



Public Schools of North Carolina
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

**Study of GS 20-11
Dropout Prevention /Driver License
Legislation
House Bill 769 Session Law 1997-507**

Date Due November 15, 2002
Report # 34 in 2002 DPI Chronological Schedule

Table of Contents

Study of HB 769, SK 1997-507; GS 20-11	3-4
Dropout Data (98-00) and Driver License Suspension Totals (98-00)	5
Dropout Data and Driver License Suspension Totals	6-7
Superintendent Survey Responses	8-10

Appendices

A-1 General Statute 20-11	11-15
A-2 Dropout Prevention/Driver License Legislation Brief.....	16-18
A-3 1998-1999 DL Suspensions by Agency & Dropout Data.....	19-20
A-4 1999-2000 DL Suspensions by Agency & Dropout Data.....	21-22
A-5 2000-2001 DL Suspensions by Agency & Dropout Data.....	23-24
A-6 2001-2002 DL Suspensions by Agency.....	25-26
A-7 8/1/02-9/3/02 Suspensions by Agency.....	27-28
A-8 Grades 7-12 Dropout Data 1998-2001.....	29-32
A-9 13 Years of North Carolina Dropout Data (Graph)	33
A 10 Public Schools Driver License Suspensions by Year	34-35
A-11 Non Public Education Driver License Suspensions by Year.....	36-37
A-12 Community Colleges Driver License Suspensions by Year	38-39

Study of HB 769, SL 1997-507; GS 20-11

Overview

In accordance with GS 20-11, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) studied the effectiveness of the Dropout Prevention/Driver License Legislation. DPI used data from the 2000-2001 Dropout Prevention Report and data from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to examine correlated trends before and after the implementation of the legislation. A multiple choice survey and a short response questionnaire were also sent to each local education agency (LEA). The survey and questionnaire were designed to give LEAs the opportunity to provide input regarding the effectiveness of the legislation. Eighty responses were received.

When looking at the trend data for dropouts, it is difficult to make sound comparisons because of a change in dropout data collection.

- This legislation was implemented in 1998 and a policy in dropout data collection was also changed in 1998. Prior to 1998, a student who transferred to a community college was not considered a dropout; after 1998 this student was coded as a dropout.
- Even though direct comparisons are difficult to make because of the data collection changes, the state has seen a decrease (982 98/99 – 99-00 and 2220 99/00 – 00/01) in the total number of dropouts each consecutive year since the implementation of the law.
- It is important to note that the dropout data for the school year 2001-2002 will not be released until December 2002. At this point trends can only be gathered between two school years.

Obstacles

- The DMV codes a suspension under this law as a High School Dropout Suspension. This suspension can be placed for dropping out of school or failing to make adequate progress; however, DMV does not disaggregate the data between the two different suspension reasons.
 - The implementation date varied among school systems also making it difficult to make any accurate conclusions on the effect this law has had on decreasing dropouts.
 - Not all school systems began implementing this legislation on 8/1/1998.
 - Multiple programs have been initiated in school systems across the state for dropout prevention and many systems have noticed a change in the dropout rates. This decrease cannot be attributed to the success of any one particular program or law.
-

Findings

- If a student has not made adequate progress, then he/she may not receive initial driving privileges; therefore there is nothing to suspend if the student drops out of school.
- Driving privileges are not a motivation for every student.
- There has been uneven implementation of the law among school districts.
- This legislation has resulted in increased paperwork, record keeping, mail correspondence and meeting time for schools.

Dropout data include:

- The number of students in grades 7-12 that were reported as withdrawing from public school and no documentation is given for transferring to an approved institution.

DMV suspensions include:

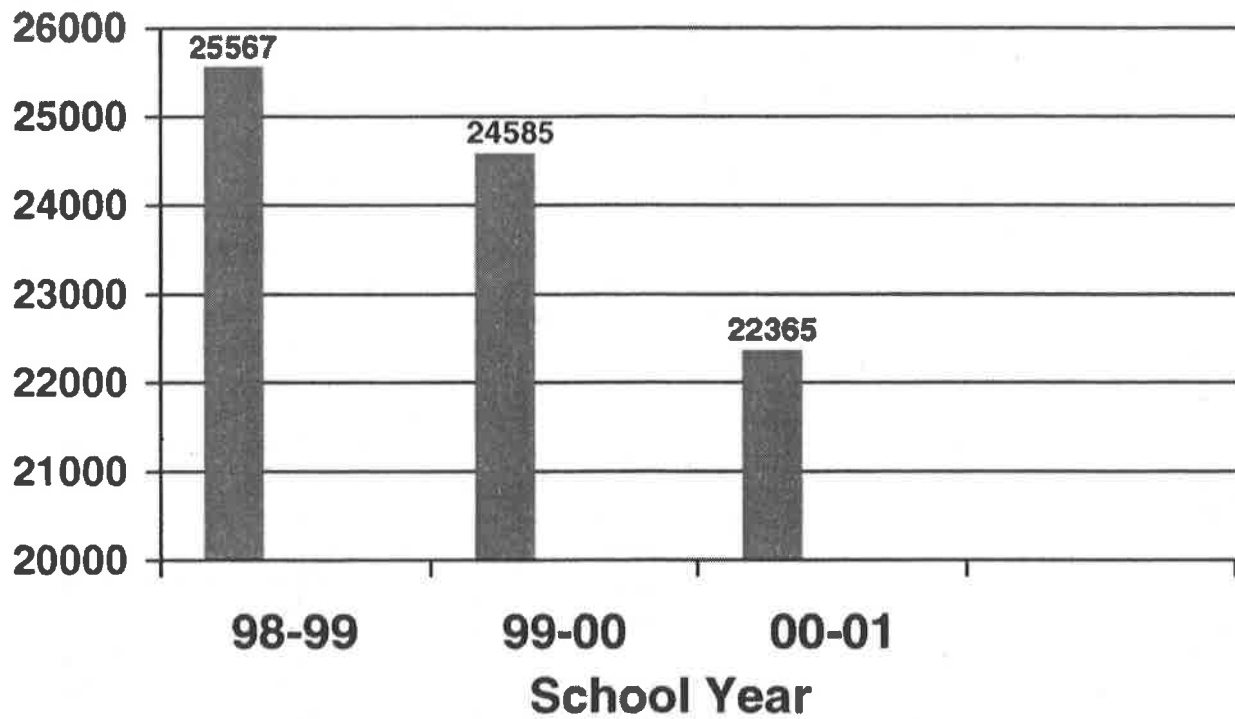
- The number of students who lost driving privileges because of failure to make academic progress at the end of a semester.
- The number of students who lost driving privileges because of dropping out of school.

Conclusions

In conclusion, a decrease has been noted in the dropout rate for North Carolina over the last three years. However, it is difficult to ascertain how one particular law or program contributed to this decrease.

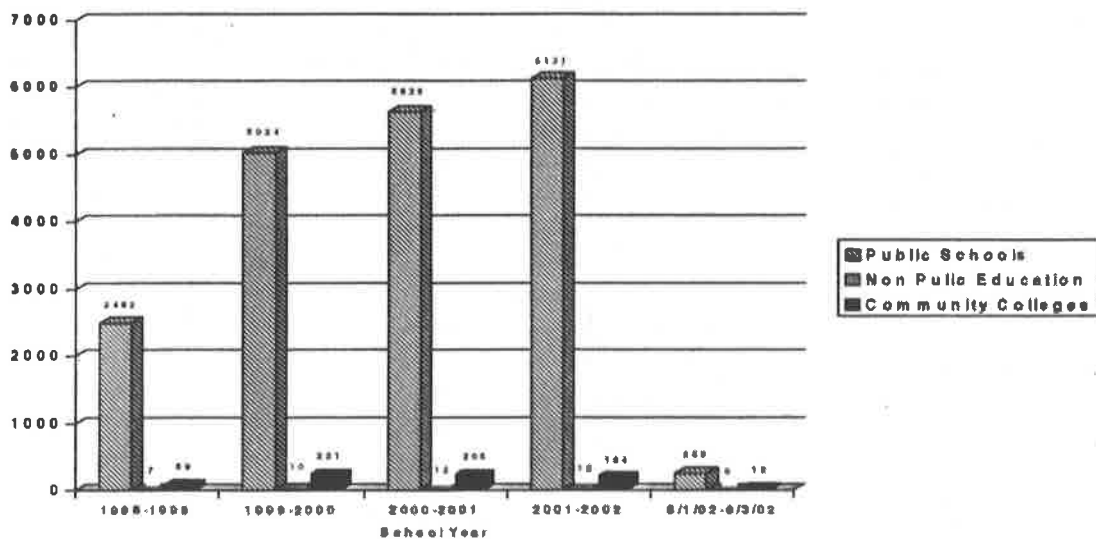
- One cannot credit the law with the decrease in dropouts because of the lack of conclusive evidence and inconsistent implementation.
 - The questionnaire responses noted that many school districts found this legislation has created a sense of student awareness and responsibility for making progress toward graduation.
 - A majority of the school districts reported that this law created an increased workload (heavy reporting, paper work, correspondence, and meetings) on staff that already have multiple responsibilities.
-

Dropout Data Grades 7-12



Data taken from the DPI Dropout Data Report 2000-2001

Driver License Suspensions



Data provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles

Dropout Data and Driver License Suspension Data Totals

COUNTY	Dropout Numbers	Driver License Suspension Totals 1998-2002*		
	1998-2001	Public Schools	Comm Coll	Non Public
Alamance	1254	391	44	0
Alexander	350	120	6	1
Alleghany	64	8	4	0
Anson	386	73	0	0
Ashe	235	75	9	0
Avery	163	50	2	0
Beaufort	479	196	3	1
Bertie	244	1	2	1
Bladen	239	3	3	0
Brunswick	688	117	1	1
Buncombe	1769	417	80	2
Burke	933	352	22	0
Cabarrus	1101	343	24	0
Caldwell	664	161	2	0
Camden	89	21	5	0
Carteret	609	177	10	2
Caswell	197	47	0	0
Catawba	1311	448	19	0
Chatham	457	173	1	0
Cherokee	202	20	0	0
Edenton-Chowan	109	27	0	0
Clay	84	3	0	0
Cleveland	960	263	5	0
Columbus	839	111	34	0
Craven	904	176	2	0
Cumberland	2534	214	2	3
Currituck	228	56	6	0
Dare	268	76	2	0
Davidson	1466	739	14	0
Davie	270	196	9	0
Duplin	462	108	3	0
Durham	1673	365	2	0
Edgecombe	586	156	8	2
Forsyth	2512	222	10	1
Franklin	511	151	0	2
Gaston	2158	600	4	0
Gates	125	34	3	0
Graham	94	25	0	0
Granville	475	236	0	0
Greene	181	45	0	2
Guilford	3014	1271	5	5
Halifax	555	113	1	0
Harnett	1048	248	0	0
Haywood	447	126	0	0
Henderson	646	291	2	0
Hertford	256	9	0	1
Hoke	435	61	0	0
Hyde	43	7	0	0
Iredell	1303	677	1	0
Jackson	207	3	1	0

*Totals include driving privileges suspended for dropping out of school and for failing to make adequate progress.

Dropout Data and Driver License Suspension Data Totals

COUNTY	Dropout Numbers	Driver License Suspension Totals 1998-2002*		
	1998-2001	Public Schools	Comm Coll	Non Public
Johnston	1130	237	0	0
Jones	75	13	1	0
Lee	597	76	0	0
Lenoir	736	132	0	0
Lincoln	664	270	3	0
Macon	250	137	1	0
Madison	137	4	12	1
Martin	293	93	2	0
McDowell	424	105	3	0
Mecklenburg	6451	465	52	0
Mitchell	69	37	2	0
Montgomery	282	49	2	0
Moore	498	171	1	0
Nash	1303	319	15	0
New Hanover	1199	33	0	0
Northampton	227	2	0	2
Onslow	1204	468	43	1
Orange	422	311	6	1
Pamlico	99	37	0	0
Pasquotank	418	27	14	0
Pender	337	2	0	0
Perquimans	163	57	1	0
Person	342	103	1	0
Pitt	1318	468	1	0
Polk	61	8	4	0
Randolph	1436	366	20	1
Richmond	491	65	7	0
Robeson	2217	129	1	0
Rockingham	868	344	17	1
Rowan	1163	411	8	1
Rutherford	665	222	0	0
Sampson	478	151	2	0
Scotland	530	2	0	0
Stanly	405	183	37	0
Stokes	369	171	1	0
Surry	597	169	15	0
Swain	115	5	5	0
Transylvania	249	70	0	0
Tyrell	33	7	0	0
Union	965	440	5	1
Vance	585	146	0	1
Wake	3460	2383	2	7
Warren	277	3	0	1
Washington	112	0	1	0
Watauga	269	11	0	0
Wayne	982	252	23	0
Wilkes	633	287	6	0
Wilson	919	16	1	0
Yadkin	294	125	9	0
Yancey	141	22	5	0
Totals	72517	19406	680	42

*Totals include driving privileges suspended for dropping out of school and for failing to make adequate progress.

Questionnaire Responses from Local School Districts

Overview

School districts were given questionnaires that asked the following:

- What are the benefits of the Dropout Prevention/Driver License legislation?
- What challenges does the Dropout Prevention/Driver License legislation present?
- What suggestions can you offer to improve the implementation of the dropout prevention legislation?

Eighty responses were received, and there were several strong common responses that will be outlined below.

Benefits

School personnel identified the following benefits of the legislation:

- Improved academic performance.
- Increased student awareness of the need to make academic progress and the repercussions of dropping out of school.
- Increased student and parent responsibility.
- Increased attendance.
- Many responded failing to see any benefit or the ability to attribute the reduction in dropouts to this law.

Challenges

The following challenges were identified:

- Effective implementation of this law requires an exorbitant amount of time in record keeping, paperwork, mail correspondence, and meetings.
- The hardship/waiver process is burdensome on the school and creates a lot of pressure on the committee especially when trying to determine financial hardships.
- Many systems reported that monitoring and administering this legislation was another duty added to an employee who is already overworked.
- The process is long and can be complicated.
- Many responses concluded that the law was not being implemented consistently across the state.
- Many systems noted a lack of responsibility for home schools.
- Requires excessive attention of administrators, which reduces time spent on instructional responsibilities.
- Legislation creates unneeded frustration and anger towards the school system.

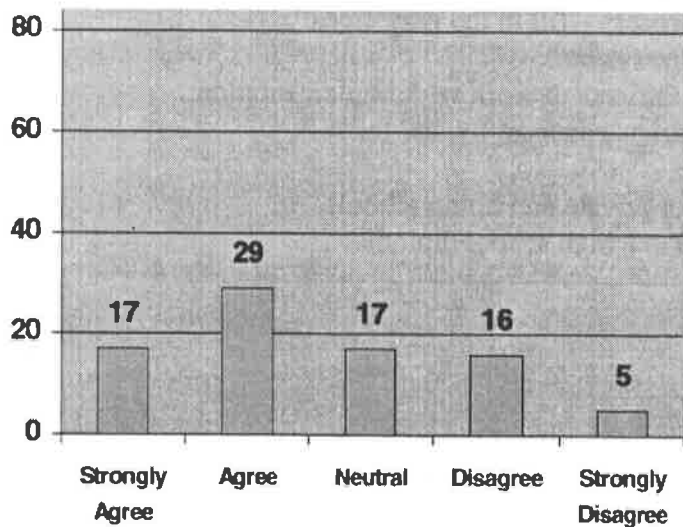
- Many students are not eligible for a permit; therefore, this law is not a motivator for these individuals.
 - Students continue to drive even though the privilege is revoked.
-

Suggestions

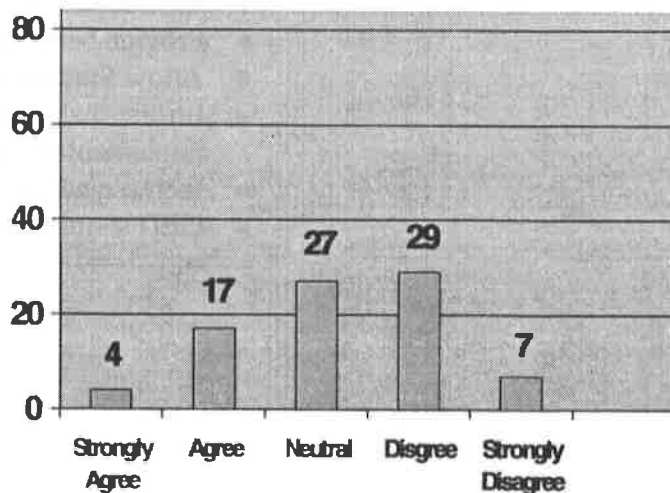
The following were suggestions for improvement:

- Fund staff to monitor effectively and implement the legislation.
 - Restructure the appeals process – fill in the gray areas.
 - Provide better access to the system.
 - Allow Student Resource Officers to work with implementation.
 - Ensure that all school districts consistently and fairly implement the legislation.
 - Increase accountability for private and home schools.
 - GED should not be equal to a high school diploma.
-

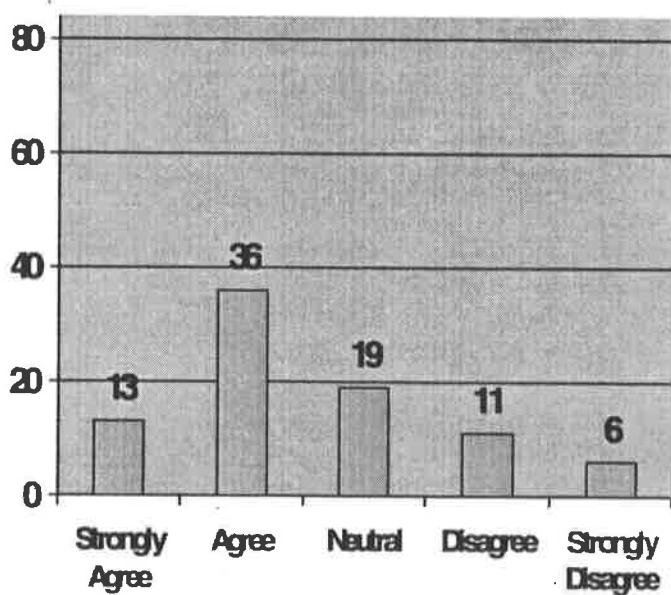
Survey Question 1 - The Dropout Prevention/Driver License Legislation has been effective in reducing drop-outs.



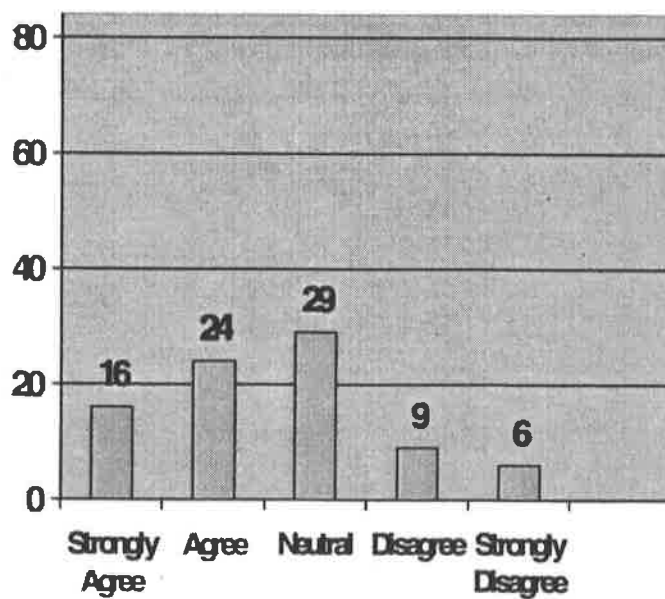
Survey Question 2 - The number of students dropping out of public schools to attend community colleges has decreased since 8/1/98.



Survey Question 3 - The Dropout Prevention/Driver License Legislation is related to improved academic performance.



Survey Question 4 The Dropout Prevention/Driver License Legislation has had a positive impact on my school district.



General Statute 20-11**§ 20-11. Issuance of limited learner's permit and provisional drivers license to person who is less than 18 years old.**

(a) Process. – Safe driving requires instruction in driving and experience. To ensure that a person who is less than 18 years old has both instruction and experience before obtaining a drivers license, driving privileges are granted first on a limited basis and are then expanded in accordance with the following process:

- (1) Level 1. – Driving with a limited learner's permit.
- (2) Level 2. – Driving with a limited provisional license.
- (3) Level 3. – Driving with a full provisional license.

A permit or license issued under this section must have a color background or border that indicates the level of driving privileges granted by the permit or license.

(b) Level 1. – A person who is at least 15 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain a limited learner's permit if the person meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Passes a course of driver education prescribed in G.S. 20-88.1 or a course of driver instruction at a licensed commercial driver training school.
- (2) Passes a written test administered by the Division.
- (3) Has a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(c) Level 1 Restrictions. – A limited learner's permit authorizes the permit holder to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle only under the following conditions:

- (1) The permit holder must be in possession of the permit.
- (2) A supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. No person other than the supervising driver can be in the front seat.
- (3) For the first six months after issuance, the permit holder may drive only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- (4) After the first six months after issuance, the permit holder may drive at any time.
- (5) Every person occupying the vehicle being driven by the permit holder must have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body, or be restrained by a child passenger restraint system as provided in G.S. 20-137.1(a), when the vehicle is in motion.

(d) Level 2. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain a limited provisional license if the person meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Has held a limited learner's permit issued by the Division for at least 12 months.
- (2) Has not been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction during the preceding six months.
- (3) Passes a road test administered by the Division.
- (4) Has a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(e) Level 2 Restrictions. – A limited provisional license authorizes the license holder to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle only under the following conditions:

- (1) The license holder must be in possession of the license.
- (2) The license holder may drive without supervision in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. From 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - b. When driving to or from work.
 - c. When driving to or from an activity of a volunteer fire department, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer emergency medical service, if the driver is a member of the organization.
- (3) The license holder may drive with supervision at any time. When the license holder is driving with supervision, the supervising driver must be seated beside the license holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. The supervising driver need not be the only other occupant of the front seat, but must be the person seated next to the license holder.

- (4) Every person occupying the vehicle being driven by the license holder must have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body, or be restrained by a child passenger restraint system as provided in G.S. 20-137.1(a), when the vehicle is in motion.

(f) Level 3. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old may obtain a full provisional license if the person meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Has held a limited provisional license issued by the Division for at least six months.
- (2) Has not been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction during the preceding six months.
- (3) Has a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent.

A person who meets these requirements may obtain a full provisional license by mail.

(g) Level 3 Restrictions. – The restrictions on Level 1 and Level 2 drivers concerning time of driving, supervision, and passenger limitations do not apply to a full provisional license.

(h) Exception for Persons 16 to 18 Who Have an Unrestricted Out-of-State License. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old, who was a resident of another state and has an unrestricted drivers license issued by that state, and who becomes a resident of this State may obtain one of the following upon the submission of a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its equivalent:

- (1) A temporary permit, if the person has not completed a drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction but is currently enrolled in a drivers education program that meets these requirements. A temporary permit is valid for the period specified in the permit and authorizes the holder of the permit to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle when in possession of the permit, subject to any restrictions imposed by the Division concerning time of driving, supervision, and passenger limitations. The period must end within 10 days after the expected completion date of the drivers education program in which the applicant is enrolled.
- (2) A full provisional license, if the person has completed a drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, has held the license issued by the other state for at least 12 months, and has not been convicted during the preceding six months of a motor vehicle moving violation, a seat belt infraction, or an offense committed in another jurisdiction that would be a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction if committed in this State.
- (3) A limited provisional license, if the person has completed a drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction but either did not hold the license issued by the other state for at least 12 months or was convicted during the preceding six months of a motor vehicle moving violation, a seat belt infraction, or an offense committed in another jurisdiction that would be a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction if committed in this State.

(h1) Exception for Persons 16 to 18 Who Have an Out-of-State Restricted License. – A person who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old, who was a resident of another state and has a restricted drivers license issued by that state, and who becomes a resident of this State may obtain one of the following:

- (1) A limited provisional license, if the person has completed a drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, held the restricted license issued by the other state for at least 12 months, and whose parent or guardian certifies that the person has not been convicted during the preceding six months of a motor vehicle moving violation, a seat belt infraction, or an offense committed in another jurisdiction that would be a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction if committed in this State.
- (2) A limited learners permit, if the person has completed a drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction but either did not hold the restricted license issued by the other state for at least 12 months or was convicted during the preceding six months of a motor vehicle moving violation, a seat belt infraction, or an offense

committed in another jurisdiction that would be a motor vehicle moving violation or seat belt infraction if committed in this State. A person who qualifies for a limited learners permit under this subdivision and whose parent or guardian certifies that the person has not been convicted of a moving violation in the preceding six months shall be deemed to have held a limited learners permit in this State for each month the person held a restricted license in another state.

(h2) Exception for Persons Age 15 Who Have an Out-of-State Unrestricted or Restricted License. – A person who is age 15, who was a resident of another state, has an unrestricted or restricted drivers license issued by that state, and who becomes a resident of this State may obtain a limited learners permit if the person has completed a drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. A person who qualifies for a limited learners permit under this subsection and whose parent or guardian certifies that the person has not been convicted of a moving violation in the preceding six months shall be deemed to have held a limited learners permit in this State for each month the person held an unrestricted or restricted license in another state.

(h3) Exception for Persons Less Than Age 18 Who Have a Federally Issued Unrestricted or Restricted License. – A person who is less than age 18, who has an unrestricted or restricted drivers license issued by the federal government, and who becomes a resident of this State may obtain a limited provisional license or a provisional license if the person has completed a drivers education program substantially equivalent to the drivers education program that meets the requirements of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. A person who qualifies for a limited provisional license or a provisional license under this subsection and whose parent or guardian certifies that the person has not been convicted of a moving violation in the preceding six months shall be deemed to have held a limited provisional license or a provisional license in this State for each month the person held an unrestricted or restricted license issued by the federal government.

(i) Application. – An application for a permit or license authorized by this section must be signed by both the applicant and another person. That person must be:

- (1) The applicant's parent or guardian;
- (2) A person approved by the applicant's parent or guardian; or
- (3) A person approved by the Division.

(j) Duration and Fee. – A limited learner's permit expires on the eighteenth birthday of the permit holder. A limited provisional license expires on the eighteenth birthday of the license holder. A full provisional license expires on the date set under G.S. 20-7(f). The fee for a limited learner's permit or a limited provisional license is ten dollars (\$10.00). The fee for a full provisional license is the amount set under G.S. 20-7(i).

(k) Supervising Driver. – A supervising driver shall be a parent or guardian of the permit holder or license holder or a responsible person approved by the parent or guardian or the Division. A supervising driver shall be a licensed driver who has been licensed for at least five years. At least one supervising driver shall sign the application for a permit or license.

(l) Violations. – It is unlawful for the holder of a limited learner's permit, a temporary permit, or a limited provisional license to drive a motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions that apply to the permit or license. Failure to comply with a restriction concerning the time of driving or the presence of a supervising driver in the vehicle constitutes operating a motor vehicle without a license. Failure to comply with any other restriction, including seating and passenger limitations, is an infraction punishable by a monetary penalty as provided in G.S. 20-176.

(m) Insurance Status. – The holder of a limited learner's permit is not considered a licensed driver for the purpose of determining the inexperienced operator premium surcharge under automobile insurance policies.

(n) Driving Eligibility Certificate. – A person who desires to obtain a permit or license issued under this section must have a high school diploma or its equivalent or must have a driving eligibility certificate. A driving eligibility certificate must meet the following conditions:

- (1) The person who is required to sign the certificate under subdivision (4) of this subsection must show that he or she has determined that one of the following requirements is met:

- a. The person is currently enrolled in school and is making progress toward obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- b. A substantial hardship would be placed on the person or the person's family if the person does not receive a certificate.
- c. The person cannot make progress toward obtaining a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (1a) The person who is required to sign the certificate under subdivision (4) of this subsection also must show that one of the following requirements is met:
 - a. The person who seeks a permit or license issued under this section is not subject to subsection (n1) of this section.
 - b. The person who seeks a permit or license issued under this section is subject to subsection (n1) of this section and is eligible for the certificate under that subsection.
- (2) It must be on a form approved by the Division.
- (3) It must be dated within 30 days of the date the person applies for a permit or license issuable under this section.
- (4) It must be signed by the applicable person named below:
 - a. The principal, or the principal's designee, of the public school in which the person is enrolled.
 - b. The administrator, or the administrator's designee, of the nonpublic school in which the person is enrolled.
 - c. The person who provides the academic instruction in the home school in which the person is enrolled.
 - c1. The person who provides the academic instruction in the home in accordance with an educational program found by a court, prior to July 1, 1998, to comply with the compulsory attendance law.
 - d. The designee of the board of directors of the charter school in which the person is enrolled.
 - e. The president, or the president's designee, of the community college in which the person is enrolled.

Notwithstanding any other law, the decision concerning whether a driving eligibility certificate was properly issued or improperly denied shall be appealed only as provided under the rules adopted in accordance with G.S. 115C-12(28), 115D-5(a3), or 115C-566, whichever is applicable, and may not be appealed under this Chapter.

(n1) Lose Control; Lose License.

(1) The following definitions apply in this subsection:

- a. Applicable State entity. – The State Board of Education for public schools and charter schools, the State Board of Community Colleges for community colleges, or the Secretary of Administration for nonpublic schools and home schools.
- b. Certificate. – A driving eligibility certificate that meets the conditions of subsection (n) of this section.
- c. Disciplinary action. – An expulsion, a suspension for more than 10 consecutive days, or an assignment to an alternative educational setting for more than 10 consecutive days.
- d. Enumerated student conduct. – One of the following behaviors that results in disciplinary action:
 - 1. The possession or sale of an alcoholic beverage or an illegal controlled substance on school property.
 - 2. The bringing, possession, or use on school property of a weapon or firearm that resulted in disciplinary action under G.S. 115C-391(d1) or that could have resulted in that disciplinary action if the conduct had occurred in a public school.
 - 3. The physical assault on a teacher or other school personnel on school property.
- e. School. – A public school, charter school, community college, nonpublic school, or home school.

- f. School administrator. – The person who is required to sign certificates under subdivision (4) of subsection (n) of this section.
 - g. School property. – The physical premises of the school, school buses or other vehicles under the school's control or contract and that are used to transport students, and school-sponsored curricular or extracurricular activities that occur on or off the physical premises of the school.
 - h. Student. – A person who desires to obtain a permit or license issued under this section.
- (2) Any student who was subject to disciplinary action for enumerated student conduct that occurred either after the first day of July before the school year in which the student enrolled in the eighth grade or after the student's fourteenth birthday, whichever event occurred first, is subject to this subsection.
 - (3) A student who is subject to this subsection is eligible for a certificate when the school administrator determines that the student has exhausted all administrative appeals connected to the disciplinary action and that one of the following conditions is met:
 - a. The enumerated student conduct occurred before the student reached the age of 15, and the student is now at least 16 years old.
 - b. The enumerated student conduct occurred after the student reached the age of 15, and it is at least one year after the date the student exhausted all administrative appeals connected to the disciplinary action.
 - c. The student needs the certificate in order to drive to and from school, a drug or alcohol treatment counseling program, as appropriate, or a mental health treatment program, and no other transportation is available.
 - (4) A student whose permit or license is denied or revoked due to ineligibility for a certificate under this subsection may otherwise be eligible for a certificate if, after six months from the date of the ineligibility, the school administrator determines that one of the following conditions is met:
 - a. The student has returned to school or has been placed in an alternative educational setting, and has displayed exemplary student behavior, as defined by the applicable State entity.
 - b. The disciplinary action was for the possession or sale of an alcoholic beverage or an illegal controlled substance on school property, and the student subsequently attended and successfully completed, as defined by the applicable State entity, a drug or alcohol treatment counseling program, as appropriate. (1935, c. 52, s. 6; 1953, c. 355; 1955, c. 1187, s. 8; 1963, c. 968, ss. 2, 2A; 1965, c. 410, s. 3; c. 1171; 1967, c. 694; 1969, c. 37; 1973, c. 191, ss. 1, 2; c. 664, ss. 1, 2; 1975, c. 79; c. 716, s. 5; 1979, c. 101; c. 667, ss. 15, 16, 41; 1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1257, s. 2; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1021, s. 11; 1991, c. 689, s. 326; 1993, c. 539, s. 319; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 1997-16, s. 1; 1997-443, s. 32.20; 1997-507, s. 1; 1998-149, ss. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5; 1998-212, s. 9.21(c); 1999-243, ss. 1, 2; 1999-276, s. 1; 1999-387, s. 4; 1999-452, s. 9.)

Dropout Prevention Legislation and Guidelines Brief

HB769, SL1997-507

This law became effective August 1, 1998. It affects any resident under the age of 18. This includes those who are enrolled in public, private, charter, home, federal schools and community colleges. This law states that a student who is under the age of 18 must be enrolled in school and making adequate progress toward a diploma in order to receive and maintain driving privileges in North Carolina. If a student wants to apply for driving privileges (permit or license) they must have a Driver Eligibility Certificate (DEC). This is a printed document issued to the student **only** if he/she is making adequate progress and does not have a greater than 10 day suspension or assignment to an alternative school pending (for possessing a weapon, an illegal substance or assaulting a staff member – this relates to the Lose Control Lose Your License Legislation).

Adequate progress is determined when a student applies for the DEC by checking the most recent semester grades and then assessed at the end of each semester until he/she graduates or turns 18. Adequate progress in reference to this law is defined as passing at least 70% of the classes in which the student enrolled. That means in most cases a student cannot fail more than one class in a semester and maintain driving privileges in North Carolina. Schools operating on a traditional schedule measure adequate progress using semester grades at the end of the first semester and year end grades and at the end of the second semester. For schools on a block schedule, final grades are used to determine adequate progress at the end of each semester.

Inadequate Progress

Each school is linked and has secured access to the State Automated Driver License System (SADLS) which enables the school or the district to enter the data necessary to revoke a student's driving privileges, if the student fails to make progress at the end of each semester or drops out of school. Some schools run the SADLS program at the school and enter their own suspensions and issue DEC's to students at the school. Some school systems run the SADLS program through the central office and all schools in that district report their suspensions to central office personnel who then revoke driving privileges. The school or district will send a letter to the parents of the student explaining why the driving privileges are being revoked and offer the parent the opportunity to apply for a hardship (schools may give the parents

no less than 5 days and no more than 10 days to respond.). The DMV will also send a final notice to the home of the student, stating that within 10 days (the revocation start date is given within the letter– DMV policy with any license suspension is to post the suspension 10 days after the letter is generated and mailed) the student's driving privileges will be revoked and request the student to mail his/her license/permit to the DMV headquarters.

Hardships

Hardships are granted only at the local level and should be granted only under extreme circumstances. The state guidelines identify four categories in which hardships may be granted, they are as follows, 1) medical considerations, 2) work related considerations, 3) exceptional children considerations, 4) other. Cases of hardship must reflect specific circumstances that are beyond the control of the student, his or her parents, or the school. Hardship forms are to be completed and given to the principal or the principal's designee and must have supporting documentation. A review panel is then convened by the principal and/or the principal's designee to review the hardship request. If it is determined that a hardship should be granted then the school issues a Driver Eligibility Certificate to the student. The student presents the DEC to the DMV and his/her driving privileges are reinstated. There is an appeal process. Each LEA determines the appeal process procedures for parents who have a grievance connected to this law.

All other students must wait until the end of the semester and if they are making adequate progress the school may issue another DEC which the student presents to the DMV and must pay a \$25.00 restoration fee and a \$10.00 duplication fee for reinstatement of his/her license. The only other way for a student to have his/her driving privileges reinstated is to turn 18 years of age, or receive a high school diploma or its equivalent.

If a student drops out of school his/her privileges are revoked within 30 days of the withdrawal and they fall under the same hardship rules.

Transfers

If a student transfers to another school (public, private, charter or registered home school) and is making adequate progress then they are able to maintain driving privileges. If a student withdraws and the school is not notified of a transfer to an approved institution within 30 days, then the driving privilege is suspended.

If a student is leaving to attend a community college and is making adequate progress he/she is allowed to maintain driving privileges.

If the student is leaving to attend a community college and **not** making adequate progress then driving privilege is revoked. The community college requires students to attend school for 60 hours a month for 6 months to be eligible for driving privileges. Upon completion of the 6th month and if they are making adequate progress, the community college will issue a DEC.

Private and home schools adhere to the Division of Non Public Schools (DNPS) guidelines. The DNPS also issues DEC's to these students.

If a student attends a boarding school out of state but is a permanent resident of North Carolina, then his/her boarding school must provide documentation of the student's enrollment and progress to the North Carolina school in which the student would normally attend and is responsible for issuing the DEC to the student.

If a student moves out a state and has a suspended license in North Carolina due to the Dropout Prevention/Driver License legislation, appropriate documentation proving that the child is a permanent resident of another state must be provided to the former North Carolina school and a DEC is issued which will allow the release of the suspension in North Carolina. The suspensions are held on a national computer system, which prevents students from obtaining a license in another state until the North Carolina suspension is released.

**1998-1999 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency and
Dropout Data 7-12**

Appendix A-3

*COUNTY	Public Schools	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	98-99 Dropout Data
Alamance	37		5	42	420
Alexander	11		1	12	152
Alleghany	1			1	21
Anson	10			10	159
Ashe	1			1	98
Avery				0	67
Beaufort	29	1	1	31	148
Bertie				0	105
Bladen	1			1	81
Brunswick	6	1		7	211
Buncombe	66		18	84	610
Burke	47		4	51	414
Cabarrus	29		2	31	372
Caldwell	19			19	216
Camden			2	2	23
Carteret	5	1	1	7	205
Caswell	5			5	76
Catawba	45		1	46	433
Chatham	14			14	131
Cherokee	1			1	74
Edenton-Chowan	10			10	31
Clay				0	23
Cleveland	24			24	360
Columbus	3		5	8	221
Craven	32			32	294
Cumberland	47			47	994
Currituck	10		1	11	79
Dare	15			15	82
Davidson	115		1	116	433
Davie	37			37	95
Duplin	15			15	148
Durham				0	698
Edgecombe	3			3	194
Forsyth	15			15	930
Franklin	10			10	159
Gaston	67		1	68	816
Gates	15			15	42
Graham				0	47
Granville	7			7	137
Greene	3			3	45
Gullford	200			200	1163
Halifax	12			12	156
Harnett	45			45	322
Haywood	22			22	152
Henderson	50			50	235
Hertford				0	78
Hoke	1			1	129
Hyde	2			2	18
Iredell	147			147	512
Jackson	1			1	75
Johnston	16			16	391

1998-1999 Driver License Suspension
Suspension Data Provided by NCDMV
Dropout Data Taken from DPI - Dropout Prevention Report 2001

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

**1998-1999 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency and
Dropout Data 7-12**

Appendix A-3

*COUNTY	Public Schools	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	98-99 Dropout Data
Jones	8			8	28
Lee	19			19	192
Lenoir	2			2	266
Lincoln	28			28	236
Macon	5			5	73
Madison	1		1	2	53
Martin	4			4	99
McDowell	10			10	123
Mecklenburg	31		11	42	2409
Mitchell				0	21
Montgomery	2		1	3	98
Moore	18		1	19	155
Nash	21			21	461
New Hanover	17			17	429
Northampton		2		2	74
Onslow	98		2	100	410
Orange	28			28	156
Pamlico	10			10	37
Pasquotank				0	148
Pender				0	101
Perquimans	8			8	65
Person				0	118
Pitt	66			66	436
Polk	3			3	15
Randolph	45			45	544
Richmond				0	172
Robeson				0	706
Rockingham	81		3	84	359
Rowan	43			43	401
Rutherford	44			44	166
Sampson	19			19	175
Scotland				0	171
Stanly	23			23	112
Stokes	7			7	107
Surry	34		2	36	217
Swain				0	44
Transylvania	1			1	79
Tyrell	2			2	11
Union	56			56	325
Vance	11			11	224
Wake	434	2	1	437	1244
Warren				0	72
Washington				0	38
Watauga				0	95
Wayne	10		3	13	355
Wilkes	36		1	37	220
Wilson	3			3	317
Yadkin	1			1	85
Yancey	2			2	50
Totals	2482	7	69	2,558	25567

1998-1999 Driver License Suspension
Suspension Data Provided by NCDMV
Dropout Data Taken from DPI - Dropout Prevention Report 2001

**1999-2000 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency and
Dropout Data 7-12**

Appendix A-4

*COUNTY	Public School	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	99-00 Dropout Data
Alamance	105		12	117	443
Alexander	37		2	39	108
Alleghany	3			3	28
Anson	18			18	132
Ashe	24		4	28	84
Avery	9		2	11	59
Beaufort	43			43	172
Bertie	1	1		2	70
Bladen	1			1	77
Brunswick	9		1	10	263
Buncombe	109		18	127	635
Burke	90		7	97	296
Cabarrus	128		9	137	392
Caldwell	36		2	38	230
Camden	13			13	38
Carteret	49		1	50	214
Caswell	14			14	81
Catawba	112		9	121	454
Chatham	50			50	160
Cherokee	1			1	62
Edenton-Chowan	10			10	43
Clay				0	36
Cleveland	79		2	81	292
Columbus	38		8	46	245
Craven	57			57	300
Cumberland	53	1		54	803
Currituck	18		2	20	89
Dare	13			13	83
Davidson	151		1	152	425
Davie	58		4	62	90
Duplin	18			18	138
Durham	136			136	543
Edgecombe	63		3	66	208
Forsyth	46	1		47	843
Franklin	50	1		51	205
Gaston	131		3	134	707
Gates	5			5	50
Graham				0	20
Granville	46			46	186
Greene	3			3	68
Gulford	342	1	2	345	1104
Hallfax	19			19	207
Harnett	39			39	365
Haywood	30			30	144
Henderson	64			64	209
Hertford	1			1	111
Hoke	22			22	165
Hyde	1			1	18
Iredell	156			156	389
Jackson				0	68
Johnston	39			39	373

1999 -2000 School Year

Suspension Data Provided by NCDMV

Dropout Data Taken from DPI- Dropout Prevention Report 2001

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

**1999-2000 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency and
Dropout Data 7-12**

Appendix A-4

*COUNTY	Public School	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	99-00 Dropout Data
Jones	3			3	24
Lee	1			1	181
Lenoir	27			27	256
Lincoln	86		2	88	247
Macon	48			48	92
Madison	1	1	1	3	37
Martin	31			31	109
McDowell	27		2	29	156
Mecklenburg	80		36	116	2133
Mitchell			2	2	25
Montgomery	15			15	109
Moore	51			51	175
Nash	143		7	150	436
New Hanover	11			11	393
Northampton				0	83
Onslow	58		13	71	432
Orange	95	1	3	99	115
Pamlico	13			13	35
Pasquotank	12		8	20	134
Pender	1			1	143
Perquimans	5		1	6	54
Person	24		1	25	110
Pitt	237			237	448
Polk	1			1	19
Randolph	74	1	10	85	493
Richmond				0	163
Robeson	2			2	735
Rockingham	41		6	47	240
Rowan	98			98	406
Rutherford	66			66	270
Sampson	17			17	143
Scotland	1			1	169
Stantley	31		15	46	153
Stokes	54			54	147
Surry	52		2	54	185
Swain	2			2	33
Transylvania	26			26	85
Tyrell	1			1	8
Union	104		5	109	344
Vance	54	1		55	197
Wake	715	1		716	1147
Warren	1			1	116
Washington				0	33
Watauga				0	98
Wayne	85		11	96	284
Wilkes	68			68	209
Wilson	5			5	315
Yadkin	17			17	94
Yancey			4	4	47
Totals	5024	10	221	5,255	24585

**2000-2001 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency and
Dropout Data 7-12**

Appendix A-5

*COUNTY	Public School	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	00-01 Dropout Data
Alamance	131		22	153	391
Alexander	34	1	3	38	90
Alleghany			3	3	15
Anson	32			32	95
Ashe	37			37	53
Avery	20			20	37
Beaufort	57		2	59	159
Bertie			2	2	69
Bladen			1	1	81
Brunswick	37			37	214
Buncombe	115		24	139	524
Burke	103		8	111	223
Cabarrus	74		10	84	337
Caldwell	57			57	218
Camden	3		3	6	28
Carteret	62		2	64	190
Caswell	14			14	40
Catawba	121		4	125	424
Chatham	36		1	37	166
Cherokee	4			4	66
Edenton-Chowan	5			5	35
Clay				0	25
Cleveland	84		1	85	308
Columbus	24		11	35	207
Craven	56			56	310
Cumberland	65	2	2	69	737
Currituck	6		3	9	60
Dare	36			36	103
Davidson	279		7	286	512
Davie	52		2	54	85
Duplin	40			40	176
Durham	38		2	40	432
Edgecombe	60			60	184
Forsyth	56		6	62	739
Franklin	22			22	147
Gaston	150			150	635
Gates	5		2	7	33
Graham				0	27
Granville	93			93	152
Greene	30			30	68
Gulford	409			409	747
Halifax	30			30	192
Harnett	92			92	361
Haywood	25			25	151
Henderson	85		2	87	202
Hertford				0	67
Hoke	15	1		16	141
Hyde	1			1	7
Iredell	164		1	165	402
Jackson	1			1	64
Johnston	74			74	366

2000-2001 School Year

Suspension Data Provided by NCDMV

Dropout Data Taken from DPI-Dropout Prevention Report 2001

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

**2000-2001 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency and
Dropout Data 7-12**

Appendix A-5

*COUNTY	Public School	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	00-01 Dropout Data
Jones	2			2	23
Lee	25			25	224
Lenoir	48			48	214
Lincoln	71		1	72	181
Macon	52			52	85
Madison			6	6	47
Martin	31			31	85
McDowell	21		1	22	145
Mecklenburg	137		3	140	1909
Mitchell	1			1	23
Montgomery	1		1	2	75
Moore	49			49	168
Nash	77		1	78	406
New Hanover				0	377
Northampton	1			1	70
Onslow	146	1	19	166	362
Orange	105		1	106	151
Pamlico	8			8	27
Pasquotank			3	3	136
Pender				0	93
Perquimans	21			21	44
Person	34			34	114
Pitt	148			148	434
Polk	3			3	27
Randolph	104		7	111	399
Richmond	42		4	46	156
Robeson	46		1	47	776
Rockingham	114	1	8	123	269
Rowan	122	1	4	127	356
Rutherford	47			47	229
Sampson	42			42	160
Scotland				0	190
Stanly	81		6	87	140
Stokes	42		1	43	115
Surry	39		3	42	195
Swain	1			1	38
Transylvania	18			18	85
Tyrell				0	14
Union	139	1		140	296
Vance	47			47	164
Wake	581	4		585	1069
Warren	2			2	89
Washington			1	1	41
Watauga				0	76
Wayne	69		5	74	343
Wilkes	97		2	99	204
Wilson	6		1	7	287
Yadkin	63		2	65	115
Yancey	11			11	44
Totals	5628	12	205	5,845	22365

2000-2001 School Year
Suspension Data Provided by NCDMV

Dropout Data Taken from DPI-Dropout Prevention Report 2001

**2001-2002 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency**

Appendix A-6

*COUNTY	Public School	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	**2001-2002 Dropout Data Not Available
Alamance	101		5	106	
Alexander	38			38	
Alleghany	4		1	5	
Anson	13			13	
Ashe	12		5	17	
Avery	21			21	
Beaufort	67			67	
Bertie				0	
Bladen	1		2	3	
Brunswick	64			64	
Buncombe	127	2	20	149	
Burke	110		3	113	
Cabarrus	111		3	114	
Caldwell	49			49	
Camden	5			5	
Carteret	61	1	6	68	
Caswell	14			14	
Catawba	166		5	171	
Chatham	72			72	
Cherokee	14			14	
Edenton-Chowan	2			2	
Clay	3			3	
Cleveland	76		2	78	
Columbus	46		10	56	
Craven	31		2	33	
Cumberland	49			49	
Currituck	23			23	
Dare	5		2	7	
Davidson	189		5	194	
Davie	49		3	52	
Duplin	35		3	38	
Durham	191			191	
Edgecombe	30		5	35	
Forsyth	103	1	4	108	
Franklin	69			69	
Gaston	251	2		253	
Gates	9		1	10	
Graham	25			25	
Granville	89			89	
Greene	9			9	
Guilford	317	1	3	321	
Hallfax	52	5	1	58	
Harnett	71			71	
Haywood	49			49	
Henderson	92			92	
Hertford	8			8	
Hoke	22			22	
Hyde	3			3	
Iredell	203			203	
Jackson	1		1	2	
Johnston	108			108	

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

**Data to be available 12/02

**2001-2002 School Year
Driver License Suspensions By Agency**

Appendix A-6

*COUNTY	Public School	Non Public Ed	Comm Colleges	TOTALS	**2001-2002 Dropout Data Not Available
Jones	1		1	2	
Lee	31			31	
Lenoir	53			53	
Lincoln	70			70	
Macon	32			32	
Madison	2		4	6	
Martin	27		2	29	
McDowell	47			47	
Mecklenburg	197		2	199	
Mitchell	36			36	
Montgomery	31			31	
Moore	52			52	
Nash	78		7	85	
New Hanover	5			5	
Northampton	1			1	
Onslow	166		9	175	
Orange	81		2	83	
Pamlico	6			6	
Pasquotank	16		3	19	
Pender	1			1	
Perquimans	23			23	
Person	45			45	
Pitt	17		1	18	
Polk	1		4	5	
Randolph	114		3	117	
Richmond	23		3	26	
Robeson	80			80	
Rockingham	107			107	
Rowan	144		4	148	
Rutherford	64		2	66	
Sampson	73			73	
Scotland	1			1	
Stanly	48		16	64	
Stokes	68			68	
Surry	44		8	52	
Swain	2		5	7	
Transylvania	25			25	
Tyrell	4			4	
Union	141			141	
Vance	34			34	
Wake	640		1	641	
Warren				0	
Washington				0	
Watauga	11			11	
Wayne	88		4	92	
Wilkes	86		3	89	
Wilson	2			2	
Yadkin	44		7	51	
Yancey	9		1	10	
Totals	6131	12	184	6,327	

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

**Data to be available 12/02

2001 -2002 School Year
Suspension Data Provided by NCDMV

**August 1 - September 3, 2002
Driver License Suspensions By Agency**

Appendix A-7

*COUNTY	Public Schools	Non Public Ed	Community Colleges	TOTALS
Alamance	27			27
Alexander	5			5
Alleghany				0
Anson	3			3
Ashe	1			1
Avery				0
Beaufort				0
Bertie				0
Bladen	6		2	8
Brunswick				0
Buncombe	14		2	16
Burke	2			2
Cabarrus	8			8
Caldwell				0
Camden				0
Carteret				0
Caswell				0
Catawba			1	1
Chatham				0
Cherokee				0
Edenton-Chowan				0
Clay				0
Cleveland				0
Columbus				0
Craven				0
Cumberland	1			1
Currituck				0
Dare	7			7
Davidson	19			19
Davie			1	1
Duplin				0
Durham	1			1
Edgecombe				0
Forsyth	4			4
Franklin				0
Gaston				0
Gates	2			2
Graham				0
Granville				0
Greene	3			3
Gulford	3			3
Halifax	21			21
Harnett				0
Haywood	3			3
Henderson	1			1
Hertford				0
Hoke	1			1
Hyde	6			6
Iredell				0
Jackson				0
Johnston				0

**August 1 - September 3, 2002
Driver License Suspensions By Agency**

Appendix A-7

*COUNTY	Public Schools	Non Public Ed	Community Colleges	TOTALS
Jones				0
Lee	2			2
Lenoir	5			5
Lincoln	15			15
Macon			1	1
Madison				0
Martin				0
McDowell	2			2
Mecklenburg	19			19
Mitchell				0
Montgomery			1	1
Moore	14			14
Nash				0
New Hanover				0
Northampton				0
Onslow				0
Orange				0
Pamlico				0
Pasquotank				0
Pender	1			1
Perquimans	27			27
Person				0
Pitt				0
Polk				0
Randolph				0
Richmond				0
Robeson	16		2	18
Rockingham	1			1
Rowan	3			3
Rutherford			2	2
Sampson				0
Scotland				0
Stanly	1			1
Stokes	2			2
Surry				0
Swain	2			2
Transylvania	4			4
Tyrell				0
Union	1			1
Vance				0
Wake	2			2
Warren				0
Washington				0
Watauga				0
Wayne				0
Wilkes				0
Wilson				0
Yadkin				0
Yancey				0
Totals	255	0	12	267

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

**Dropout Data Grades 7-12
1998-2001**

Appendix A-8

LEA	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	TOTALS
				Not Available	
Alamance	418	443	388		1249
Lakeside Charter	2	0	0		2
River Mill Charter	0	0	3		3
Alamance County Total	420	443	391		1254
Alexander	152	108	90		350
Alleghany	21	28	15		64
Anson	159	132	95		386
Ashe	98	84	53		235
Avery	67	54	32		153
Crossnore Academy	0	5	5		10
Avery County Total	67	59	37		163
Beaufort	148	172	159		479
Bertie	105	70	69		244
Bladen	81	77	81		239
Brunswick	211	263	214		688
Buncombe	522	559	457		1538
Asheville City	88	76	67		231
Buncombe County Total	610	635	524		1769
Burke	414	296	223		933
Cabarrus	310	311	272		893
Kannapolis City	62	81	65		208
Cabarrus County Total	372	392	337		1101
Caldwell	216	230	218		664
Camden	23	38	28		89
Carteret	174	177	154		505
Cape Lookout Charter	31	37	36		104
Carteret County Total	205	214	190		609
Caswell	76	81	40		197
Catawba	294	288	268		850
Hickory City	120	143	124		387
Newton-Conover City	19	23	32		74
Catawba County Total	433	454	424		1311
Chatham	129	160	161		450
Woods Charter	2	0	5		7
	131	160	166		457
Cherokee	74	62	65		201
The Learning Center Charter	0	0	1		1
Cherokee County Total	74	62	66		202

Drop-Out Data Grades 7-12
Data Taken From DPI Dropout Prevention Report 2001
1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001

*Charter revoked

**Dropout Data Grades 7-12
1998-2001**

Appendix A-8

LEA	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	TOTALS
				Not Available	
Edenton-Chow	31	43	35		109
Clay	23	36	25		84
Cleveland	188	137	147		472
Kings Mountain City	105	97	104		306
Shelby City	<u>67</u>	58	57		<u>182</u>
Cleveland County Total	360	292	308		960
Columbus	159	190	158		673
Whiteville City	<u>62</u>	55	49		<u>166</u>
Columbus County Total	221	245	207		839
Craven	294	300	310		904
Cumberland	994	803	737		2534
Currituck	79	89	60		228
Dare	82	83	103		268
Davidson	329	329	411		1069
Lexington City	69	63	73		301
Thomasville City	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>28</u>		<u>96</u>
Davidson County Total	433	425	512		1466
Davie	95	90	85		270
Duplin	148	138	176		462
Durham	698	543	425		1666
Kestrel Heights Charter	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>7</u>
Durham County Total	698	543	432		1673
Edgecombe	194	208	184		586
Winston Salem-Forsyth	929	843	739		2511
Lift Academy Charter	1	*			<u>1</u>
Forsyth County Total	930	843	739		2512
Franklin	159	205	147		511
Gaston	816	707	635		2158
Gates	42	50	33		125
Graham	47	20	27		94
Granville	137	186	152		475
Greene	45	68	68		181
Gulford	1163	1104	747		3014
Hallfax	98	138	113		349
Roanoke Rapids City	42	53	66		161
Weldon City	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>45</u>
Hallfax County Total	156	207	192		555
Harnett	322	365	361		1048
Haywood	152	144	151		447

Drop-Out Data Grades 7-12
Data Taken From DPI Dropout Prevention Report 2001
1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001

**Dropout Data Grades 7-12
1998-2001**

Appendix A-8

LEA	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	TOTALS
				Not Available	
Henderson	235	209	202		646
Hertford	78	111	67		256
Hoke	129	165	141		435
Hyde	18	18	7		43
Iredell-Statesville	437	329	319		1085
Mooreville City	75	60	83		218
Iredell County Total	512	389	402		1303
Jackson	75	68	64		207
Johnston	391	373	366		1130
Jones	28	24	23		75
Lee	192	181	224		597
Lenoir	266	256	214		736
Lincoln	236	247	181		664
Macon	73	92	85		250
Madison	53	37	47		137
Martin	99	109	85		293
McDowell	123	156	145		424
Charlotte/Mecklenburg	2401	2133	1909		6443
Kennedy Charter	8	0	0		8
Mecklenburg County Total	2409	2133	1909		6451
Mitchell	21	25	23		69
Montgomery	98	109	75		282
Moore	155	175	168		498
Nash-Rocky	461	436	406		1303
New Hanover	429	393	377		1199
Northampton	74	83	70		227
Onslow	410	432	362		1204
Orange	94	83	94		271
Chapel Hill/Carrboro City	62	32	57		151
Orange County Total	156	115	151		422
Pamlico	37	35	27		99
Pasquotank	148	134	136		418
Pender	101	143	93		337
Perquimans	65	54	44		163
Person	118	110	114		342
Pitt	436	448	434		1318
Polk	15	19	27		61
Randolph	436	409	314		1159
Asheboro City	108	84	85		277
Randolph County Total	544	493	399		1436
Richmond	172	163	156		491
Robeson	706	735	776		2217

Drop-Out Data Grades 7-12
Data Taken From DPI Dropout Prevention Report 2001
1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001

*Charter revoked

**Dropout Data Grades 7-12
1998-2001**

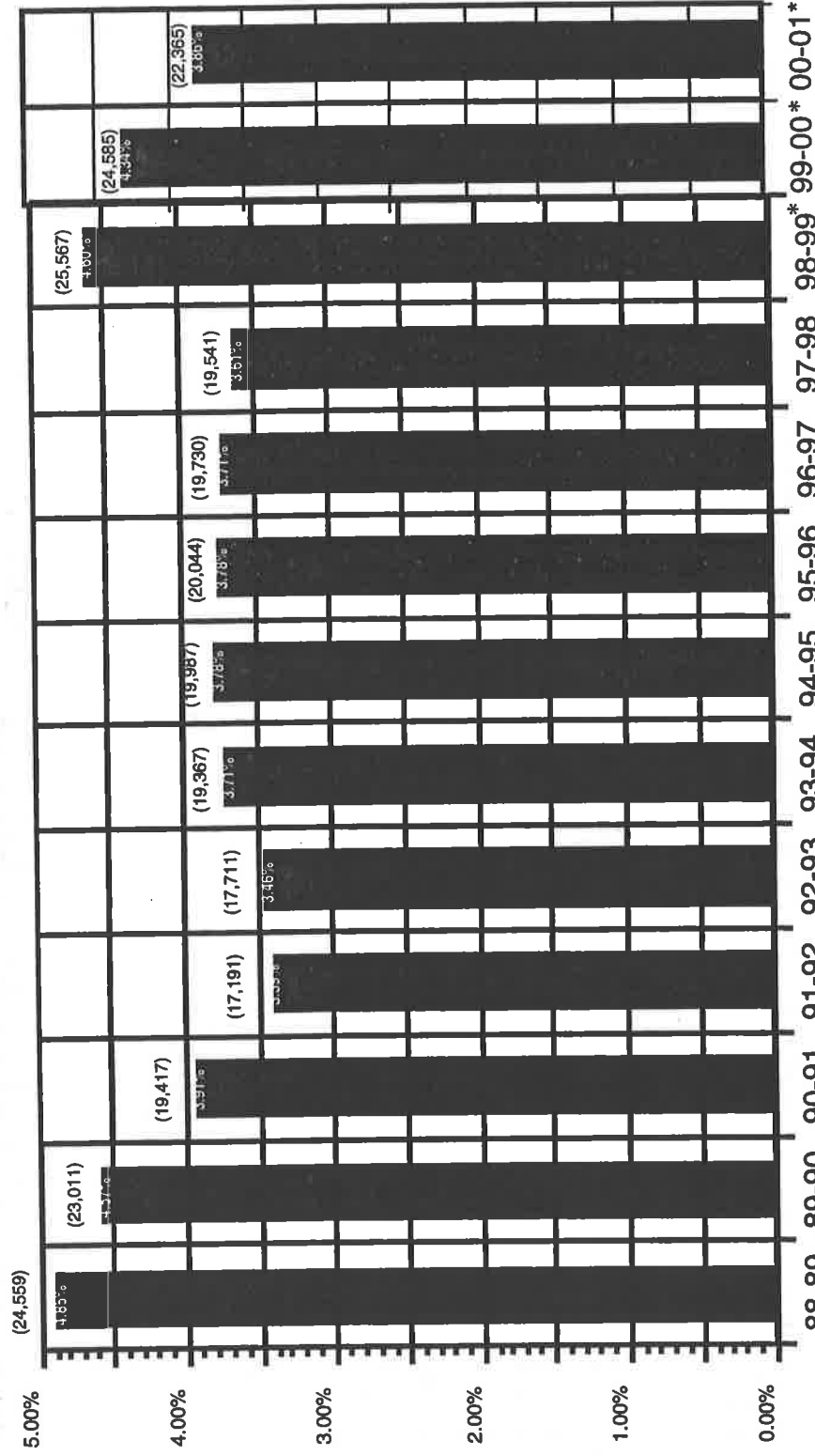
Appendix A-8

LEA	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	TOTALS
				Not Available	
Rockingham	359	240	269		868
Rowan-Salisbury	401	406	356		1163
Rutherford	166	270	229		665
Sampson	131	85	112		328
Clinton City	44	58	48		150
Sampson County Total	1101	1059	1014		478
Scotland	149	169	131		449
Laurinburg Charter	22	0	51		73
Laurinburg Homework Center	0	0	8		8
Scotland County Total	171	169	190		530
Stanly	112	153	140		405
Stokes	107	147	115		369
Surry	189	164	153		506
Elkin City	12	7	13		32
Mount Airy City	16	14	29		59
Surry County Total	217	185	195		597
Swain	44	33	38		115
Transylvania	79	85	85		249
Tyrell	11	8	14		33
Union	325	344	296		965
Vance	224	197	164		585
Wake	1224	1114	1038		3376
Baker Charter	20	33	31		84
Wake County Total	1244	1147	1069		3460
Warren	72	116	89		277
Washington	38	33	41		112
Watauga	95	98	76		269
Wayne	355	284	305		944
Wayne Technical Academy	0	0	38		38
Wayne County Total	355	284	343		982
Wilkes	219	209	204		632
Elizabeth Grinten Charter	1	*			1
Wilkes County Total	220				633
Wilson	317	315	287		919
Yadkin	85	94	115		294
Yancey	50	47	44		141
Totals	25567	24585	22365		72,517

*Charter revoked

Duplicated Grades 7-12

■ Duplicated Dropout Rate



Numbers in parenthesis show incidents of leaving school. Since 88-89, the total is 273,075.

* The striking increase in the dropout rate beginning in 1998-1999 can be largely attributed to a change in counting policy. Students who transfer from high school to community college are now counted as dropouts where they previously were not.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL
DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS
8/1/98-9/3/02**

Appendix A-10

*COUNTY	8/1/98- 7/31/99	8/1/99- 7/31/00	8/1/00- 7/31/01	8/1/01 7/31/02	8/1/02 9/3/02	TOTALS
Alamance	37	105	131	101	27	401
Alexander	11	37	34	38	5	125
Alleghany	1	3		4		8
Anson	10	18	32	13	3	76
Ashe	1	24	37	12	1	75
Avery		9	20	21		50
Beaufort	29	43	57	67		196
Bertie		1				1
Bladen	1	1		1	6	9
Brunswick	6	9	37	64		116
Buncombe	66	109	115	127	14	431
Burke	47	90	103	110	2	352
Cabarrus	29	128	74	111	8	350
Caldwell	19	36	57	49		161
Camden		13	3	5		21
Carteret	5	49	62	61		177
Caswell	5	14	14	14		47
Catawba	45	112	121	166		444
Chatham	14	50	36	72		172
Cherokee	1	1	4	14		20
Edenton-Chowan	10	10	5	2		27
Clay				3		3
Cleveland	24	79	84	76		263
Columbus	3	38	24	46		111
Craven	32	57	56	31		176
Cumberland	47	53	65	49	1	215
Currituck	10	18	6	23		57
Dare	15	13	36	5	7	76
Davidson	115	151	279	189	19	753
Davie	37	58	52	49		196
Duplin	15	18	40	35		108
Durham		136	38	191	1	366
Edgecombe	3	63	60	30		156
Forsyth	15	46	56	103	4	224
Franklin	10	50	22	69		151
Gaston	67	131	150	251		599
Gates	15	5	5	9	2	36
Graham				25		25
Granville	7	46	93	89		235
Greene	3	3	30	9	3	48
Guilford	200	342	409	317	3	1271
Halifax	12	19	30	52	21	134
Harnett	45	39	92	71		247
Haywood	22	30	25	49	3	129
Henderson	50	64	85	92	1	292
Hertford		1		8		9
Hoke	1	22	15	22	1	61
Hyde	2	1	1	3	6	13
Iredell	147	156	164	203		670
Jackson	1		1	1		3
Johnston	16	39	74	108		237

*DMV can produce data by county (not by LEA)
NOTE: Totals include suspensions placed for failing
to make adequate progress and for dropping out of school.

DMV Recorded HSDO/PS Issuances For Years:
1998-2002

**PUBLIC SCHOOL
DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS
8/1/98-9/3/02**

Appendix A-10

*COUNTY	8/1/98- 7/31/99	8/1/99- 7/31/00	8/1/00- 7/31/01	8/1/01 7/31/02	8/1/02 9/3/02	TOTALS
Jones	8	3	2	1		14
Lee	19	1	25	31	2	78
Lenoir	2	27	48	53	5	135
Lincoln	28	86	71	70	15	270
Macon	5	48	52	32		137
Madison	1	1		2		4
Martin	4	31	31	27		93
McDowell	10	27	21	47	2	107
Mecklenburg	31	80	137	197	19	464
Mitchell			1	36		37
Montgomery	2	15	1	31		49
Moore	18	51	49	52	14	184
Nash	21	143	77	78		319
New Hanover	17	11		5		33
Northampton			1	1		2
Onslow	98	58	146	166		468
Orange	28	95	105	81		309
Pamlico	10	13	8	6		37
Pasquotank		12		16		28
Pender		1		1	1	3
Perquimans	8	5	21	23	27	84
Person		24	34	45		103
Pitt	66	237	148	17		468
Polk	3	1	3	1		8
Randolph	45	74	104	114		337
Richmond			42	23		65
Robeson		2	46	80	16	144
Rockingham	81	41	114	107	1	344
Rowan	43	98	122	144	3	410
Rutherford	44	66	47	64		221
Sampson	19	17	42	73		151
Scotland		1		1		2
Stanly	23	31	81	48	1	184
Stokes	7	54	42	68	2	173
Surry	34	52	39	44		169
Swain		2	1	2	2	7
Transylvania	1	26	18	25	4	74
Tyrell	2	1		4		7
Union	56	104	139	141	1	441
Vance	11	54	47	34		146
Wake	434	715	581	640	2	2372
Warren		1	2			3
Washington						0
Watauga				11		11
Wayne	10	85	69	88		252
Wilkes	36	68	97	86		287
Wilson	3	5	6	2		16
Yadkin	1	17	63	44		125
Yancey	2		11	9		22
Totals	38854	41762	42731	80703	75226	279,276

*DMV can produce data by county (not by LEA)
NOTE: Totals include suspensions placed for failing
to make adequate progress and for dropping out of school.

**NON PUBLIC EDUCATION
DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**

Appendix A-11

8/1/98-9/3/02

*COUNTY	8/1/98- 7/31/99	8/1/99- 7/31/00	8/1/00 7/31/01	8/1/01- 7/31/02	8/1/02- 9/3/02	TOTALS
Alamance						0
Alexander			1			1
Alleghany						0
Anson						0
Ashe						0
Avery						0
Beaufort	1					1
Bertie		1				1
Bladen						0
Brunswick	1					1
Buncombe				2		2
Burke						0
Cabarrus						0
Caldwell						0
Camden						0
Carteret	1			1		2
Caswell						0
Catawba						0
Chatham						0
Cherokee						0
Edenton-Chowan						0
Clay						0
Cleveland						0
Columbus						0
Craven						0
Cumberland		1	2			3
Currituck						0
Dare						0
Davidson						0
Davie						0
Duplin						0
Durham						0
Edgecombe						0
Forsyth		1		1		2
Franklin		1				1
Gaston				2		2
Gates						0
Graham						0
Granville						0
Greene						0
Gulford		1		1		2
Hallfax				5		5
Harnett						0
Haywood						0
Henderson						0
Hertford						0
Hoke			1			1
Hyde						0
Iredell						0
Jackson						0
Johnston						0

*DMV can only provide data by county

NOTE: Totals include suspensions placed for failing to make adequate progress and for dropping out of school.

DMV Record HSDO/NP Issuances For Years:
1998-2002

**NON PUBLIC EDUCATION
DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**

Appendix A-11

8/1/98-9/3/02

*COUNTY	8/1/98- 7/31/99	8/1/99- 7/31/00	8/1/00 7/31/01	8/1/01- 7/31/02	8/1/02- 9/3/02	TOTALS
Jones						0
Lee						0
Lenoir						0
Lincoln						0
Macon						0
Madison		1				1
Martin						0
McDowell						0
Mecklenburg						0
Mitchell						0
Montgomery						0
Moore						0
Nash						0
New Hanover						0
Northampton	2					2
Onslow			1			1
Orange		1				1
Pamlico						0
Pasquotank						0
Pender						0
Perquimans						0
Person						0
Pitt						0
Polk						0
Randolph		1				1
Richmond						0
Robeson						0
Rockingham			1			1
Rowan			1			1
Rutherford						0
Sampson						0
Scotland						0
Stanly						0
Stokes						0
Surry						0
Swain						0
Transylvania						0
Tyrell						0
Union			1			1
Vance		1				1
Wake	2	1	4			7
Warren						0
Washington						0
Watauga						0
Wayne						0
Wilkes						0
Wilson						0
Yadkin						0
Yancey						0
Totals	34917	35286	70930	36018	0	177,151

*DMV can only provide data by county

NOTE: Totals include suspensions placed for failing to make adequate progress and for dropping out of school.

DMV Record HSDO/NP Issuances For Years:
1998-2002

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**

Appendix A-12

8/1/98-9/3/02

*COUNTY	8/1/98- 7/31/99	8/1/99- 7/31/00	8/1/00- 7/31/01	8/1/01- 7/31/02	8/1/02- 9/3/02	TOTALS
Alamance	5	12	22	5		44
Alexander	1	2	3			6
Alleghany			3	1		4
Anson						0
Ashe		4		5		9
Avery		2				2
Beaufort	1		2			3
Bertie			2			2
Bladen			1	2	2	5
Brunswick		1				1
Buncombe	18	18	24	20	2	82
Burke	4	7	8	3		22
Cabarrus	2	9	10	3		24
Caldwell		2				2
Camden	2		3			5
Carteret	1	1	2	6		10
Caswell						0
Catawba	1	9	4	5	1	20
Chatham			1			1
Cherokee						0
Edenton-Chowan						0
Clay						0
Cleveland		2	1	2		5
Columbus	5	8	11	10		34
Craven				2		2
Cumberland			2			2
Currituck	1	2	3			6
Dare				2		2
Davidson	1	1	7	5		14
Davie		4	2	3	1	10
Duplin				3		3
Durham			2			2
Edgecombe		3		5		8
Forsyth			6	4		10
Franklin						0
Gaston	1	3				4
Gates			2	1		3
Graham						0
Granville						0
Greene						0
Gulford		2		3		5
Halifax				1		1
Harnett						0
Haywood						0
Henderson			2			2
Hertford						0
Hoke						0
Hyde						0
Iredell			1			1
Jackson				1		1
Johnston						0

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)
NOTE: Totals include suspensions placed for failing
to make adequate progress and
for dropping out of school.

DMV Recorded HS/DO/CC Issuances For Years:
1998-2002

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**

Appendix A-12

8/1/98-9/3/02

*COUNTY	8/1/98- 7/31/99	8/1/99- 7/31/00	8/1/00- 7/31/01	8/1/01- 7/31/02	8/1/02- 9/3/02	TOTALS
Jones				1		1
Lee						0
Lenoir						0
Lincoln		2	1			3
Macon					1	1
Madison	1	1	6	4		12
Martin				2		2
McDowell		2	1			3
Mecklenburg	11	36	3	2		52
Mitchell		2				2
Montgomery	1		1		1	3
Moore	1					1
Nash		7	1	7		15
New Hanover						0
Northampton						0
Onslow	2	13	19	9		43
Orange		3	1	2		6
Pamlico						0
Pasquotank		8	3	3		14
Pender						0
Perquimans		1				1
Person		1				1
Pitt				1		1
Polk				4		4
Randolph		10	7	3		20
Richmond			4	3		7
Robeson			1		2	3
Rockingham	3	6	8			17
Rowan			4	4		8
Rutherford				2	2	4
Sampson						0
Scotland						0
Stanly		15	6	16		37
Stokes			1			1
Surry	2	2	3	8		15
Swain				5		5
Transylvania						0
Tyrell						0
Union		5				5
Vance						0
Wake	1			1		2
Warren						0
Washington			1			1
Watauga						0
Wayne	3	11	5	4		23
Wilkes	1		2	3		6
Wilson			1			1
Yadkin			2	7		9
Yancey		4		1		5
Totals	34979	35497	35846	36190	36052	178,564

*DMV can only produce data by county (not by LEA)

NOTE: Totals include suspensions placed for failing to make adequate progress and for dropping out of school.

DMV Recorded HSDO/CC Issuances For Years:
1998-2002

