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Transylvania County Schools Recognized Among North Carolina's Top Districts for Career and Technical Education Credential Attainment

BREVARD, N.C. (February 11, 2026) — Transylvania County Schools (TCS) is proud to be recognized as one of North Carolina's top-performing school districts in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's (NCDPI) **2024–2025 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Credential Report**, achieving an outstanding **89% credential attainment rate**—the highest in the state.

The annual report highlights strong outcomes for CTE students across North Carolina, including increased credential attainment and expanded opportunities aligned with high-demand careers. Transylvania County Schools' performance places the district among the top three in the state, alongside Pender County Schools (88%) and Mitchell County Schools (87%).

Statewide Highlights from the 2024–2025 NCDPI CTE Credential Report:

- **80.61%** of CTE concentrator graduates earned an industry-recognized credential in their career pathway
- **More than 98%** of CTE concentrators graduated on time
- Students earned credentials across **292 unique industry certifications** aligned with high-demand occupations



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- Statewide CTE credential attainment increased **6.9%** over the previous year
- **70,182 credentials** earned are recognized on the NC Workforce Credentials list as priority credentials valued by employers
- Continued growth in **Tier 3 advanced certifications**, including welding, electrical trades, health sciences and information technology

Industry-recognized credentials are designed to prepare students for success in both postsecondary education and the workforce. According to Trey Michael, NCDPI's senior director for CTE, "Industry-recognized credentials give students a head start on their careers. Whether a student is pursuing nursing, cybersecurity, construction or culinary arts, these credentials validate their skills and open doors to good-paying jobs."

Transylvania County Schools continues to expand high-quality CTE programming that connects classroom learning to real-world skills and local workforce needs. Through strong partnerships with business and industry, TCS students graduate prepared to pursue college, technical training or immediate employment opportunities.

February is also national CTE month, as well as NC CTE month, as proclaimed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2022.

For more information about Career and Technical Education programs in Transylvania County Schools, visit <https://www.tcsnc.org/page/cte-career-technical-education> .

Reference Site: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NCSBE/bulletins/407bfe3>

And <https://www.acteonline.org/cte-month> And
<https://nccareers.org/february-career-and-technical-education-cte-month>