

## 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	<b>5.04</b>	62	<b>4.76</b>	65	<b>5.04</b>	Transylvania
22,180	<b>5.04</b>	23,550	<b>5.27</b>	22,434	<b>4.97</b>	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	
<b>BHS</b>	7	9	5	7	16	12	20	8	28
<b>RHS</b>	1	2	4	1	5	3	6	2	8
<b>DRS</b>	7	9	3	10	16	13	26	3	29
<b>District</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade	0	1	1	0.66
9 <sup>th</sup> grade	17	16	15	16
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	13	15	20	16
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	19	17	12	16
12 <sup>th</sup> 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