



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

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
SL 2010-111, SB 1246

Date Due: November 15, 2016
Report # 74
DPI Chronological Schedule, 2015-16

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SBE VISION: Every public school student will graduate ready for post-secondary education and work, prepared to be a globally engaged and productive citizen.

SBE MISSION: The State Board of Education will use its constitutional authority to lead and uphold the system of public education in North Carolina.

WILLIAM COBEY

Chair :: Chapel Hill – At-Large

BECKY TAYLOR

Greenville – Northeast Region

TODD CHASTEEN

Blowing Rock – Northwest Region

A.L. COLLINS

Vice Chair :: Kenersville – Piedmont Triad Region

REGINALD KENAN

Rose Hill – Southeast Region

WAYNE MCDEVITT

Asheville – Western Region

DAN FOREST

Lieutenant Governor :: Raleigh – Ex Officio

AMY WHITE

Garner – North Central Region

ERIC DAVIS

Charlotte – At-Large

JANET COWELL

State Treasurer :: Raleigh – Ex Officio

OLIVIA OXENDINE

Lumberton – Sandhills Region

PATRICIA N. WILLOUGHBY

Raleigh – At-Large

JUNE ST. CLAIR ATKINSON

Secretary to the Board :: Raleigh

GREG ALCORN

Salisbury – Southwest Region

NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

June St. Clair Atkinson, Ed.D., State Superintendent

301 N. Wilmington Street :: Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2825

In compliance with federal law, the NC Department of Public Instruction administers all state-operated educational programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination because of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, color, age, military service, disability, or gender, except where exemption is appropriate and allowed by law.

Inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination issues should be directed to:

Dr. Rebecca Garland, Deputy State Superintendent

6368 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6368 :: Telephone: (919) 807-3200 :: Fax: (919) 807-3388

Visit us on the Web :: www.ncpublicschools.org

Goals for Improving the Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate and to Establish a Long-Term Goal of Increasing the Statewide Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate

Introduction

Senate Bill 1246, Session Law 2010-111 directed the State Board of Education to develop a growth model for establishing short-term annual goals for improving the four-year cohort graduation rate and to establish a long-term goal of increasing the statewide four-year cohort graduation rate to one hundred percent. The State Board of Education is also required to report annually on progress toward graduation benchmarks and include strategies and recommendations for achieving those benchmarks. In September 2006, the State Board of Education established the expectation that one hundred percent of the students in North Carolina should graduate from high school when the Board adopted its mission that *every public school student will graduate from high school, globally competitive for work and postsecondary education, and prepared for life in the 21st century.*

The first report to the General Assembly in response to this legislation was submitted in November 2010. In that report, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) described the State Board of Education's approach to improving student outcomes and the cohort graduation rate. Included in the report were descriptions of the Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort (ACRE) which called for new academic content standards, new assessments and a new accountability model. These were implemented in the 2012–13 school year, and the new accountability model includes improvement in cohort graduation rates as one of its indicators.

As required in Senate Bill 1246/Session Law, the State Board of Education sets yearly goals for increasing the Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate with the intention of reaching 90% by 2018. For 2015–16 the SBE goal was 87.5; the statewide rate was 85.9, which did not meet this year's target. See below for the results from the 2015–16 school year by LEA.

**Report of the 2015–16 School Year on 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rates
(Highlighted Cells Indicate the LEA Met or Exceeded the 2015–16
State’s Goal of 87.5%)**

LEA Number	LEA Name	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
010	Alamance-Burlington Schools	81.0
020	Alexander County Schools	86.0
030	Alleghany County Schools	85.0
040	Anson County Schools	82.3
050	Ashe County Schools	84.0
060	Avery County Schools	95.8
070	Beaufort County Schools	81.3
080	Bertie County Schools	81.0
090	Bladen County Schools	86.5
100	Brunswick County Schools	82.8
110	Buncombe County Schools	85.7
111	Asheville City Schools	85.4
120	Burke County Schools	91.3
130	Cabarrus County Schools	89.5
132	Kannapolis City Schools	82.3
140	Caldwell County Schools	90.8
150	Camden County Schools	89.5
160	Carteret County Public Schools	87.3
170	Caswell County Schools	75.4
180	Catawba County Schools	89.8
181	Hickory City Schools	84.7
182	Newton-Conover City Schools	93.5
190	Chatham County Schools	86.7
200	Cherokee County Schools	91.4
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	90.5
220	Clay County Schools	81.6
230	Cleveland County Schools	88.2
240	Columbus County Schools	81.5
241	Whiteville City Schools	85.1
250	Craven County Schools	85.7
260	Cumberland County Schools	81.9
270	Currituck County Schools	91.3
280	Dare County Schools	95.4
290	Davidson County Schools	85.9
291	Lexington City Schools	85.1
292	Thomasville City Schools	83.9
300	Davie County Schools	87.3
310	Duplin County Schools	83.1

LEA Number	LEA Name	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
320	Durham Public Schools	82.3
330	Edgecombe County Public School	78.6
340	Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	85.7
350	Franklin County Schools	81.6
360	Gaston County Schools	88.0
370	Gates County Schools	87.1
380	Graham County Schools	86.0
390	Granville County Schools	83.2
400	Greene County Schools	93.3
410	Guilford County Schools	89.4
420	Halifax County Schools	73.4
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	82.3
422	Weldon City Schools	85.5
430	Harnett County Schools	80.3
440	Haywood County Schools	82.6
450	Henderson County Schools	90.9
460	Hertford County Schools	85.9
470	Hoke County Schools	79.5
480	Hyde County Schools	91.3
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	86.4
491	Mooresville City Schools	90.1
500	Jackson County Schools	86.7
510	Johnston County Schools	90.1
520	Jones County Schools	93.2
530	Lee County Schools	89.2
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	79.4
550	Lincoln County Schools	90.6
560	Macon County Schools	92.6
570	Madison County Schools	85.0
580	Martin County Schools	75.0
590	McDowell County Schools	81.6
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	89.6
610	Mitchell County Schools	84.2
620	Montgomery County Schools	87.5
630	Moore County Schools	87.8
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	81.1
650	New Hanover County Schools	83.3
660	Northampton County Schools	73.2
670	Onslow County Schools	90.2
680	Orange County Schools	89.3
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	90.1
690	Pamlico County Schools	90.2

LEA Number	LEA Name	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Schools	86.4
710	Pender County Schools	90.3
720	Perquimans County Schools	90.5
730	Person County Schools	76.3
740	Pitt County Schools	83.0
750	Polk County Schools	87.2
760	Randolph County Schools	88.1
761	Asheboro City Schools	92.6
770	Richmond County Schools	81.2
780	Robeson County Schools	85.9
790	Rockingham County Schools	79.9
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	83.3
810	Rutherford County Schools	81.2
820	Sampson County Schools	80.9
821	Clinton City Schools	89.1
830	Scotland County Schools	82.5
840	Stanly County Schools	83.2
850	Stokes County Schools	89.7
860	Surry County Schools	90.1
861	Elkin City Schools	95.3
862	Mount Airy City Schools	89.6
870	Swain County Schools	79.9
880	Transylvania County Schools	84.5
890	Tyrrell County Schools	91.9
900	Union County Public Schools	92.8
910	Vance County Schools	81.9
920	Wake County Schools	87.1
930	Warren County Schools	70.4
940	Washington County Schools	80.3
950	Watauga County Schools	90.8
960	Wayne County Public Schools	83.8
970	Wilkes County Schools	87.6
980	Wilson County Schools	73.0
990	Yadkin County Schools	86.9
995	Yancey County Schools	91.8
44	Number Meeting State Goal of 87.5%	
71	Number Not Meeting State Goal of 87.5%	

Concluding Remarks

Approximately 38% of the LEAs have met or exceeded the 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate goal of 87.5% established by the SBE under the RttT initiative.

For further information, please contact Dr. Rebecca Garland, Deputy State Superintendent, NCDPI, at Rebecca.Garland@dpi.nc.gov.

Other Pertinent Website References

Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/>

Cohort Graduation Rates:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/reporting/cohortgradrate>

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/graduate/statistics/>

District and School Transformation:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/schooltransformation/>

Educator Effectiveness: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/effectiveness-model/>