

Dropout Data for School Year 2007-2008

Transylvania County Board of Education

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Transylvania County Schools Dropout Data for Grades 9-12						
2005-2006		2006-07		2007-08		
Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	
65	5.04	62	4.76	65	5.04	Transylvania
22,180	5.04	23,550	5.27	22,434	4.97	North Carolina

Regional comparison: Grades 9-12

Data for SY 2007-2008		
LEA	Dropout Rate	% Change
Transylvania	5.04	4.84
Henderson	4.41	9.94
Jackson	7.45	6.10
Buncombe	4.53	-15.18
Asheville City	5.34	10.00
Haywood	6.23	2.60
Polk	4.87	44.44
Western Region (17)	5.58	-1.50
North Carolina	4.97	-4.74

- *WNC changes: 10 districts saw their rates increase while 7 districts saw their rates decrease over the prior year.*
- *The regional benchmark is Graham with 3.82% (13...down 56%). The state benchmark is Chapel Hill/Carrboro with 1.53% (57...up 39%).*

Data by Schools

School	Dropouts by Grade Level				Gender		Ethnicity		Totals
	9	10	11	12	M	F	White	Minority	
BHS	7	9	5	7	16	12	20	8	28
RHS	1	2	4	1	5	3	6	2	8
DRS	7	9	3	10	16	13	26	3	29
District	15	20	12	18	37	28	52	13	65

General Observations:

- TCS had 65 high school dropouts and one middle school dropout.
- We continue to see a disproportionate number of dropouts in the higher grades and ages compared to the rest of NC.
- 28 students did not spend all their schooling in TCS (up four from the prior year).
- 45 students were retained at least once prior to dropping out (up seven from the prior year).
- 13 students were receiving special education services (up four from the prior year).
- 63.6% of dropouts were economically disadvantaged compared to 38% for all 9-12 students.
- Two students who were enrolled from Schenck Job Corps and moved back home.

- Four students were Limited English Proficient (up from zero in the prior year). Their average length of enrollment in the school system was 2.37 years.
- School counselors report lack of engagement in school, unstable home environments, substance abuse, and student employment as leading factors.
- Students report interest in a GED (11), choice of work over school (8), unstable home environments (8), and not returning after long term suspension (6) as leading factors.

Age and Grade Trends for Dropouts

Status at Withdrawal	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	3 Year Avg.
7 th /8 th grade	0	1	1	0.66
9 th grade	17	16	15	16
10 th grade	13	15	20	16
11 th grade	19	17	12	16
12 th grade	16	14	18	16
15 yrs old or younger	1	0	0	0.33
16 yrs old	14	17	6	12
17 yrs old	22	19	15	19
18 yrs old	22	21	30	24
19+ yrs old	6	6	15	9