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High School Diploma Endorsement

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

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

In response to NCGS 115C-12(40), Increase Access to Career and Technical Education, the State Board of Education (SBE) established three high school diploma endorsements to encourage students to provide a more comprehensive student profile indicating credentials and rigorous pathway of study upon graduating from high school, to obtain requisite job skills, and to reduce the need for remedial education in institutions of higher education. SBE established these three high school diploma endorsements in collaboration with UNC System Office (UNCSCO) and NC Community College System Office (NCCCSO). These endorsements are based on the Career and College Readiness definitions and minimum admissions requirements or remediation-free placement policies at the UNCSCO and NCCCSO from 2014-15.

The three legislated high school diploma 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 2021-2022 who earned the Career, College and College/UNC diploma endorsements. Note that graduates may earn more than one endorsement. Tables 2, 3, and 4 give further detailed information of each diploma endorsement by each Public School Unit (PSU).

Please note that last year was the third year that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) implemented the legislative requirement that students shall only receive a high school diploma endorsement when the student achieves at least the benchmark reading score established by a nationally norm-referenced college admissions test. Due to the addition of this requirement, diploma endorsements remain significantly lower than reported for the 2018-2019 school year.

Students in North Carolina public schools and public charter schools may earn one or more endorsements on their high school diploma. These endorsements indicate that students have completed specific course concentrations preparing them to be ready for careers and/or college. In order to earn one of the three high school diploma endorsements, students shall meet the requirements for each endorsement listed below.

College/UNC Endorsement Criteria

The student shall:

- complete a Future-Ready Core mathematics sequence with a fourth-level math course that meets University of North Carolina Minimum Course Requirements (UNCMRC)
- complete three units of science including at least one physical science with a lab, one life science and one additional science course
- complete the UNCMCR for social studies,
- complete two units of a world language (other than English),

- earn an unweighted GPA of at least 2.5, and
- earn at least the benchmark reading score on the ACT(22) or SAT (480).

College Endorsement Criteria

The student shall:

- complete a Future-Ready Core mathematics sequence with a fourth math course that meets is acceptable for earning placement in a credit-bearing college math class under the North Carolina Community College System’s Multiple Measures Placement policy and:
- earn an unweighted GPA of at least 2.6, and
- earn at least the benchmark reading score on the ACT(22) or SAT (480).

Career Endorsement Criteria:

The student shall:

- complete a Future-Ready Core mathematics sequence with a fourth math course and:
- complete a CTE concentration in one of the approved CTE career pathways,
- earn an unweighted GPA of at least 2.6,
- earn an industry-recognized credential (or a WorkKeys assessment score of Silver or above), and
- earn at least the benchmark reading score on the ACT(22) or SAT (480).

2021-2022 GRADUATES DATA SUMMARY:

With the ACT/SAT Benchmark Reading Requirement:

- A total of 54,061 high school diploma endorsements were awarded to 2021-2022 graduates last year. This represents a 1% decrease from the previous year.
- 24% of 2021-2022 graduates earned a College/UNC endorsement. This represents no change from the previous reporting year.
- 24% of 2021-2022 graduates earned a College endorsement. This represents a 2% decrease from the previous year.
- 5% of 2021-2022 graduates earned a Career endorsement. This represents a 3% decrease from the previous year.
- 4% of 2021-2022 graduates earned all three endorsements. This represents a 2% decrease from the previous year.

Without the ACT/SAT Benchmark Reading Requirement:

- A total of 126,313 (57% more) high school diploma endorsements would have been awarded without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement. **The number of endorsements awarded without the requirement represents an increase of 16% from the previous year.**
- 56% of graduates would have earned the College/UNC endorsement without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 24%. This is important to note because the UNC System was “test-optional” for admissions requirements last year.
- 56% of graduates would have earned the College endorsement without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 24%.
- 11% of graduates would have earned a Career endorsement without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 5%.
- 9% of graduates would have earned all three endorsements without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 4%.

TABLE 1: Overview of High School Diploma Endorsements Earned by 2021-2022 Graduates*

High School Diploma Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who Earned Endorsements	Percent of Graduates Who Earned Endorsements	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have Earned</i> the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have Earned</i> the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement
College/UNC	24,950	24%	57,315	56%
College	24,332	24%	57,511	56%
Career	4,779	5%	11,487	11%

*For the purposes of this report, the number of graduates in 2021-2022 is 102,103.

Data Analysis:

Overall, diploma endorsement attainment from the 2021-2022 school year continues to remain significantly lower than reported for the 2018-2019 school year but remains consistent with attainment over the last three years. This sustained lower attainment is due to the addition of the benchmark reading score from a nationally norm-referenced college admissions test, either the ACT or SAT, as a predictive criterion for success in college courses. This decrease was expected due to the level of ACT/SAT scores typically received by NC’s public school students. These outcomes are often lower than the benchmark reading score of 22* for the ACT or 480 for the SAT. This factor can

explain the significant decrease in endorsements awarded over the past three reporting years.

Furthermore, this was exacerbated because there are students who may not have been able to retake the ACT or SAT or turn in their scores to their PSU to be counted towards an endorsement due to the pandemic. PSUs only receive the one ACT score from the NCDPI administered assessment in 11th grade and do not receive an SAT score. Students must bring in other updated scores if they would like them to be considered for this recognition.

The continued decline in the Career Endorsement can be attributed to the impact of COVID-19 on students' ability to earn industry-recognized credentials, which often require face-to-face interactions and were limited during much of the prior three school years. Additionally, adjustments to the definition of a CTE concentrator definition in response to The Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) impacted students eligible for participation in the ACT WorkKeys assessments, which have historically been the principal means of attainment of an industry-recognized credential for the Career Endorsement.

NCDPI anticipates the Career Endorsement increasing in the coming year due to additional monies allocated for credentialing opportunities by the General Assembly over the past two legislative sessions. NCDPI has observed a doubling in credential attainment over the last year of all CTE students in grades 9 through 12 and anticipates this attainment to continue to increase as districts focus on earning higher percentages of their credential potential specifically aligned to students' career pathways. With increased funding for credentialing efforts, more students will have access to high-quality credentials than in past years. Furthermore, CTE state consultants continue to actively seek credentialing opportunities that align to CTE curriculum and enhance coursework. It is anticipated that these efforts will yield an increased percentage of students earning the Career Endorsement in the coming years.

When examining outcomes for the College and College/UNC endorsements, NCDPI observed that endorsements earned by students, both with and without the ACT/SAT reading requirement, were 24% and 54%, respectively. The number of College and College/UNC endorsements awarded without the requirement represents an increase of 16% from the 2020-2021 school year. With these outcomes NCDPI can infer that NC public schools are increasingly better at preparing college ready graduates for the rigor of both community college and UNC institutes of higher learning. Continued improvement is always needed.

**NOTE: The minimum eligibility requirement for admission consideration to a UNC System school is an ACT composite score of 19.*

TABLE 2: Number of 2021-2022 Graduates Earning the College/UNC Endorsement*

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the College/UNC Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the College/UNC Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Alamance-Burlington Schools	297	20%	783	52%	1,516
Alexander County Schools	94	33%	170	60%	282
Alleghany County Schools	13	15%	52	62%	84
Alpha Academy	*	8%	*	42%	12
Anson County Schools	18	10%	100	54%	186
Apprentice Academy HS of NC	*	8%	14	36%	39
Arapahoe Charter School	*	<5%	*	<5%	24
Ashe County Schools	47	27%	87	50%	173
Asheboro City Schools	51	20%	149	58%	259
Asheville City Schools	140	42%	251	76%	330
Avery County Schools	27	19%	74	53%	140
Bear Grass Charter School	*	15%	21	39%	54
Beaufort County Schools	71	18%	191	48%	396
Bertie County Schools	13	8%	66	43%	154
Bethany Community School	*	20%	28	70%	40
Bladen County Schools	34	11%	136	43%	317
Bradford Preparatory School	34	35%	66	69%	96
Brunswick County Schools	120	13%	333	37%	893
Buncombe County Schools	491	29%	923	55%	1,677
Burke County Schools	208	27%	365	47%	783
Cabarrus Charter Academy	*	<5%	18	53%	34

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Cabarrus County Schools	732	31%	1,508	63%	2,399
Caldwell County Schools	173	23%	368	49%	756
Camden County Schools	31	21%	74	50%	149
Carolina International School	*	19%	31	72%	43
Carter G Woodson School	*	<5%	*	<5%	18
Carteret County Public Schools	179	32%	295	53%	554
Caswell County Schools	15	10%	86	55%	157
Catawba County Schools	200	20%	471	46%	1,018
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	429	45%	762	80%	947
Charlotte Secondary School	*	6%	17	50%	34
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	2,596	28%	5,792	62%	9,361
Chatham Charter	21	47%	44	98%	45
Chatham County Schools	185	30%	373	61%	615
Cherokee County Schools	61	29%	120	57%	211
Clay County Schools	15	20%	42	56%	75
Cleveland County Schools	186	20%	467	49%	948
Clinton City Schools	36	20%	105	57%	184
Clover Garden	19	39%	42	86%	49
Columbus County Schools	50	13%	151	39%	384
Cornerstone Charter Academy	35	46%	63	83%	76
Corvian Community School	33	41%	69	85%	81

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Craven County Schools	174	21%	357	43%	825
Cumberland County Schools	575	18%	1,634	51%	3,173
Currituck County Schools	77	27%	160	56%	285
Dare County Schools	120	29%	268	64%	416
Davidson County Schools	352	26%	768	56%	1,367
Davie County Schools	120	27%	259	59%	442
Duplin County Schools	53	9%	224	38%	584
Durham Public Schools	502	22%	1,169	51%	2,293
East Wake Academy	34	39%	84	97%	87
Edenton-Chowan Schools	23	17%	52	39%	134
Edgecombe County Public Schools	39	11%	145	41%	352
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	50	17%	157	54%	293
Elkin City Schools	26	38%	46	68%	68
Eno River Academy	47	53%	75	85%	88
Falls Lake Academy	*	7%	21	26%	82
Franklin Academy	67	58%	112	97%	116
Franklin County Schools	103	17%	252	42%	593
Gaston County Schools	540	27%	1,164	57%	2,029
Gates County Schools	11	12%	39	41%	95
Graham County Schools	14	16%	58	66%	88
Granville County Schools	45	9%	183	38%	482
Gray Stone Day School	22	25%	30	34%	89

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Greene County Schools	27	13%	98	47%	209
Guilford County Schools	1,338	26%	3,354	66%	5,111
Halifax County Schools	*	5%	19	14%	137
Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	*	<5%	*	<5%	13
Harnett County Schools	223	17%	578	44%	1,327
Haywood County Schools	143	28%	267	52%	511
Henderson Collegiate	15	18%	70	84%	83
Henderson County Schools	232	25%	539	57%	938
Hertford County Schools	*	<5%	40	22%	184
Hickory City Schools	65	26%	135	54%	248
Hoke County Schools	86	17%	238	47%	502
Hyde County Schools	*	18%	15	68%	22
Invest Collegiate - Imagine	11	32%	22	65%	34
Iredell-Statesville Schools	398	26%	825	55%	1,504
Jackson County Public Schools	74	29%	136	54%	252
Jackson Day School	*	<5%	10	32%	31
Johnston County Public Schools	509	19%	1,241	45%	2,729
Jones County Schools	*	15%	23	39%	59
Kannapolis City Schools	29	8%	131	38%	348
KIPP Gaston College Preparatory	*	<5%	*	6%	85
Lake Lure Classical Academy	11	28%	28	72%	39
Lake Norman Charter	*	<5%	*	<5%	187

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Langtree Charter Academy	37	41%	67	74%	90
Lee County Schools	109	17%	245	38%	644
Lenoir County Public Schools	67	13%	213	41%	514
Lexington City Schools	21	12%	82	48%	171
Lincoln Charter School	59	42%	129	91%	142
Lincoln County Schools	211	26%	469	57%	817
Longleaf School of the Arts	28	41%	49	72%	68
Madison County Schools	22	11%	74	39%	192
Marjorie Williams Academy	*	33%	*	100%	*
Martin County Schools	16	9%	56	31%	180
McDowell County Schools	33	10%	81	24%	338
Millennium Charter Academy	*	32%	13	68%	19
Mitchell County Schools	26	19%	71	52%	136
Montgomery County Schools	37	16%	129	56%	232
Moore County Schools	286	29%	595	60%	990
Mooresville Graded School District	155	33%	314	66%	475
Mount Airy City Schools	32	24%	73	54%	134
Mountain Island Charter	44	34%	98	75%	131
Nash County Public Schools	153	15%	461	46%	1,008
NC Leadership Charter Academy	29	53%	54	98%	55
NC Virtual Academy	11	7%	36	24%	152
Neuse Charter School	26	43%	44	73%	60

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New Hanover County Schools	621	33%	1,222	65%	1,870
Newton Conover City Schools	60	30%	108	54%	199
North Carolina Cyber Academy	111	44%	118	47%	253
North East Carolina Preparatory School	*	11%	28	43%	65
Northampton County Schools	*	5%	22	20%	110
Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	20	44%	34	76%	45
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	11	25%	20	45%	44
Onslow County Schools	427	26%	913	56%	1,630
Orange County Schools	157	31%	314	62%	510
Oxford Preparatory School	12	43%	28	100%	28
Pamlico County Schools	12	10%	35	30%	118
Paul R Brown Leadership Academy	*	12%	*	29%	17
Pender County Schools	170	25%	348	51%	680
Perquimans County Schools	16	13%	60	50%	120
Person County Schools	33	10%	94	29%	326
Piedmont Classical High School	15	21%	52	72%	72
Piedmont Community Charter	26	22%	77	65%	119
Pinnacle Classical Academy	*	31%	23	79%	29
Pitt County Schools	305	19%	785	49%	1,605
Polk County Schools	33	22%	64	42%	152
Public Schools of Robeson County	157	13%	580	47%	1,223

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Quality Education Academy	*	<5%	18	53%	34
Queen's Grant Community School	30	29%	57	55%	103
Raleigh Charter High School	*	<5%	127	99%	128
Randolph County School System	198	19%	581	55%	1,048
Research Triangle High School	63	51%	108	87%	124
Richmond County Schools	44	10%	221	49%	455
River Mill Academy	14	30%	42	91%	46
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	26	15%	104	58%	178
Rockingham County Schools	85	11%	295	39%	752
Rocky Mount Preparatory	*	11%	35	64%	55
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	189	14%	579	44%	1,317
Roxboro Community School	35	45%	65	83%	78
Rutherford County Schools	125	22%	285	51%	563
Sampson County Schools	79	16%	267	53%	508
Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	*	13%	*	38%	16
Scotland County Schools	45	12%	185	50%	367
Southern Wake Academy	13	20%	28	43%	65
Stanly County Schools	119	21%	263	47%	556
Stokes County Schools	69	15%	160	36%	448
Sugar Creek Charter	*	7%	44	73%	60
Summit Charter	*	20%	10	67%	15

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Surry County Schools	115	23%	250	49%	506
Swain County Schools	28	22%	55	44%	125
The College Preparatory and Leadership A	*	<5%	10	67%	15
The Franklin School of Innovation	18	32%	34	60%	57
The Hawbridge School	16	44%	24	67%	36
Thomas Academy	*	6%	*	35%	17
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	47	59%	79	99%	80
Thomasville City Schools	*	5%	56	42%	132
Transylvania County Schools	65	24%	143	53%	268
Triad Math and Science Academy	19	28%	56	84%	67
Triangle Math and Science Academy	36	54%	59	88%	67
Tyrrell County Schools	*	20%	27	60%	45
Union Academy Charter School	49	46%	98	92%	107
Union County Public Schools	1,289	39%	2,461	75%	3,299
Uwharrie Charter Academy	36	26%	86	63%	137
Vance Charter School	19	24%	58	73%	80
Vance County Schools	22	8%	113	43%	265
Voyager Academy	29	31%	70	74%	94
Wake County Schools	3,848	33%	8,137	70%	11,686
Warren County Schools	*	7%	41	37%	110
Washington County Schools	*	<5%	34	44%	77
Washington Montessori	*	46%	11	85%	13

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Watauga County Schools	139	41%	241	72%	337
Wayne County Public Schools	143	13%	522	46%	1,136
Weldon City Schools	*	<5%	13	20%	66
Whiteville City Schools	27	16%	95	56%	169
Wilkes County Schools	107	19%	243	43%	560
Wilson County Schools	114	16%	314	45%	701
Wilson Preparatory Academy	11	21%	40	77%	52
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	992	27%	2,182	60%	3,635
Yadkin County Schools	68	19%	142	40%	355
Yancey County Schools	33	21%	85	53%	159

**In accordance with FERPA guidelines, individual student counts less than 10 are displayed as an asterisk and percentages less than 5% or greater than 95% as <5% or >95%.*

TABLE 3: Number of 2021-2022 Graduates Earning the College Endorsement*

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
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Alleghany County Schools	16	19%	66	79%	84
Anson County Schools	14	8%	95	51%	186
Arapahoe Charter School	*	<5%	*	8%	24
Ashe County Schools	51	29%	100	58%	173
Asheboro City Schools	51	20%	146	56%	259
Asheville City Schools	139	42%	244	74%	330
Avery County Schools	32	23%	87	62%	140
Bear Grass Charter School	*	15%	22	41%	54
Beaufort County Schools	72	18%	188	47%	396
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Bladen County Schools	39	12%	179	56%	317
Bradford Preparatory School	33	34%	61	64%	96
Brunswick County Schools	132	15%	383	43%	893
Buncombe County Schools	495	30%	961	57%	1,677
Burke County Schools	225	29%	428	55%	783
Cabarrus County Schools	742	31%	1,516	63%	2,399
Caldwell County Schools	189	25%	431	57%	756
Camden County Schools	32	21%	76	51%	149
Carolina International School	*	19%	28	65%	43
Carter G Woodson School	*	<5%	*	39%	18

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Carteret County Public Schools	193	35%	322	58%	554
Caswell County Schools	17	11%	89	57%	157
Catawba County Schools	206	20%	523	51%	1,018
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	435	46%	757	80%	947
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	2,493	27%	5,217	56%	9,361
Chatham Charter	21	47%	39	87%	45
Chatham County Schools	175	28%	366	60%	615
Cherokee County Schools	61	29%	124	59%	211
Clay County Schools	16	21%	47	63%	75
Cleveland County Schools	188	20%	556	59%	948
Clinton City Schools	36	20%	106	58%	184
Columbus County Schools	60	16%	243	63%	384
Cornerstone Charter Academy	35	46%	63	83%	76
Corvian Community School	33	41%	67	83%	81
Craven County Schools	178	22%	389	47%	825
Cumberland County Schools	609	19%	1,706	54%	3,173
Currituck County Schools	75	26%	161	56%	285
Dare County Schools	118	28%	290	70%	416
Davidson County Schools	367	27%	842	62%	1,367
Davie County Schools	130	29%	302	68%	442
Duplin County Schools	57	10%	263	45%	584
Durham Public Schools	434	19%	1,046	46%	2,293
East Wake Academy	34	39%	82	94%	87

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Edenton-Chowan Schools	25	19%	65	49%	134
Edgecombe County Public Schools	39	11%	159	45%	352
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	49	17%	157	54%	293
Elkin City Schools	30	44%	59	87%	68
Falls Lake Academy	10	12%	18	22%	82
Franklin Academy	67	58%	111	96%	116
Franklin County Schools	106	18%	261	44%	593
Gaston County Schools	555	27%	1,206	59%	2,029
Gates County Schools	13	14%	44	46%	95
Graham County Schools	14	16%	57	65%	88
Granville County Schools	47	10%	186	39%	482
Gray Stone Day School	32	36%	46	52%	89
Greene County Schools	25	12%	89	43%	209
Guilford County Schools	700	14%	3,129	61%	5,111
Halifax County Schools	*	6%	21	15%	137
Harnett County Schools	238	18%	620	47%	1,327
Haywood County Schools	156	31%	304	59%	511
Henderson Collegiate	14	17%	52	63%	83
Henderson County Schools	237	25%	561	60%	938
Hertford County Schools	*	<5%	40	22%	184
Hickory City Schools	63	25%	125	50%	248
Hoke County Schools	76	15%	219	44%	502
Hyde County Schools	*	18%	13	59%	22
Invest Collegiate - Imagine	11	32%	20	59%	34

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Iredell-Statesville Schools	382	25%	792	53%	1,504
Jackson County Public Schools	75	30%	146	58%	252
Johnston County Public Schools	552	20%	1,379	51%	2,729
Jones County Schools	11	19%	31	53%	59
Kannapolis City Schools	30	9%	149	43%	348
KIPP Gaston College Preparatory	*	<5%	*	2%	85
Lake Norman Charter	*	<5%	*	<5%	187
Langtree Charter Academy	37	41%	65	72%	90
Lee County Schools	118	18%	278	43%	644
Lenoir County Public Schools	73	14%	263	51%	514
Lexington City Schools	21	12%	21	12%	171
Lincoln Charter School	58	41%	125	88%	142
Lincoln County Schools	223	27%	511	63%	817
Longleaf School of the Arts	24	35%	42	62%	68
Madison County Schools	22	11%	83	43%	192
Marjorie Williams Academy	*	33%	*	100%	*
Martin County Schools	16	9%	67	37%	180
McDowell County Schools	32	9%	109	32%	338
Mitchell County Schools	27	20%	73	54%	136
Montgomery County Schools	37	16%	122	53%	232
Moore County Schools	301	30%	627	63%	990
Mooresville Graded School District	152	32%	310	65%	475
Mount Airy City Schools	33	25%	77	57%	134

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Mountain Island Charter	45	34%	98	75%	131
Nash County Public Schools	155	15%	466	46%	1,008
NC Leadership Charter Academy	27	49%	52	95%	55
NC Virtual Academy	13	9%	41	27%	152
Neuse Charter School	24	40%	40	67%	60
New Hanover County Schools	619	33%	1,269	68%	1,870
Newton Conover City Schools	62	31%	115	58%	199
North Carolina Cyber Academy	108	43%	112	44%	253
North East Carolina Preparatory School	*	11%	28	43%	65
Northampton County Schools	*	5%	19	17%	110
Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	14	31%	24	53%	45
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	14	32%	25	57%	44
Onslow County Schools	438	27%	986	60%	1,630
Orange County Schools	159	31%	322	63%	510
Oxford Preparatory School	12	43%	25	89%	28
Pamlico County Schools	14	12%	51	43%	118
Paul R Brown Leadership Academy	*	12%	*	35%	17
Pender County Schools	177	26%	367	54%	680
Perquimans County Schools	16	13%	61	51%	120
Person County Schools	34	10%	105	32%	326
Piedmont Classical High School	14	19%	46	64%	72
Piedmont Community Charter	25	21%	75	63%	119

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the College Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Pinnacle Classical Academy	*	31%	18	62%	29
Pitt County Schools	320	20%	826	51%	1,605
Polk County Schools	38	25%	75	49%	152
Public Schools of Robeson County	163	13%	649	53%	1,223
Quality Education Academy	*	<5%	18	53%	34
Queen's Grant Community School	30	29%	53	51%	103
Raleigh Charter High School	*	<5%	124	97%	128
Randolph County School System	203	19%	640	61%	1,048
Research Triangle High School	62	50%	104	84%	124
Richmond County Schools	46	10%	225	49%	455
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	26	15%	116	65%	178
Rockingham County Schools	85	11%	310	41%	752
Rocky Mount Preparatory	*	11%	33	60%	55
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	196	15%	637	48%	1,317
Roxboro Community School	35	45%	61	78%	78
Rutherford County Schools	122	22%	293	52%	563
Sampson County Schools	79	16%	289	57%	508
Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	*	13%	*	31%	16
Scotland County Schools	44	12%	181	49%	367
Southern Wake Academy	16	25%	32	49%	65
Stanly County Schools	124	22%	287	52%	556
Stokes County Schools	73	16%	190	42%	448
Sugar Creek Charter	*	7%	39	65%	60

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Surry County Schools	115	23%	272	54%	506
Swain County Schools	29	23%	59	47%	125
The Franklin School of Innovation	18	32%	33	58%	57
Thomas Academy	*	6%	*	35%	17
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	46	58%	74	93%	80
Thomasville City Schools	*	5%	51	39%	132
Transylvania County Schools	67	25%	159	59%	268
Triad Math and Science Academy	17	25%	50	75%	67
Triangle Math and Science Academy	36	54%	58	87%	67
Tyrrell County Schools	10	22%	28	62%	45
Union Academy Charter School	47	44%	93	87%	107
Union County Public Schools	1,294	39%	2,459	75%	3,299
Uwharrie Charter Academy	39	28%	95	69%	137
Vance Charter School	19	24%	57	71%	80
Vance County Schools	19	7%	92	35%	265
Voyager Academy	28	30%	68	72%	94
Wake County Schools	3,801	33%	7,798	67%	11,686
Warren County Schools	*	7%	38	35%	110
Washington County Schools	*	<5%	26	34%	77
Washington Montessori	*	46%	10	77%	13
Watauga County Schools	142	42%	258	77%	337
Wayne County Public Schools	152	13%	554	49%	1,136
Weldon City Schools	*	<5%	13	20%	66

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Whiteville City Schools	28	17%	123	73%	169
Wilkes County Schools	111	20%	263	47%	560
Wilson County Schools	121	17%	314	45%	701
Wilson Preparatory Academy	*	17%	32	62%	52
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	973	27%	2,101	58%	3,635
Yadkin County Schools	73	21%	172	48%	355
Yancey County Schools	35	22%	98	62%	159
TOTAL	24,332	24%	57,511	56%	102,103

* In accordance with FERPA guidelines, individual student counts less than 10 are displayed as an asterisk and percentages less than 5% or greater than 95% as <5% or >95%.

TABLE 4: Number of 2021-2022 Graduates Earning the Career Endorsement*

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the Career Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the Career Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who <i>Would Have</i> Earned the Endorsement <i>without</i> the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Alamance-Burlington Schools	34	<5%	125	8%	1,516
Alexander County Schools	*	<5%	51	18%	282
Alleghany County Schools	10	12%	43	51%	84
Anson County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	186
Ashe County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	173
Asheboro City Schools	28	11%	50	19%	259
Asheville City Schools	19	6%	38	12%	330

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Avery County Schools	*	<5%	16	11%	140
Bear Grass Charter School	*	<5%	12	22%	54
Beaufort County Schools	14	<5%	46	12%	396
Bertie County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	154
Bladen County Schools	17	<5%	105	33%	317
Brunswick County Schools	29	<5%	111	12%	893
Buncombe County Schools	66	<5%	169	10%	1,677
Burke County Schools	46	6%	119	15%	783
Cabarrus County Schools	129	<5%	244	10%	2,399
Caldwell County Schools	53	7%	163	22%	756
Camden County Schools	11	7%	30	20%	149
Carteret County Public Schools	25	<5%	61	11%	554
Caswell County Schools	*	<5%	11	7%	157
Catawba County Schools	60	6%	162	16%	1,018
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	74	8%	104	11%	947
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	392	<5%	717	8%	9,361
Chatham County Schools	19	<5%	34	6%	615
Cherokee County Schools	13	6%	27	13%	211
Clay County Schools	*	8%	26	35%	75
Cleveland County Schools	44	<5%	168	18%	948
Clinton City Schools	12	7%	38	21%	184
Columbus County Schools	17	<5%	70	18%	384

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Craven County Schools	38	<5%	89	11%	825
Cumberland County Schools	109	<5%	299	9%	3,173
Currituck County Schools	*	<5%	24	8%	285
Dare County Schools	*	<5%	33	8%	416
Davidson County Schools	125	9%	302	22%	1,367
Davie County Schools	35	8%	81	18%	442
Duplin County Schools	30	<5%	101	17%	584
Durham Public Schools	*	<5%	26	<5%	2,293
Edenton-Chowan Schools	*	<5%	14	10%	134
Edgecombe County Public Schools	*	<5%	14	<5%	352
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	17	6%	64	22%	293
Elkin City Schools	*	12%	17	25%	68
Franklin County Schools	*	<5%	37	6%	593
Gaston County Schools	148	7%	315	16%	2,029
Gates County Schools	*	6%	19	20%	95
Graham County Schools	*	<5%	16	18%	88
Granville County Schools	13	<5%	17	<5%	482
Greene County Schools	*	<5%	24	11%	209
Guilford County Schools	161	<5%	492	10%	5,111
Halifax County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	137
Harnett County Schools	92	7%	253	19%	1,327
Haywood County Schools	38	7%	71	14%	511

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Henderson County Schools	51	<5%	135	14%	938
Hertford County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	184
Hickory City Schools	*	<5%	18	7%	248
Hoke County Schools	11	<5%	37	7%	502
Hyde County Schools	*	<5%	*	14%	22
Iredell-Statesville Schools	45	<5%	124	8%	1,504
Jackson County Public Schools	*	<5%	22	9%	252
Johnston County Public Schools	146	<5%	351	13%	2,729
Jones County Schools	10	17%	26	44%	59
Kannapolis City Schools	12	<5%	54	16%	348
Lee County Schools	33	<5%	73	11%	644
Lenoir County Public Schools	38	7%	93	18%	514
Lexington City Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	171
Lincoln County Schools	72	9%	193	24%	817
Madison County Schools	*	<5%	27	14%	192
Martin County Schools	*	<5%	26	14%	180
McDowell County Schools	*	<5%	42	12%	338
Mitchell County Schools	11	8%	48	35%	136
Montgomery County Schools	*	<5%	13	6%	232
Moore County Schools	95	10%	231	23%	990
Mooresville Graded School District	14	<5%	27	6%	475
Mount Airy City Schools	15	11%	33	25%	134

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Nash County Public Schools	75	7%	140	14%	1,008
NC Virtual Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	152
New Hanover County Schools	88	<5%	157	8%	1,870
Newton Conover City Schools	*	<5%	25	13%	199
North Carolina Cyber Academy	15	6%	15	6%	253
Northampton County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	110
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	*	<5%	*	<5%	44
Onslow County Schools	91	6%	202	12%	1,630
Orange County Schools	*	<5%	15	<5%	510
Pamlico County Schools	*	<5%	12	10%	118
Pender County Schools	38	6%	95	14%	680
Perquimans County Schools	*	<5%	26	22%	120
Person County Schools	*	<5%	34	10%	326
Piedmont Community Charter	*	<5%	*	<5%	119
Pitt County Schools	124	8%	249	16%	1,605
Polk County Schools	19	13%	46	30%	152
Public Schools of Robeson County	64	<5%	185	15%	1,223
Quality Education Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	34
Randolph County School System	59	6%	196	19%	1,048
Richmond County Schools	11	<5%	65	14%	455
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	*	<5%	44	25%	178
Rockingham County Schools	33	<5%	91	12%	752

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Rowan-Salisbury Schools	36	<5%	145	11%	1,317
Rutherford County Schools	15	<5%	49	9%	563
Sampson County Schools	33	6%	89	18%	508
Scotland County Schools	13	<5%	80	22%	367
Stanly County Schools	43	8%	134	24%	556
Stokes County Schools	14	<5%	78	17%	448
Surry County Schools	54	11%	130	26%	506
Swain County Schools	12	10%	33	26%	125
Thomasville City Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	132
Transylvania County Schools	26	10%	68	25%	268
Triangle Math and Science Academy	*	<5%	*	7%	67
Tyrrell County Schools	14	31%	16	36%	45
Union County Public Schools	8	6%	452	14%	3,299
Vance Charter School	*	<5%	*	<5%	80
Vance County Schools		<5%	*	<5%	265
Voyager Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	94
Wake County Schools	613	<5%	1,053	9%	11,686
Warren County Schools	*	<5%	*	<5%	110
Washington County Schools	*	<5%	11	14%	77
Watauga County Schools	27	8%	65	19%	337
Wayne County Public Schools	41	<5%	141	12%	1,136
Weldon City Schools	*	<5%	*	9%	66

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Whiteville City Schools	*	<5%	33	20%	169
Wilkes County Schools	33	6%	86	15%	560
Wilson County Schools	17	<5%	67	10%	701
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	267	7%	338	9%	3,635
Yadkin County Schools	39	11%	94	26%	355
Yancey County Schools	11	7%	47	30%	159
TOTAL	4,779	5%	11,487	11%	102,103

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

At this time, the State Board of Education/NC Department of Public Instruction is unable to determine a direct causal relationship of high school diploma endorsements on high school graduation, college acceptance, college remediation, and post-high school employment.

Furthermore, NCDPI is unable to accurately determine how many times a student retakes a nationally norm-referenced exam since additional test results must be disclosed by the parent. The above results are primarily based on students' 11th grade ACT reading outcomes which NCDPI administers as part of its testing and accountability program.

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

In accordance with Section 3.2.(a) G.S. 115C-156.2(b), the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) reports the number of students in CTE courses who earned (i) community college credit and (ii) related industry certifications and credentials for the 2021-2022 school year.

CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE CREDITS

Students can take community college CTE courses through Career and College Promise (CCP). Community college CTE credits were earned by 33,225 students across 176 Public School Units (PSUs), which include school districts and charter schools. Table 1 displays the number of students earning high school credits through community college CTE courses.

Note: Numbers less than 10 are displayed as “<10” to protect personal information.

Table 1: High School Students Taking CCP CTE Courses, 2021-2022

PSU Name	Number of CTE Students who Earned Credit through CTE CCP
Alamance-Burlington Schools	648
Alexander County Schools	172
Alleghany County Schools	66
Alpha Academy	<10
Anson County Schools	127
Apprentice Academy High School	71
Arapahoe Charter School	13
Ascend Leadership Academy	<10
Ashe County Schools	107
Asheboro City Schools	40
Asheville City Schools	122
Avery County Schools	111
Bear Grass Charter School	53
Beaufort County Schools	139
Bertie County Schools	166
Bethany Community School	<10
Bladen County Schools	368
Bradford Preparatory School	11
Brunswick County Schools	265
Buncombe County Schools	536
Burke County Schools	417
Cabarrus Charter Academy	<10
Cabarrus County Schools	405
Caldwell County Schools	1,045
Camden County Schools	117
Carolina International School	<10

Carteret County Public Schools	202
Caswell County Schools	68
Catawba County Schools	424
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	140
Charlotte Secondary	<10
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	1,120
Chatham Charter	45
Chatham County Schools	295
Cherokee County Schools	193
Clay County Schools	51
Cleveland County Schools	663
Clinton City Schools	134
Clover Garden	25
College Prep and Leadership Academy	<10
Columbus County Schools	259
Community School of Davidson	<10
Cornerstone Charter Academy-CFA	21
Corvian Community School	<10
Craven County Schools	375
Cumberland County Schools	928
Currituck County Schools	126
Dare County Schools	118
Davidson County Schools	654
Davie County Schools	57
Deaf and Blind Schools	<10
Duplin County Schools	351
Durham Public Schools	163
Edenton-Chowan Schools	44
Edgecombe County Public Schools	307
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	78
Elkin City Schools	28
Eno River Academy	<10
Falls Lake Academy	28
Franklin Academy	18
Franklin County Schools	194
Gaston County Schools	350
Gates County Schools	37
Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	21
Graham County Schools	52
Granville County Schools	172

Greene County Schools	153
Guilford County Schools	587
Halifax County Schools	20
Harnett County Schools	431
Haywood County Schools	187
Henderson County Schools	251
Hertford County Schools	281
Hickory City Schools	85
Hoke County Schools	368
Hyde County Schools	52
IC Imagine	<10
Invest Collegiate Transform	<10
Iredell-Statesville Schools	642
Jackson County Public Schools	68
Jackson Day School	13
Johnston County Public Schools	935
Jones County Schools	47
Kannapolis City Schools	85
Lake Lure Classical Academy	49
Lake Norman Charter	21
Langtree Charter Academy	<10
Lee County Schools	383
Lenoir County Public Schools	348
Lexington City Schools	54
Lincoln Charter School	103
Lincoln County Schools	342
Macon County Schools	259
Madison County Schools	253
Martin County Schools	27
McDowell County Schools	314
Millennium Charter Academy	16
Mitchell County Schools	237
Montgomery County Schools	438
Moore County Schools	251
Mooresville Graded School District	80
Mount Airy City Schools	46
Mountain Island Charter School	<10
Nash County Public Schools	687
NC Virtual Academy	10
Neuse Charter School	22

New Hanover County Schools	708
Newton Conover City Schools	26
North East Carolina Prep	150
Northampton County Schools	136
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	60
Onslow County Schools	84
Orange County Schools	172
Oxford Preparatory	18
Pamlico County Schools	49
Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy	11
Pender County Schools	181
Perquimans County Schools	24
Person County Schools	204
Piedmont Community Charter School	61
Pine Lake Preparatory	14
Pinnacle Classical Academy	30
Pitt County Schools	804
Polk County Schools	109
Public Schools of Robeson County	314
Queen's Grant Community School	<10
Randolph County School System	360
Research Triangle High School	<10
Richmond County Schools	339
River Mill Academy	84
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	58
Rockingham County Schools	266
Rocky Mount Preparatory	27
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	231
Roxboro Community School	23
Rutherford County Schools	458
Sallie B Howard School	<10
Sampson County Schools	541
Scotland County Schools	220
Southern Wake Academy	<10
Stanly County Schools	386
STARS Charter	<10
Stokes County Schools	157
Sugar Creek Charter	<10
Summit Charter	<10
Surry County Schools	552

Swain County Schools	148
The Franklin School of Innovation	<10
The Hawbridge School	<10
Thomas Academy	20
Thomas Jefferson Class Academy	10
Thomasville City Schools	21
Transylvania County Schools	151
Triad Math and Science Academy	<10
Triangle Math and Science Academy	26
Tyrrell County Schools	26
Union Academy	20
Union County Public Schools	602
Uwharrie Charter Academy	47
Vance Charter School	26
Vance County Schools	54
Voyager Academy	12
Wake County Schools	1,739
Warren County Schools	90
Washington County Schools	23
Watauga County Schools	305
Wayne County Public Schools	323
Wayne Preparatory Academy	<10
Weldon City Schools	31
Whiteville City Schools	43
Wilkes County Schools	662
Wilson County Schools	407
Wilson Preparatory Academy	<10
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	103
Yadkin County Schools	223
Yancey County Schools	245
State Total	33,225

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

Industry certifications and credentials are offered through multiple CTE courses. Credentials recognized by North Carolina CTE are a valid proof of learning typically endorsed by business and industry and provide documentation for student mastery of skills required for employment and advancement in a career. During the 2021-2022 school year, 81,783 students earned 239,202 industry-recognized credentials. Additional in-depth details concerning the credentials earned will be shared with the teacher credential bonus report in February.

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