



Public Schools of North Carolina

NC Graduation Project

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What is the Graduation Project?

Performance-based assessment that allows students to demonstrate what they know and are able to apply in the student's area of interest.



The NC Graduation Project

- **Has its history in the Senior Project**
- **Evolved as a “grassroots” initiative over ten years ago**
- **Supported by UNC-G and SERVE**
- **Recommended by the Standards & Accountability Commission in the 90’s**



Requirements of the Project

- **Research paper on topic of student choice**
- **Project**
- **Presentation**
- **Portfolio**



Rationale for Graduation Project

- **Bolsters student confidence**
- **Allows for creativity and innovative thinking**
- **Honors student interests**
- **Improves communication skills**
- **Integrates knowledge and application**

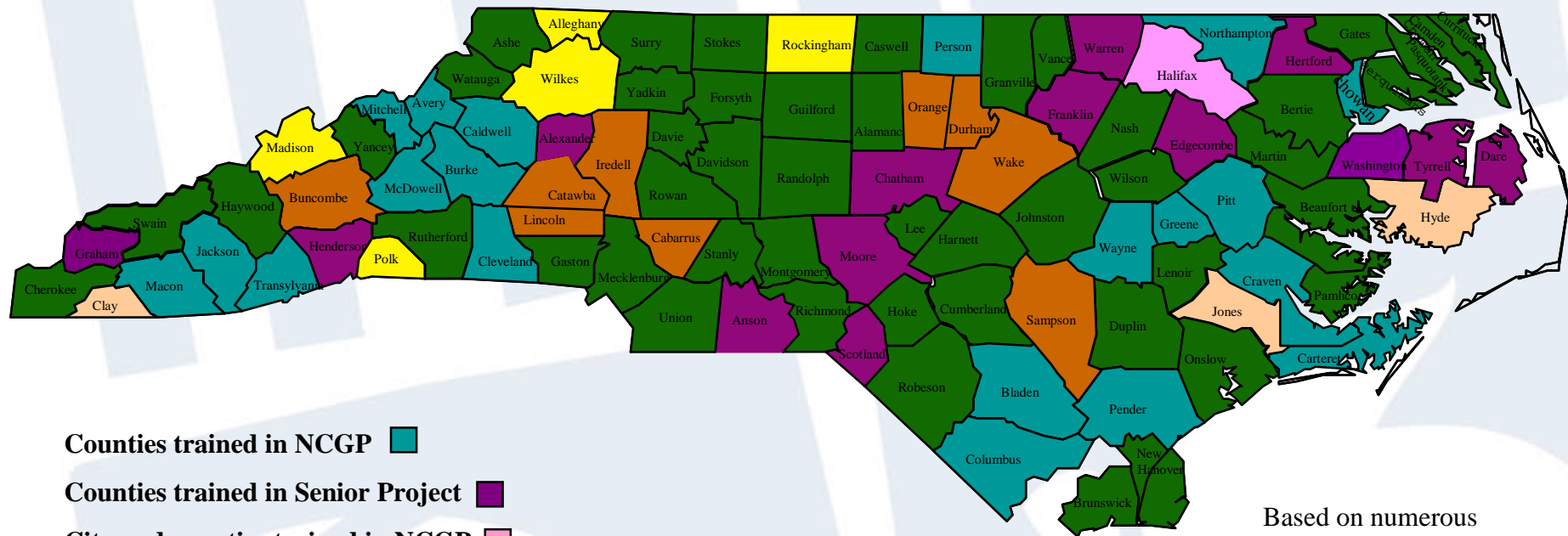


Implementation of Graduation Project

- **Professional Development**



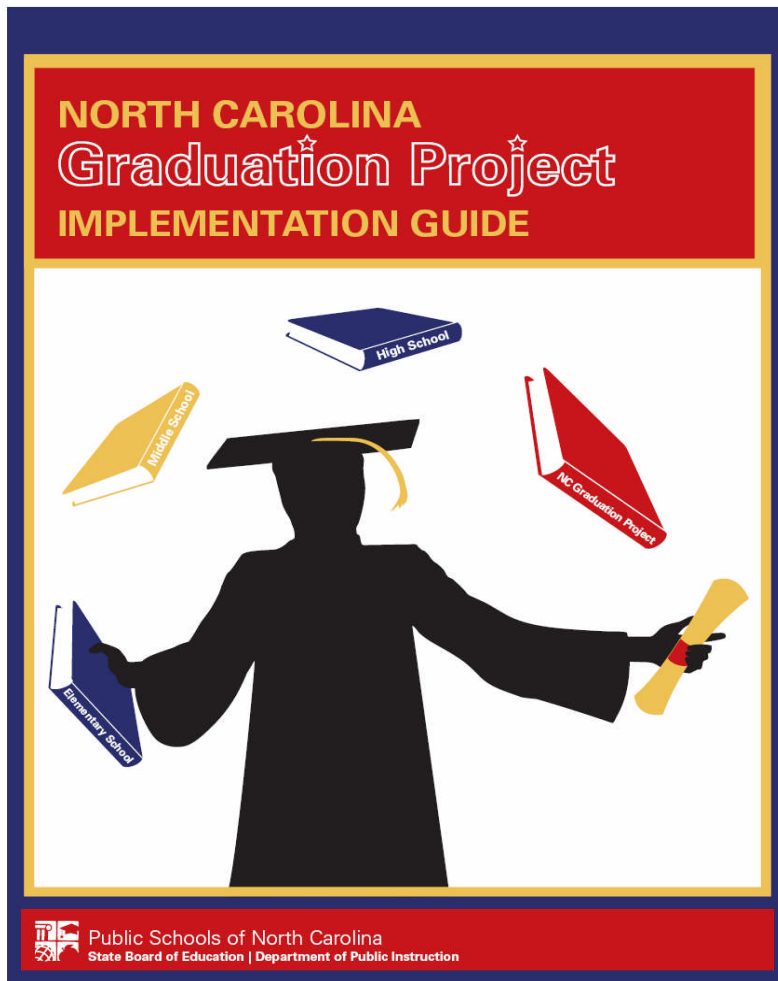
NC Graduation Project & Senior Project Training



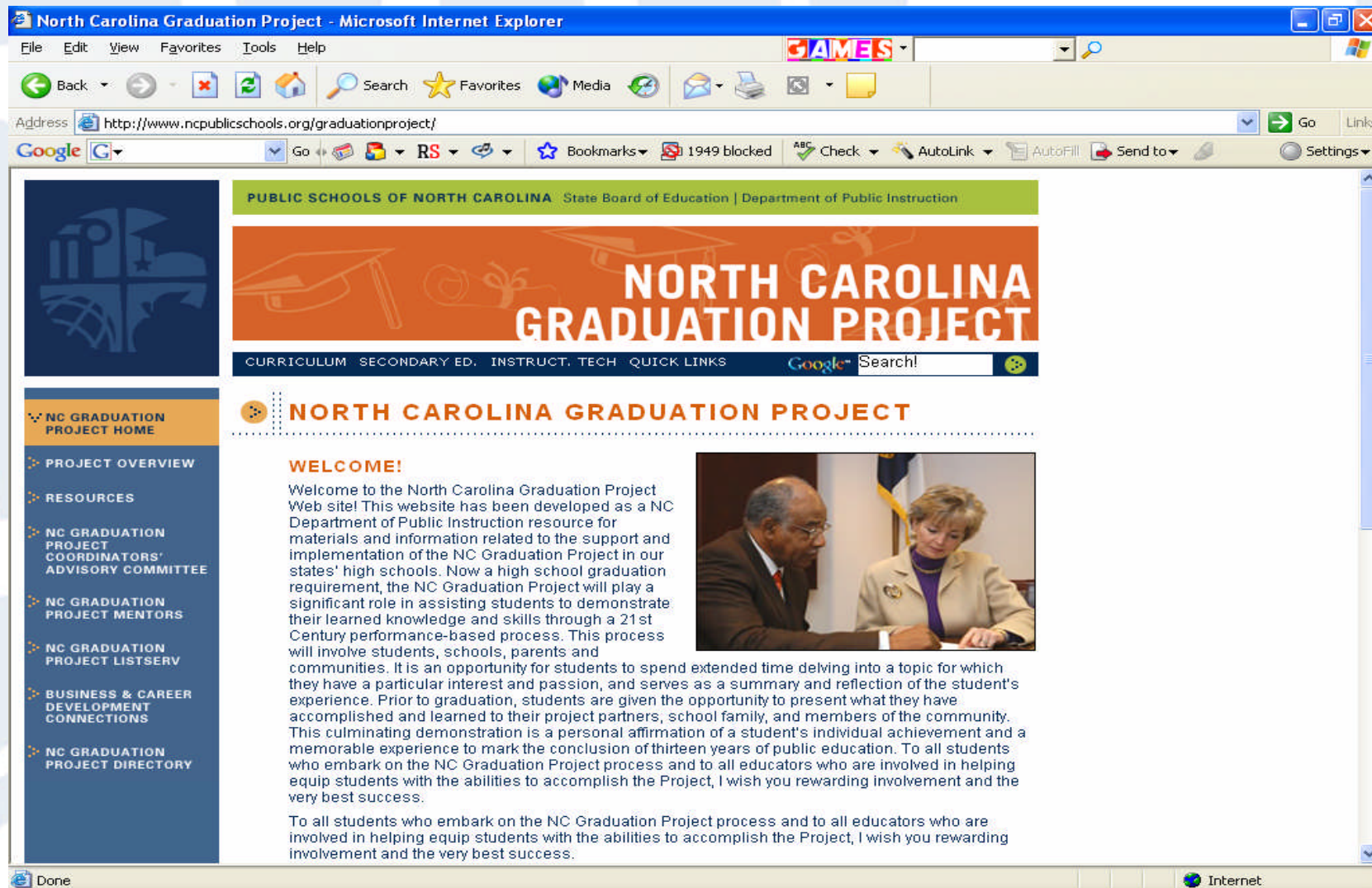
Based on numerous individuals from either central office and/or high schools in city and county systems attending training in NCGP or Senior Project as of 1-3-07.



Graduation Project Resources



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Implementation of Graduation Project

- **Highlights of Professional Development**
 - NC Graduation Project Coordinators Conference
 - Fall Regional Meetings



**What public input or criticisms
about the Graduation Project
have been received and how has
this been addressed?**



Need for consistency in grading scales used for the four components of the Graduation Project.



Should Graduation Project only be taught in English IV?



**Need for assistance in
organizing and managing the
tremendous amount of
paperwork associated with
multiple students completing the
four components of the North
Carolina Graduation Project.**



Next Steps

- **Three Spring Staff Development Trainings**
- **Summer Institute– June 19-20, 2008**
- **Continue Quarterly Electronic Newsletter**
- **Fall Video Conference**



Perspective from the Field

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