

## Dropout Data for School Year 2009 - 2010

Transylvania County Board of Education

March 2010

Transylvania County Schools Dropout Data for Grades 9-12						
2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		
Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	
65	<b>5.04</b>	52	<b>4.19</b>	44	<b>3.62%</b>	Transylvania
22,434	<b>4.97</b>	19,184	<b>4.27</b>	16,804	<b>3.75%</b>	North Carolina

### Neighbor comparisons: Grades 9-12

Data for SY 2009 - 2010		
LEA	Dropout Rate	Change
Transylvania	3.62	-15%
Henderson	2.57	-18%
Jackson	3.04	-56%
Buncombe	4.24	-09%
Asheville City	4.60	-03%
Haywood	3.26	-17%
Polk	2.41	-38%
Western Region (17)	3.61	-15%
North Carolina	3.75	-12%

- *WNC changes: 15 of the 17 LEAs saw their rates decline. Clay and Graham saw rate increases.*
- *The regional benchmark is Cherokee with 1.75% (25...down 34%). The state benchmark is Chapel Hill - Carrboro with 0.95% (35...down 33%).*

### Data by Schools

School	Dropouts by Grade Level				Gender		Ethnicity		Totals (prior yr)
	9	10	11	12	M	F	White	Minority	
<b>BHS</b>	0	0	5	6	8	3	10	1	11 (22)
<b>RHS</b>	0	1	3	3	3	4	5	2	7 (3)
<b>DRS</b>	4	10	9	3	13	13	22	4	26 (27)
<b>District</b>	4	11	17	12	24	20	37	7	44 (52)

### Age and Grade Trends for Dropouts

Status at Withdrawal	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	3 Year Avg.
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade	1	0	0	0.33
9 <sup>th</sup> grade	15	25	4	15
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	20	10	11	14
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	12	5	17	11
12 <sup>th</sup> grade	18	12	12	14
15 yrs old or younger	0	3	0	1
16 yrs old	6	25	8	13
17 yrs old	15	9	13	12
18 yrs old	30	10	18	19
19+ yrs old	15	5	5	8

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 44 high school dropouts and no middle school dropout. This is the lowest number and rate in the last twelve years.
- This represents a 15% decrease in the number of dropouts from last year. Dropouts have decreased by nearly one-third in two years.
- We continue to see a disproportionate number of students dropping out in the upper grades and at older ages compared to the state trends.
- Males accounted for 55% of all dropouts locally and 59% for the state.
- Twenty-two students (50% of dropouts) did not spend all their schooling in TCS.
- Thirty-three students (75% of dropouts) were retained at least once prior to dropping out.
- Five students (11% of dropouts) were receiving special education services. No students were identified as Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG).
- Seven students were minorities (16%) compared to 54% of the state’s total dropouts. The seven included multi-racial (4), and American Indian (1), Black (1), and Hispanic (1) .
- Twenty-nine, or 66% of dropouts were economically disadvantaged (down from 82.7% last year) compared to the 44% overall rate for students in grades 9-12.
- Common withdrawal reasons include lack of engagement (13), unstable home environments (9), interest in a GED (7), work (5), and not returning after a long term suspension (3).

**Update for 2010-11**

- As of March 1, we have 29 dropouts this year compared to 28 this time last year.
- We expect 5 students to graduate from the 21-Plus program this year. Fourteen other DRS students are expected to graduate from BHS or RHS.
- Forty five students will participate in the Building Futures program this year, including up to eight who will receive paid employment through the Workforce Investment Act grant.

**2010 Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate:**

School	2009-10
BHS	85.60%
RHS	86.40%
DRS	60.00%
TCS	78.90%
NC	74.2%

**2010 Five Year Cohort Graduation Rate:**

School	2009-10
BHS	90.30%
RHS	89.0%
DRS	47.1%
TCS	81.4%
NC	74.7%

