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Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

High School Diploma Endorsements

*Increase Access to Career and Technical
Education – Awarding Endorsements*

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In response to NCGS 115C-12(40), *Increase Access to Career and Technical Education*, the State Board of Education established three **high school diploma endorsements** to encourage students to obtain requisite job skills, to reduce the need for remedial education in institutions of higher education, and to provide a more comprehensive student profile indicating credentials and rigorous pathway of study upon graduating from high school. The State Board of Education established these three high school diploma endorsements in collaboration with UNC General Administration and NC Community College System Office. The three endorsements are: Career, College, and College/UNC. These diploma endorsements encourage career and college readiness and reflect course completion and grades accomplished.

Table 1 is an overview of the number of graduates in 2018-19 who earned the Career, College and College/UNC diploma endorsements. Note that graduates may earn more than one endorsement. Table 2 provides further cross-analysis of the earned diploma endorsements. Tables 3, 4, and 5 give further detailed information of each diploma endorsement by Local Education Agency and charter school.

Highlights of the report are:

- 65% of 2018-19 graduates earned at least one high school diploma endorsement.
This is a 1% growth from the 2017-18 school year.
- 64% of 2018-19 graduates earned a College or College/UNC endorsement.
- A total of 147,967 high school diploma endorsements were awarded to 2018-19 graduates last year.
This is a 4% growth from the 2017-18 school year.
- 19% of 2018-19 graduates earned a Career endorsement.
- 16% of 2018-19 graduates earned all three endorsements.

TABLE 1:
Overview of High School Diploma Endorsements Earned by 2018-19 Graduates*

High School Diploma Endorsement	Number of Graduates Earning Endorsement	Percentage of Graduates Earning Endorsement
CAREER	21,048	19%
COLLEGE OR COLLEGE/UNC	70,237	64%
COLLEGE	64,539	59%
COLLEGE/UNC	62,380	57%

**For the purposes of this report, the number of graduates in 2018-19 is 109,482.*

TABLE 2:
Further Analysis of High School Diploma Endorsements Earned by 2018-19 Graduates*

High School Diploma Endorsement	Number of Graduates Earning Endorsement	Percentage of Graduates Earning Endorsement
At least one endorsement	70,997	65%
All three endorsements	17,508	16%

**For the purposes of this report, the number of graduates in 2018-19 is 109,482.*

TABLE 3:
Number of 2018-19 Graduates Earning the Career Endorsement

District ID	District Name	Total
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	320
20	Alexander County Schools	87
30	Alleghany County Schools	66
40	Anson County Schools	40
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	<10
50	Ashe County Schools	66
761	Asheboro City Schools	108
111	Asheville City Schools	56
60	Avery County Schools	50
58B	Bear Grass Charter School	<10
70	Beaufort County Schools	101
80	Bertie County Schools	18
90	Bladen County Schools	115
60S	Bradford Preparatory School	<10
100	Brunswick County Schools	169
110	Buncombe County Schools	581
120	Burke County Schools	180
130	Cabarrus County Schools	596
140	Caldwell County Schools	202
150	Camden County Schools	25
13A	Carolina International School	<10
160	Carteret County Public Schools	161
170	Caswell County Schools	42
180	Catawba County Schools	248
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	125
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	1,309
19A	Chatham Charter	<10
190	Chatham County Schools	132
200	Cherokee County Schools	80
220	Clay County Schools	34
230	Cleveland County Schools	301
821	Clinton City Schools	57
240	Columbus County Schools	63
250	Craven County Schools	161
260	Cumberland County Schools	731
270	Currituck County Schools	51
280	Dare County Schools	33

District ID	District Name	Total
290	Davidson County Schools	458
300	Davie County Schools	94
310	Duplin County Schools	38
320	Durham Public Schools	292
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	35
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	58
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	91
861	Elkin City Schools	30
92F	Franklin Academy	<10
350	Franklin County Schools	113
360	Gaston County Schools	469
370	Gates County Schools	26
380	Graham County Schools	10
390	Granville County Schools	85
400	Greene County Schools	<10
410	Guilford County Schools	782
420	Halifax County Schools	<10
430	Harnett County Schools	320
440	Haywood County Schools	182
450	Henderson County Schools	222
460	Hertford County Schools	37
181	Hickory City Schools	38
470	Hoke County Schools	68
480	Hyde County Schools	<10
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	292
500	Jackson County Public Schools	46
510	Johnston County Schools	757
520	Jones County Schools	46
132	Kannapolis City Schools	91
530	Lee County Schools	131
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	144
550	Lincoln County Schools	157
560	Macon County Schools	55
570	Madison County Schools	47
580	Martin County Schools	39
590	McDowell County Schools	78
610	Mitchell County Schools	59
620	Montgomery County Schools	72
630	Moore County Schools	207
491	Mooresville Graded School District	92

District ID	District Name	Total
862	Mount Airy City Schools	39
36C	Mountain Island Charter	<10
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	185
51A	Neuse Charter School	<10
650	New Hanover County Schools	232
182	Newton Conover City Schools	42
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	<10
670	Onslow County Schools	525
680	Orange County Schools	117
690	Pamlico County Schools	32
710	Pender County Schools	176
720	Perquimans County Schools	24
730	Person County Schools	73
740	Pitt County Schools	423
750	Polk County Schools	50
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	347
760	Randolph County School System	394
770	Richmond County Schools	118
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	68
790	Rockingham County Schools	169
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	253
73B	Roxboro Community School	<10
810	Rutherford County Schools	158
820	Sampson County Schools	216
830	Scotland County Schools	67
92P	Southern Wake Academy	<10
840	Stanly County Schools	167
850	Stokes County Schools	109
860	Surry County Schools	144
870	Swain County Schools	34
292	Thomasville City Schools	34
880	Transylvania County Schools	113
890	Tyrrell County Schools	<10
900	Union County Public Schools	695
910	Vance County Schools	34
32L	Voyager Academy	<10
920	Wake County Schools	2,174
930	Warren County Schools	14
940	Washington County Schools	17
950	Watauga County Schools	65

District ID	District Name	Total
960	Wayne County Public Schools	302
422	Weldon City Schools	<10
241	Whiteville City Schools	32
970	Wilkes County Schools	237
980	Wilson County Schools	100
340	Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	739
990	Yadkin County Schools	123
995	Yancey County Schools	77
NC Total Career Endorsements earned in 2018-19		21,048

TABLE 4:
Number of 2018-19 Graduates Earning the College Endorsement

District ID	District Name	Total
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	899
20	Alexander County Schools	224
30	Alleghany County Schools	91
40	Anson County Schools	101
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	18
50	Ashe County Schools	158
761	Asheboro City Schools	199
111	Asheville City Schools	224
60	Avery County Schools	109
58B	Bear Grass Charter School	37
70	Beaufort County Schools	280
80	Bertie County Schools	62
90	Bladen County Schools	222
60S	Bradford Preparatory School	16
100	Brunswick County Schools	651
110	Buncombe County Schools	1,283
120	Burke County Schools	612
130	Cabarrus County Schools	1,624
140	Caldwell County Schools	600
150	Camden County Schools	84
13A	Carolina International School	29
34D	Carter G Woodson School	12
160	Carteret County Public Schools	452
170	Caswell County Schools	101
180	Catawba County Schools	745
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	526

District ID	District Name	Total
60V	Charlotte Learning Academy	11
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	4,159
19A	Chatham Charter	31
190	Chatham County Schools	416
200	Cherokee County Schools	150
220	Clay County Schools	44
230	Cleveland County Schools	709
821	Clinton City Schools	124
240	Columbus County Schools	251
41G	Cornerstone Charter Academy	57
250	Craven County Schools	589
260	Cumberland County Schools	2,276
270	Currituck County Schools	186
280	Dare County Schools	257
290	Davidson County Schools	966
300	Davie County Schools	307
298	Deaf and Blind Schools	<10
310	Duplin County Schools	351
320	Durham Public Schools	1,314
92G	East Wake Academy	67
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	99
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	187
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	217
861	Elkin City Schools	66
39A	Falls Lake Academy	<10
24B	Flemington Academy	<10
92F	Franklin Academy	97
350	Franklin County Schools	356
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	34
360	Gaston County Schools	1,371
370	Gates County Schools	70
380	Graham County Schools	44
390	Granville County Schools	275
84B	Gray Stone Day School	<10
400	Greene County Schools	123
410	Guilford County Schools	3,457
420	Halifax County Schools	45
430	Harnett County Schools	840
440	Haywood County Schools	379
91B	Henderson Collegiate	24

District ID	District Name	Total
450	Henderson County Schools	677
460	Hertford County Schools	67
181	Hickory City Schools	171
470	Hoke County Schools	203
480	Hyde County Schools	29
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	993
500	Jackson County Public Schools	190
510	Johnston County Schools	1,668
520	Jones County Schools	38
132	Kannapolis City Schools	194
60D	Lake Norman Charter	165
49F	Langtree Charter Academy	<10
530	Lee County Schools	354
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	348
55A	Lincoln Charter School	136
550	Lincoln County Schools	572
92U	Longleaf School of the Arts	35
560	Macon County Schools	192
570	Madison County Schools	83
580	Martin County Schools	102
590	McDowell County Schools	204
610	Mitchell County Schools	77
620	Montgomery County Schools	189
630	Moore County Schools	679
491	Mooresville Graded School District	336
862	Mount Airy City Schools	113
36C	Mountain Island Charter	85
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	522
00A	NC Connections Academy	<10
51A	Neuse Charter School	46
650	New Hanover County Schools	1,236
182	Newton Conover City Schools	172
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	25
660	Northampton County Schools	38
70A	Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	31
670	Onslow County Schools	1,129
680	Orange County Schools	369
39B	Oxford Preparatory High School	41
690	Pamlico County Schools	63
09A	Paul R Brown Leadership Academy	13

District ID	District Name	Total
710	Pender County Schools	464
720	Perquimans County Schools	61
730	Person County Schools	164
41K	Piedmont Classical High School	34
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	45
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	124
740	Pitt County Schools	970
750	Polk County Schools	95
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	806
34B	Quality Education Academy	22
60G	Queens Grant Community School	53
92K	Raleigh Charter High School	121
760	Randolph County School System	784
32N	Research Triangle High School	76
770	Richmond County Schools	275
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	145
790	Rockingham County Schools	519
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	38
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	817
73B	Roxboro Community School	66
810	Rutherford County Schools	342
820	Sampson County Schools	370
830	Scotland County Schools	190
92P	Southern Wake Academy	39
840	Stanly County Schools	412
850	Stokes County Schools	267
860	Surry County Schools	369
870	Swain County Schools	57
11D	The Franklin School of Innovation	18
34H	The North Carolina Leadership Academy	39
81A	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	64
292	Thomasville City Schools	76
880	Transylvania County Schools	160
41F	Triad Math and Science Academy	50
92T	Triangle Math and Science Academy	38
890	Tyrrell County Schools	18
90A	Union Academy Charter School	87
900	Union County Public Schools	2,459
76A	Uwharrie Charter Academy	96
910	Vance County Schools	129

District ID	District Name	Total
32L	Voyager Academy	71
920	Wake County Schools	7,697
930	Warren County Schools	35
940	Washington County Schools	34
07A	Washington Montessori	14
950	Watauga County Schools	239
960	Wayne County Public Schools	733
422	Weldon City Schools	12
241	Whiteville City Schools	120
970	Wilkes County Schools	440
06B	Williams Academy (fka Crossnore)	<10
980	Wilson County Schools	426
340	Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	2,433
990	Yadkin County Schools	258
995	Yancey County Schools	136
NC Total College Endorsements earned in 2018-19		64,539

TABLE 5:
Number of 2018-19 Graduates Earning the College/UNC Endorsement

District ID	District Name	Total
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	924
20	Alexander County Schools	190
30	Alleghany County Schools	80
40	Anson County Schools	120
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	12
50	Ashe County Schools	118
761	Asheboro City Schools	204
111	Asheville City Schools	236
60	Avery County Schools	80
58B	Bear Grass Charter School	34
70	Beaufort County Schools	260
80	Bertie County Schools	81
90	Bladen County Schools	163
60S	Bradford Preparatory School	17
100	Brunswick County Schools	601
110	Buncombe County Schools	1,208
120	Burke County Schools	478
13B	Cabarrus Charter Academy	<10
130	Cabarrus County Schools	1,626
140	Caldwell County Schools	521

District ID	District Name	Total
150	Camden County Schools	89
13A	Carolina International School	37
34D	Carter G Woodson School	<10
160	Carteret County Public Schools	371
170	Caswell County Schools	94
180	Catawba County Schools	655
93L	Central Wake Charter High School	<10
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	753
60V	Charlotte Learning Academy	15
60K	Charlotte Secondary School	28
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	3,167
19A	Chatham Charter	37
190	Chatham County Schools	438
200	Cherokee County Schools	159
220	Clay County Schools	45
230	Cleveland County Schools	611
821	Clinton City Schools	114
01C	Clover Garden	41
240	Columbus County Schools	224
60U	Commonwealth High School	<10
41G	Cornerstone Charter Academy	58
250	Craven County Schools	543
260	Cumberland County Schools	2,148
270	Currituck County Schools	169
280	Dare County Schools	237
290	Davidson County Schools	866
300	Davie County Schools	274
298	Deaf and Blind Schools	<10
310	Duplin County Schools	310
320	Durham Public Schools	1,418
92G	East Wake Academy	70
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	88
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	181
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	225
861	Elkin City Schools	58
39A	Falls Lake Academy	<10
24B	Flemington Academy	<10
92F	Franklin Academy	103
350	Franklin County Schools	308
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	21
360	Gaston County Schools	1,358
370	Gates County Schools	55

District ID	District Name	Total
380	Graham County Schools	45
390	Granville County Schools	265
84B	Gray Stone Day School	<10
400	Greene County Schools	118
410	Guilford County Schools	3,734
420	Halifax County Schools	55
93A	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	<10
430	Harnett County Schools	790
440	Haywood County Schools	325
91B	Henderson Collegiate	63
450	Henderson County Schools	596
460	Hertford County Schools	81
181	Hickory City Schools	179
470	Hoke County Schools	246
480	Hyde County Schools	32
11C	Invest Collegiate - Imagine	10
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	1,003
500	Jackson County Public Schools	173
510	Johnston County Schools	1,386
520	Jones County Schools	27
132	Kannapolis City Schools	173
81B	Lake Lure Classical Academy	26
60D	Lake Norman Charter	170
49F	Langtree Charter Academy	<10
530	Lee County Schools	373
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	283
291	Lexington City Schools	101
55A	Lincoln Charter School	141
550	Lincoln County Schools	513
92U	Longleaf School of the Arts	41
560	Macon County Schools	138
570	Madison County Schools	68
580	Martin County Schools	95
590	McDowell County Schools	115
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	21
610	Mitchell County Schools	77
620	Montgomery County Schools	179
630	Moore County Schools	623
491	Mooresville Graded School District	342
862	Mount Airy City Schools	108
36C	Mountain Island Charter	91
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	477

District ID	District Name	Total
00A	NC Connections Academy	52
51A	Neuse Charter School	52
650	New Hanover County Schools	1,230
182	Newton Conover City Schools	169
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	25
660	Northampton County Schools	47
70A	Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	40
670	Onslow County Schools	1,053
68A	Orange Charter	21
680	Orange County Schools	356
39B	Oxford Preparatory High School	45
690	Pamlico County Schools	41
09A	Paul R Brown Leadership Academy	13
710	Pender County Schools	432
720	Perquimans County Schools	58
730	Person County Schools	132
41K	Piedmont Classical High School	43
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	46
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	131
740	Pitt County Schools	928
750	Polk County Schools	64
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	749
34B	Quality Education Academy	25
60G	Queens Grant Community School	58
92K	Raleigh Charter High School	138
760	Randolph County School System	691
32N	Research Triangle High School	110
770	Richmond County Schools	273
01B	River Mill Academy	28
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	135
790	Rockingham County Schools	486
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	44
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	806
73B	Roxboro Community School	78
810	Rutherford County Schools	312
820	Sampson County Schools	357
830	Scotland County Schools	195
92P	Southern Wake Academy	33
840	Stanly County Schools	310
850	Stokes County Schools	201
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	27
860	Surry County Schools	270

District ID	District Name	Total
870	Swain County Schools	58
11D	The Franklin School of Innovation	20
01D	The Hawbridge School	31
34H	The North Carolina Leadership Academy	38
81A	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	67
292	Thomasville City Schools	82
880	Transylvania County Schools	132
41F	Triad Math and Science Academy	60
92T	Triangle Math and Science Academy	39
890	Tyrrell County Schools	19
90A	Union Academy Charter School	91
900	Union County Public Schools	2,475
76A	Uwharrie Charter Academy	84
910	Vance County Schools	151
32L	Voyager Academy	73
920	Wake County Schools	8,114
930	Warren County Schools	45
940	Washington County Schools	44
07A	Washington Montessori	14
950	Watauga County Schools	219
960	Wayne County Public Schools	699
422	Weldon City Schools	49
241	Whiteville City Schools	107
970	Wilkes County Schools	383
06B	Williams Academy (fka Crossnore)	<10
980	Wilson County Schools	441
98B	Wilson Preparatory Academy	34
340	Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	2,527
990	Yadkin County Schools	229
995	Yancey County Schools	103
NC Total College/UNC Endorsements earned in 2018-19		62,380

The State Board of Education is unable to report on the impact of the high school diploma endorsements because the direct causal relationship cannot be determined of endorsements to high school graduation, college acceptance and remediation, and post-high school employment. While graduation rates have increased and remediation rates have decreased with the UNC system colleges and universities, NCDPI is unable to determine the causal relationship of the endorsements on those changes. Note that post-high school employment rates are not able to be determined at this point.

Note: This data is based on September 2019 data. The graduate data verification window is still open. NCDPI is committed to rerunning this data and will resubmit if there are significant variances based on LEA and Charter School changes in PowerSchool.

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