

Dropout Data for School Year 2013 - 2014

Transylvania County Board of Education

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Transylvania County Schools Dropout Data for Grades 9-12						
2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		
Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	
32	2.73%	24	1.97%	41	3.37%	Transylvania
13,488	3.01%	11,049	2.45%	10,404	2.28%	North Carolina

Neighbor comparisons: Grades 9-12

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LEA	Dropout Rate	Change
Transylvania	3.37%	70.8%
Henderson	1.75%	15.6%
Jackson	2.19%	36.8%
Buncombe	2.75%	-7.4%
Asheville City	2.85%	18.2%
Swain	4.92%	68.4%
Madison	2.39%	5.0%
Polk	2.55%	5.6%
North Carolina	2.28%	-5.8%

The TCS dropout rate has decreased by 58.5% since the district's historical high in the 2007-08 school year (65 dropouts).

Data by Schools

School	Dropouts by Grade Level				Gender		Ethnicity		Totals (prior yr)
	9	10	11	12	M	F	White	Minority	
BHS	3	1	2	5	9	2	9	2	11(6)
RHS	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	2(0)
DRS	8	7	8	5	15	13	24	4	28 (18)
District	11	9	11	10	25	16	35	6	41 (24)

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 41 high school dropouts and no middle school dropout.
- This represents a 70.8% increase in the number of dropouts from last year.
- Approximately 50% of dropouts did not spend all their schooling in TCS.
- RHS's dropout rate is 0.56%, BHS's dropout rate is 1.58%, DRS's dropout rate is 28%.
- Common withdrawal reasons include lack of engagement (24), interest in a GED (3), substance abuse (3), unstable home (3), and not returning after a long term suspension (5). Data was not able to be collected for 3 students.