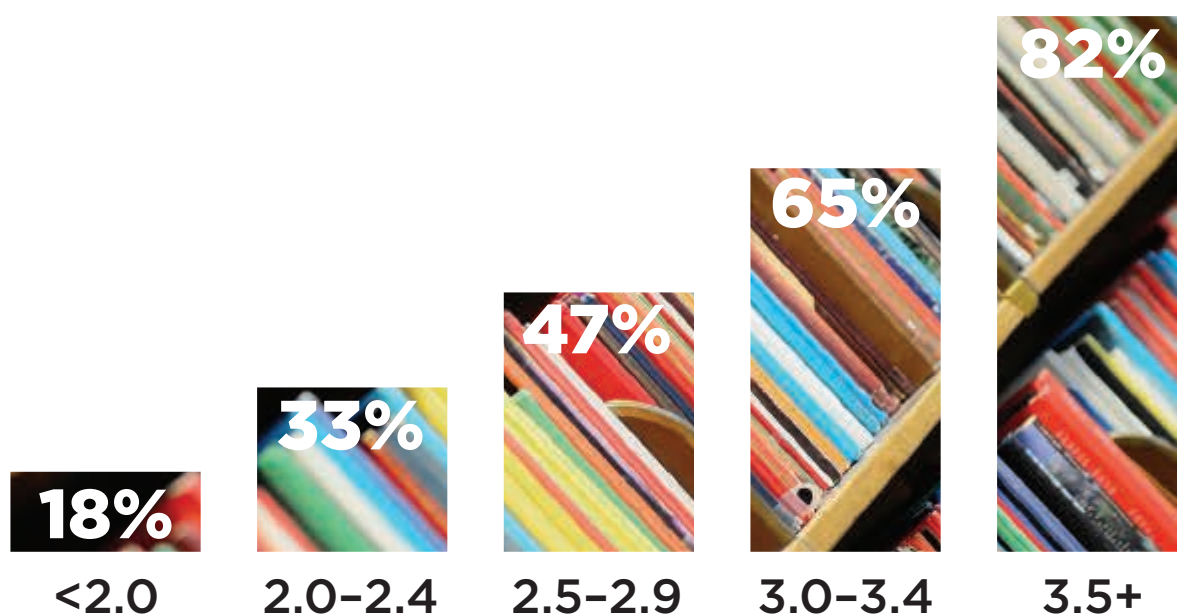


Research from the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research shows that your high school grade point average (GPA) is a better predictor of college graduation than your test scores. While test scores can help you gain access to college, the higher your high school GPA, the more likely you are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



**Graduation rates from 4-year colleges  
for CPS students by GPA**

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

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