her test scores. While test scores can help students gain access to college, the higher a student's high school GPA, the more likely they are to graduate from college.



GPA is an important indicator of college readiness because it reflects many aspects of students' abilities that test scores miss, such as the ability to set goals, manage work, persevere academically. Ultimately, it is critical to communicate the importance of grades to students early on—during their freshman year of high school—and celebrate their GPA growth so they can not only get accepted to college, but succeed in and graduate from college.

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