

Dropout Data for School Year 2011 - 2012

Transylvania County Board of Education

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Transylvania County Schools Dropout Data for Grades 9-12						
2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		
Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	
44	3.62%	35	2.92%	32	2.73%	Transylvania
16,804	3.75%	15,342	3.43%	13,488	3.01%	North Carolina

Neighbor comparisons: Grades 9-12

Data for SY 2010 - 2011		
LEA	Dropout Rate	Change
Transylvania	2.73%	-8.6%
Henderson	2.58%	+16.3%
Jackson	3.75%	+90.9%
Buncombe	3.13%	-12.0%
Asheville City	2.92%	-5.1%
Haywood	3.36%	+19.1%
Polk	3.32%	0.0%
North Carolina	3.01%	-12.1%

- *The TCS dropout rate has fallen by 46% since the 2007-08 school year.*
- *Of the 16 western LEAs, 9 saw rate decrease while 6 saw a rate increase and 1 was unchanged.*
- *The regional benchmark is Mitchell with 2.45% (16...down 38.5%). The state benchmark is Chapel Hill - Carrboro with 1.02% (38...down 13.6%).*

Data by Schools

School	Dropouts by Grade Level				Gender		Ethnicity		Totals (prior yr)
	9	10	11	12	M	F	White	Minority	
BHS	0	3	3	3	5	4	7	2	9 (1.28%)
RHS	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	2 (0.55%)
DRS	3	5	8	5	16	5	19	2	21 (18.91%)
District	3	9	12	8	21	11	28	4	32 (2.72%)

Age and Grade Trends for Dropouts

Status at Withdrawal	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	3 Year Avg.
7 th /8 th grade	0	0	0	0
9 th grade	4	5	3	4
10 th grade	11	6	9	9
11 th grade	17	15	12	15
12 th grade	12	9	8	10
15 yrs old or younger	0	2	2	1
16 yrs old	8	8	5	7
17 yrs old	13	10	10	11
18 yrs old	18	11	10	13
19+ yrs old	5	4	5	5

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 32 high school dropouts and no middle school dropout. This is the lowest percentage rate in the last 19 years (as long as we have records).
- This represents a 8.6% decrease in the number of dropouts from last year. Dropouts have decreased by 46% in since 2007.
- 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 66% of all dropouts locally and 60% for the state.
- Sixteen students (50% of dropouts) did not spend all their schooling in TCS.
- Twenty-one students (66% of dropouts) were retained at least once prior to dropping out.
- Only one student (3% of dropouts) was receiving special education services. No dropouts were identified as Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG).
- Four students were minorities (12.5%) compared to 54% of the state’s total dropouts. The four included multi-racial (2) and Hispanic (2) .
- Common withdrawal reasons include lack of engagement (6), unstable home environments (5), interest in a GED (3), and not returning after a long term suspension (9). Only 1 cited the need to work as a primary reason.

Cohort Graduation Rates

2012 Four Year Cohort Graduation Rate:

School	2011-12
BHS	86.21%
RHS	97.53%
DRS	25.0%
TCS	82.1%
NC	80.4%

2012 Five Year Cohort Graduation Rate:

School	2011-12
BHS	87.0%
RHS	94.4%
DRS	31.6%
TCS	80.1%
NC	81.1%