

Dropout Data for School Year 2008 - 2009

Transylvania County Board of Education

March 2010

Transylvania County Schools Dropout Data for Grades 9-12						
2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		
Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	
62	4.76	65	5.04	52	4.19	Transylvania
23,550	5.27	22,434	4.97	19,184	4.27	North Carolina

Neighbor comparisons: Grades 9-12

Data for SY 2007-2008		
LEA	Dropout Rate	Change
Transylvania	4.19	-20.0%
Henderson	3.17	-28.8%
Jackson	6.56	-16.1%
Buncombe	4.65	+02.9%
Asheville City	4.80	-12.1%
Haywood	3.96	-38.0%
Polk	3.87	-20.5%
Western Region (17)	4.51	-19.2%
North Carolina	4.27	-14.5%

- *WNC changes: 15 of the 17 LEAs saw their rates decline. Buncombe and Macon saw rate increases.*
- *The regional benchmark is Clay with 1.75% (7...down 56.3%). The state benchmark is Tyrrell with 1.10% (2...down 77.8%).*

Data by Schools

School	Dropouts by Grade Level				Gender		Ethnicity		Totals (Change)
	9	10	11	12	M	F	White	Minority	
BHS	10	5	0	7	13	9	20	2	22 (-6)
RHS	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	3 (-5)
DRS	14	5	5	3	20	7	24	3	27 (-2)
District	25	10	5	12	35	17	47	5	52 (-13)

Age and Grade Trends for Dropouts

Status at Withdrawal	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	3 Year Avg.
7 th /8 th grade	1	1	0	00.66
9 th grade	16	15	25	18.67
10 th grade	15	20	10	15.00
11 th grade	17	12	5	11.33
12 th grade	14	18	12	14.66
15 yrs old or younger	0	0	3	01.00
16 yrs old	17	6	25	16.00
17 yrs old	19	15	9	14.33
18 yrs old	21	30	10	20.33
19+ yrs old	6	15	5	02.89

Definition of a Dropout: A dropout is a student who was enrolled at any point in the prior year but who is not enrolled by the 20th day of the reporting year. Dropouts do not include students who graduate, move out of the country, enroll in another education program out of the school system, or children who are deceased. Students who enroll in a GED program are dropouts.

General Observations:

- TCS had 52 high school dropouts and no middle school dropout.
- This represents a 20% decrease in the number of dropouts from last year. This is the lowest number and rate in the last eleven years.
- Three of the students counted as dropouts have since enrolled in an approved educational program. Students not enrolled by the 20th day of school are counted as drop outs.
- We had a disproportionate number of dropouts in the 9th grade for the first time in several years. Local numbers reflect the state trend of more dropouts at age 15 and 16 and fewer dropouts at age 17 and older compared to prior years.
- Males accounted for 67% of all dropouts locally and 59% for the state.
- 27 students (57% of dropouts) did not spend all their schooling in TCS.
- 41 students (79% of dropouts) were retained at least once prior to dropping out.
- 4 students (8% of dropouts) were receiving special education services. No students were identified as Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG).
- 5 students were minorities (9.6%) compared to 52.7% of the state's dropouts.
- 82.7% of dropouts were economically disadvantaged (up from 63.6% last year). By comparison, only 36% of all students in grades 9-12 were economically disadvantaged.
- Common withdrawal reasons include unstable home environments (12), not returning after a long term suspension (12), lack of engagement (11), and academic difficulty (5). Fewer students withdrew due to work (3) or interest in a GED (2) than in years past.

Update for 2009-2010

- As of March 1, we have 28 dropouts this year compared to 36 this time last year.
- We expect 13 students to graduate from the 21-Plus program this year.
- Forty five students will participate in the Building Futures program this year.
- The Four Year Graduation Rate:
 - Brevard High 87.43%
 - Davidson River School 42.11%
 - Rosman High 86.25%
 - Transylvania County 78.3%
 - North Carolina 71.7%