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High School Diploma Endorsements and  
CTE Credentials

*Increase Access to Career and  
Technical Education*

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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 grade achievement. Table 1 is an overview of the number of graduates in 2022-2023 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 fourth 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 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. 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 a weighted 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).

## 2022-2023 GRADUATES DATA SUMMARY:

### With the ACT/SAT Benchmark Reading Requirement:

- A total of 68,029 high school diploma endorsements were awarded to 2022-2023 graduates. **This represents an increase of 26% from the previous year.**
- In 2022-2023, 27,873 graduates earned a College/UNC endorsement. This represents a 2% increase from the previous year.
- In 2022-2023, 27,849 graduates earned a College Endorsement. This represents a 2% increase from the previous year.
- In 2022-2023, 12,284 graduates earned a Career endorsement. This represents a 6% increase from the previous year.
- In 2022-2023, 11,282 graduates earned all three endorsements. This represents an increase of 6% increase in graduates from the previous year.

### Without the ACT/SAT Benchmark Reading Requirement:

- A total of 149,224 (18% more) high school diploma endorsements would have been awarded without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement. **The number of endorsements that would have been awarded without the requirement represents a 16% increase from the previous year.**
- In 2022-2023, 56% of graduates would have earned the College/UNC endorsement

without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 26% that did earn the endorsement. The number of endorsements that would have been awarded without the requirement represents no change from the previous year.

- In 2022-2023, 56% of graduates would have earned the College endorsement without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 26% that did earn the endorsement. The number of endorsements that would have been awarded without the requirement represents no change from the previous year.
- In 2022-2023, 26% of graduates would have earned a Career endorsement without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 11% that did earn the endorsement. The number of endorsements that would have been awarded without the requirement represents a 15% increase from the previous year.
- In 2022-2023, 21% of graduates would have earned all three endorsements without the ACT/SAT benchmark reading requirement compared to 10% that did earn the endorsement. The number of endorsements that would have been awarded without the requirement represents a 12% increase from the previous year.

**TABLE 1: Overview of High School Diploma Endorsements Earned by 2022-2023 Graduates\***

High School Diploma Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who Earned Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned Endorsement	Number of Graduates Who Would Have Earned the Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who Would Have Earned the Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement
College/UNC	27,873	26%	60,670	56%
College	27,849	26%	60,856	56%
Career	12,284	11%	27,698	26%

*\*For the purposes of this report, the number of graduates in 2022-2023 is 107,783.*

**Data Analysis:**

Overall, diploma endorsement attainment from the 2022-2023 school year continues to remain lower than reported for the 2018-2019 school year but is showing a greater increase compared with attainment over the last three years. This overall lower attainment over the past four years 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 average ACT/SAT scores typically received by NC’s public school students. The average ACT/SAT scores 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 four reporting years. Additionally, PSUs only receive 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.

**2022-2023 had the greatest increase in diploma endorsement attainment compared to the last four years.** There was an increase in all three endorsements as well as total endorsements and all three endorsements earned. Total endorsements earned had the largest increase at 26% from the previous reporting year. This increase is significant considering the total endorsements earned from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 showed a 1% decrease. The COVID pandemic was most likely the contributing factor of the decrease from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022. Students that earned all three endorsements and Career Endorsements both increased by 6%. College and College/UNC Endorsements increased by 2%. It should be noted that there was a 6% increase from the 2021-2022 to the 2022-2023 graduating cohorts. The data from this year suggests that great gains are being made to remedy the effects of the pandemic.

As anticipated, the number of 2022-2023 Career Endorsements has shown a substantial increase from the 2021-2022 reporting year. This anticipated increase may be due to additional monies allocated for credentialing opportunities by the General Assembly. NCDPI has observed an increase in credential attainment over the last two years of all CTE students in grades 9 through 12. NCDPI anticipates this attainment will 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 with the CTE curriculum and enhance coursework.

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

TABLE 2: Number of 2022-2023 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 Would Have Earned the Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who Would Have Earned the Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Alamance-Burlington Schools	302	19%	847	53%	1608
Alexander County Schools	99	28%	192	55%	351
Alleghany County Schools	24	24%	62	63%	99
Alpha Academy	*	43%	10	71%	14
Anson County Schools	21	12%	94	52%	181
Apprentice Academy HS of NC	*	14%	29	51%	57
Arapahoe Charter School	*	12%	*	20%	25
Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	12	39%	25	81%	31
Ashe County Schools	50	24%	107	51%	208
Asheboro City Schools	52	17%	169	56%	304
Asheville City Schools	165	43%	279	73%	380
Avery County Schools	34	27%	72	57%	127
Bear Grass Charter School	11	21%	24	46%	52
Beaufort County Schools	81	18%	215	47%	456
Bertie County Schools	15	12%	56	43%	129
Bethany Community School	17	24%	52	74%	70
Bladen County Schools	43	14%	132	42%	318
Bradford Preparatory School	42	44%	72	76%	95
Brunswick County Schools	153	15%	384	39%	988
Buncombe County Schools	499	29%	932	55%	1695
	197	22%	374	42%	888

Burke County Schools					
Cabarrus Charter Academy	*	16%	12	48%	25
Cabarrus County Schools	809	31%	1643	63%	2615
Caldwell County Schools	154	21%	366	49%	747
Camden County Schools	26	18%	63	44%	142
Carolina International School	12	26%	31	66%	47
Carteret County Public Schools	210	34%	343	55%	622
Caswell County Schools	23	14%	74	46%	160
Catawba County Schools	221	20%	500	44%	1125
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	511	55%	757	81%	932
Charlotte Secondary School	*	5%	20	50%	40
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	3047	30%	6116	61%	10093
Chatham Charter	20	50%	37	93%	40
Chatham County Schools	232	32%	434	60%	718
Cherokee County Schools	67	27%	132	54%	245
Clay County Schools	21	24%	44	51%	87
Cleveland County Schools	227	22%	577	56%	1026
Clinton City Schools	24	13%	98	54%	180
Clover Garden	*	16%	26	68%	38
Columbus County Schools	40	10%	151	39%	391
Cornerstone Charter Academy	43	48%	80	90%	89
Corvian Community School	49	49%	84	83%	101
Craven County Schools	159	19%	375	46%	816
Cumberland County Schools	675	20%	1800	52%	3457
Currituck County Schools	100	34%	178	61%	293
Dare County Schools	121	27%	272	61%	443
	346	25%	736	54%	1374



Davidson County Schools					
Davie County Schools	118	28%	208	49%	422
Duplin County Schools	94	15%	278	43%	640
Durham Public Schools	610	25%	1299	54%	2408
East Wake Academy	24	28%	75	88%	85
Edenton-Chowan Schools	19	15%	49	40%	123
Edgecombe County Public Schools	33	9%	151	40%	376
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	43	15%	158	53%	296
Elkin City Schools	42	41%	65	64%	102
Eno River Academy	35	47%	61	81%	75
Falls Lake Academy	*	8%	15	19%	77
Franklin Academy	64	58%	105	95%	111
Franklin County Schools	101	17%	272	46%	590
Gaston County Schools	425	20%	1191	56%	2132
Gates County Schools	25	22%	53	47%	112
Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	*	<5%	*	8%	52
Graham County Schools	11	13%	38	43%	88
Granville County Schools	49	10%	187	38%	489
Gray Stone Day School	59	68%	79	91%	87
Greene County Schools	20	10%	103	50%	207
Guilford County Schools	1419	26%	3637	67%	5399
Halifax County Schools	10	6%	49	30%	165
Harnett County Schools	266	19%	598	43%	1376
Haywood County Schools	154	31%	265	53%	500
Henderson Collegiate	25	32%	73	95%	77
Henderson County Schools	272	27%	585	58%	1010

Hertford County Schools	*	5%	68	35%	196
Hickory City Schools	61	22%	161	58%	277
Hoke County Schools	87	15%	277	49%	571
Hyde County Schools	*	22%	23	72%	32
Invest Collegiate	*	31%	10	77%	13
Invest Collegiate - Imagine	37	55%	54	81%	67
Iredell-Statesville Schools	447	27%	938	56%	1678
Jackson County Public Schools	78	29%	130	48%	273
Jackson Day School	*	25%	*	63%	*
Johnston County Public Schools	562	19%	1381	47%	2960
Jones County Schools	15	19%	28	36%	77
Kannapolis City Schools	48	12%	175	44%	396
Lake Lure Classical Academy	*	30%	16	80%	20
Langtree Charter Academy	36	43%	64	77%	83
Lee County Schools	86	12%	231	33%	719
Lenoir County Public Schools	68	12%	233	42%	560
Lexington City Schools	32	16%	86	44%	196
Lincoln County Schools	267	30%	514	58%	893
Longleaf School of the Arts	26	42%	49	79%	62
Madison County Schools	35	26%	66	48%	137
Martin County Schools	10	7%	31	23%	135
McDowell County Schools	62	17%	109	29%	371
Millennium Charter Academy	16	52%	28	90%	31
Mitchell County Schools	18	14%	55	41%	133
Montgomery County Schools	43	16%	144	53%	271
Moore County Schools	276	26%	603	57%	1054

Mooresville Graded School District	142	29%	316	63%	498
Mount Airy City Schools	28	22%	61	48%	128
Mountain Island Charter	48	36%	106	80%	132
Nash County Public Schools	182	17%	499	46%	1078
NC Leadership Charter Academy	27	52%	47	90%	52
NC Virtual Academy	35	19%	63	34%	185
Neuse Charter School	19	33%	42	74%	57
New Hanover County Schools	666	34%	1280	66%	1946
Newton Conover City Schools	64	27%	120	52%	233
North Carolina Cyber Academy	97	39%	101	41%	249
North East Carolina Preparatory School	20	36%	32	58%	55
Northampton County Schools	*	<5%	26	25%	102
Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	24	31%	57	74%	77
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	*	14%	*	24%	21
Onslow County Schools	453	25%	1016	55%	1831
Orange County Schools	200	35%	354	62%	569
Oxford Preparatory School	17	35%	41	84%	49
Pamlico County Schools	20	17%	33	29%	115
Pender County Schools	227	29%	427	55%	781
Perquimans County Schools	25	22%	54	47%	114
Person County Schools	36	13%	107	38%	284
Piedmont Classical High School	10	14%	56	80%	70
Piedmont Community Charter	40	31%	90	69%	131
Pine Lake Preparatory	109	67%	152	93%	163
Pinnacle Classical Academy	11	29%	21	55%	38

Pitt County Schools	328	20%	860	53%	1611
Polk County Schools	51	32%	83	52%	159
Public Schools of Robeson County	174	13%	602	46%	1323
Quality Education Academy	*	19%	27	75%	36
Queen's Grant Community School	33	27%	82	66%	124
Raleigh Charter High School	119	86%	134	>95%	139
Randolph County School System	216	20%	603	57%	1066
Research Triangle High School	35	24%	48	33%	144
Richmond County Schools	70	17%	218	52%	422
River Mill Academy	23	53%	42	>95%	43
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	24	12%	91	47%	195
Rockingham County Schools	97	12%	319	41%	779
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	204	15%	595	43%	1380
Roxboro Community School	64	85%	65	87%	75
Rutherford County Schools	120	23%	281	53%	528
Sallie B Howard School	*	25%	10	63%	16
Sampson County Schools	100	19%	265	51%	524
Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	*	25%	*	42%	12
Scotland County Schools	59	18%	171	52%	327
Southern Wake Academy	17	29%	29	49%	59
Stanly County Schools	115	21%	239	43%	555
Stokes County Schools	79	19%	139	34%	407
Sugar Creek Charter	*	11%	49	75%	65
Surry County Schools	131	23%	247	44%	563
Swain County Schools	41	29%	79	56%	140
The College Preparatory and Leadership A	*	8%	20	80%	25

The Franklin School of Innovation	27	47%	42	74%	57
The Hawbridge School	18	58%	26	84%	31
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	44	64%	67	>95%	69
Thomasville City Schools	10	7%	49	36%	138
Transylvania County Schools	69	32%	124	57%	216
Triad Math and Science Academy	12	16%	58	79%	73
Triangle Math and Science Academy	32	55%	49	84%	58
Tyrrell County Schools	*	14%	26	52%	50
Union Academy Charter School	52	43%	101	84%	120
Union County Public Schools	1330	39%	2489	74%	3369
Uwharrie Charter Academy	33	25%	76	58%	131
Vance Charter School	28	33%	63	73%	86
Vance County Schools	15	6%	86	36%	237
Voyager Academy	50	54%	79	88%	92
Wake County Schools	4491	37%	8502	70%	12222
Wake Preparatory Academy	*	24%	*	47%	17
Warren County Schools	12	10%	59	48%	124
Washington County Schools	*	6%	43	65%	66
Washington Montessori	*	38%	20	95%	21
Watauga County Schools	125	36%	246	70%	351
Wayne County Public Schools	160	14%	441	39%	1137
Wayne Preparatory	*	11%	30	48%	62
Whiteville City Schools	28	17%	92	56%	164
Wilkes County Schools	128	20%	307	49%	625
Wilson County Schools	142	19%	338	46%	738
Wilson Preparatory	*	10%	18	62%	29

Academy					
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	1062	28%	2368	62%	3801
Yadkin County Schools	48	13%	129	36%	361
Yancey County Schools	49	32%	96	64%	151

*\* 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 2022-2023 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 Would Have Earned the College Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who Would Have Earned the College Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Alamance-Burlington Schools	298	19%	821	51%	1608
Alexander County Schools	101	29%	217	62%	351
Alleghany County Schools	23	23%	69	70%	99
Anson County Schools	21	11%	86	48%	181
Arapahoe Charter School	*	12%	*	20%	25
Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	12	39%	23	74%	31
Ashe County Schools	48	23%	112	54%	208
Asheboro City Schools	51	17%	166	55%	304
Asheville City Schools	163	43%	270	71%	380
Avery County Schools	35	28%	84	66%	127
Bear Grass Charter School	11	21%	26	50%	52
Beaufort County Schools	83	18%	220	48%	456
Bertie County Schools	12	9%	41	32%	129
Bethany Community School	16	23%	48	69%	70
Bladen County Schools	47	15%	177	56%	318
Bradford Preparatory School	39	41%	66	69%	95
Brunswick County Schools	168	17%	438	44%	988
Buncombe County Schools	508	30%	967	57%	1695

Burke County Schools	216	24%	414	47%	888
Cabarrus County Schools	814	31%	1658	63%	2615
Caldwell County Schools	169	23%	416	56%	747
Camden County Schools	27	19%	63	44%	142
Carolina International School	12	26%	30	64%	47
Carteret County Public Schools	224	36%	375	60%	622
Caswell County Schools	25	16%	86	54%	160
Catawba County Schools	240	21%	568	50%	1125
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	509	55%	737	79%	932
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	2902	29%	5516	55%	10093
Chatham Charter	19	48%	35	88%	40
Chatham County Schools	226	31%	424	59%	718
Cherokee County Schools	66	27%	129	53%	245
Clay County Schools	20	23%	44	51%	87
Cleveland County Schools	248	24%	667	65%	1026
Clinton City Schools	26	14%	100	56%	180
Clover Garden	*	11%	22	58%	38
Columbus County Schools	52	13%	232	59%	391
Cornerstone Charter Academy	43	48%	77	87%	89
Corvian Community School	50	50%	83	82%	101
Craven County Schools	175	21%	409	50%	816
Cumberland County Schools	690	20%	1845	53%	3457
Currituck County Schools	100	34%	183	62%	293
Dare County Schools	120	27%	283	64%	443



Davidson County Schools	376	27%	812	59%	1374
Davie County Schools	130	31%	246	58%	422
Duplin County Schools	101	16%	325	51%	640
Durham Public Schools	538	22%	1157	48%	2408
East Wake Academy	23	27%	74	87%	85
Edenton-Chowan Schools	19	15%	49	40%	123
Edgecombe County Public Schools	33	9%	162	43%	376
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Elkin City Schools	45	44%	69	68%	102
Falls Lake Academy	10	13%	22	29%	77
Franklin Academy	64	58%	104	94%	111
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Gaston County Schools	432	20%	1255	59%	2132
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Graham County Schools	11	13%	41	47%	88
Granville County Schools	52	11%	182	37%	489
Gray Stone Day School	58	67%	72	83%	87
Greene County Schools	22	11%	107	52%	207
Guilford County Schools	1387	26%	3326	62%	5399
Halifax County Schools	*	5%	42	25%	165
Harnett County Schools	278	20%	655	48%	1376
Haywood County Schools	156	31%	292	58%	500
Henderson Collegiate	25	32%	63	82%	77
Henderson County Schools	282	28%	641	63%	1010
Hertford County Schools	*	5%	67	34%	196

Hickory City Schools	61	22%	154	56%	277
Hoke County Schools	80	14%	253	44%	571
Hyde County Schools	*	25%	32	>95%	32
Invest Collegiate	*	31%	10	77%	13
Invest Collegiate - Imagine	35	52%	50	75%	67
Iredell-Statesville Schools	443	26%	935	56%	1678
Jackson County Public Schools	79	29%	143	52%	273
Johnston County Public Schools	605	20%	1524	51%	2960
Jones County Schools	15	19%	31	40%	77
Kannapolis City Schools	50	13%	189	48%	396
KIPP Gaston College Preparatory	*	<5%	*	<5%	88
Langtree Charter Academy	37	45%	62	75%	83
Lee County Schools	93	13%	257	36%	719
Lenoir County Public Schools	73	13%	277	49%	560
Lexington City Schools	29	15%	78	40%	196
Lincoln County Schools	284	32%	535	60%	893
Longleaf School of the Arts	25	40%	46	74%	62
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Martin County Schools	12	9%	33	24%	135
McDowell County Schools	66	18%	159	43%	371
Mitchell County Schools	20	15%	59	44%	133
Montgomery County Schools	38	14%	136	50%	271
Moore County Schools	286	27%	646	61%	1054
Mooresville Graded School District	142	29%	313	63%	498

Mount Airy City Schools	29	23%	64	50%	128
Mountain Island Charter	44	33%	97	73%	132
Nash County Public Schools	184	17%	507	47%	1078
NC Leadership Charter Academy	27	52%	46	88%	52
NC Virtual Academy	37	20%	68	37%	185
Neuse Charter School	21	37%	44	77%	57
New Hanover County Schools	673	35%	1291	66%	1946
Newton Conover City Schools	61	26%	120	52%	233
North Carolina Cyber Academy	93	37%	106	43%	249
North East Carolina Preparatory School	20	36%	31	56%	55
Northampton County Schools	*	<5%	20	20%	102
Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	19	25%	47	61%	77
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	*	33%	14	67%	21
Onslow County Schools	484	26%	1118	61%	1831
Orange County Schools	198	35%	364	64%	569
Oxford Preparatory School	15	31%	35	71%	49
Pamlico County Schools	22	19%	41	36%	115
Pender County Schools	234	30%	436	56%	781
Perquimans County Schools	26	23%	65	57%	114
Person County Schools	35	12%	119	42%	284
Piedmont Classical High School	10	14%	51	73%	70
Piedmont Community Charter	41	31%	94	72%	131
Pine Lake Preparatory	107	66%	145	89%	163

Pinnacle Classical Academy	11	29%	21	55%	38
Pitt County Schools	342	21%	934	58%	1611
Polk County Schools	50	31%	90	57%	159
Public Schools of Robeson County	178	13%	625	47%	1323
Quality Education Academy	*	19%	25	69%	36
Queen's Grant Community School	32	26%	76	61%	124
Raleigh Charter High School	119	86%	131	94%	139
Randolph County School System	224	21%	688	65%	1066
Research Triangle High School	34	24%	47	33%	144
Richmond County Schools	69	16%	223	53%	422
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	27	14%	103	53%	195
Rockingham County Schools	99	13%	326	42%	779
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	219	16%	647	47%	1380
Roxboro Community School	60	80%	60	80%	75
Rutherford County Schools	130	25%	309	59%	528
Sallie B Howard School	*	25%	*	50%	16
Sampson County Schools	95	18%	273	52%	524
Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	*	25%	*	42%	12
Scotland County Schools	57	17%	167	51%	327
Southern Wake Academy	20	34%	37	63%	59
Stanly County Schools	117	21%	261	47%	555
Stokes County Schools	101	25%	172	42%	407
Sugar Creek Charter	*	9%	47	72%	65
	145	26%	282	50%	563

Surry County Schools					
Swain County Schools	42	30%	88	63%	140
The Franklin School of Innovation	28	49%	42	74%	57
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	43	62%	58	84%	69
Thomasville City Schools	10	7%	47	34%	138
Transylvania County Schools	70	32%	133	62%	216
Triad Math and Science Academy	12	16%	52	71%	73
Triangle Math and Science Academy	31	53%	46	79%	58
Tyrrell County Schools	*	14%	30	60%	50
Union Academy Charter School	52	43%	99	83%	120
Union County Public Schools	1328	39%	2499	74%	3369
Uwharrie Charter Academy	34	26%	83	63%	131
Vance Charter School	28	33%	65	76%	86
Vance County Schools	12	5%	81	34%	237
Voyager Academy	49	53%	76	83%	92
Wake County Schools	4442	36%	8243	67%	12222
Wake Preparatory Academy	*	24%	*	47%	17
Warren County Schools	10	8%	53	43%	124
Washington County Schools	*	6%	36	55%	66
Washington Montessori	*	38%	20	95%	21
Watauga County Schools	133	38%	266	76%	351
Wayne County Public Schools	163	14%	466	41%	1137
Whiteville City Schools	31	19%	116	71%	164
Wilkes County Schools	137	22%	354	57%	625

Wilson County Schools	140	19%	348	47%	738
Wilson Preparatory Academy	*	7%	15	52%	29
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	1028	27%	2246	59%	3801
Yadkin County Schools	51	14%	154	43%	361
Yancey County Schools	47	31%	108	72%	151

*\*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 2022-2023 Graduates Earning the Career Endorsement\***

District Name	Number of Graduates Who Earned the Career Endorsement	Percent of Graduates Who Earned the Career Endorsement	Total Number of Graduates Who Would Have Earned the Career Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Percent of Graduates Who Would Have Earned the Career Endorsement without the ACT/SAT Reading Requirement	Number of Graduates
Alamance-Burlington Schools	146	9%	403	25%	1608
Alexander County Schools	54	15%	143	41%	351
Alleghany County Schools	20	20%	60	61%	99
Anson County Schools	*	5%	41	23%	181
Arapahoe Charter School	*	<5%	*	16%	25
Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	*	6%	*	10%	31
Ashe County Schools	16	8%	58	28%	208
Asheboro City Schools	28	9%	89	29%	304
Asheville City Schools	40	11%	65	17%	380
Avery County Schools	17	13%	49	39%	127
Bear Grass Charter School	*	8%	15	29%	52

Beaufort County Schools	24	5%	108	24%	456
Bertie County Schools	*	<5%	*	5%	129
Bladen County Schools	46	14%	156	49%	318
Bradford Preparatory School	*	<5%	*	<5%	95
Brunswick County Schools	72	7%	193	20%	988
Buncombe County Schools	290	17%	568	34%	1695
Burke County Schools	94	11%	261	29%	888
Cabarrus County Schools	436	17%	833	32%	2615
Caldwell County Schools	78	10%	247	33%	747
Camden County Schools	17	12%	48	34%	142
Carteret County Public Schools	126	20%	235	38%	622
Caswell County Schools	*	5%	28	18%	160
Catawba County Schools	118	10%	306	27%	1125
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	225	24%	285	31%	932
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	1085	11%	1854	18%	10093
Chatham Charter	*	5%	*	13%	40
Chatham County Schools	119	17%	212	30%	718
Cherokee County Schools	48	20%	96	39%	245
Clay County Schools	16	18%	38	44%	87
Cleveland County Schools	136	13%	381	37%	1026
Clinton City Schools	18	10%	72	40%	180
Columbus County Schools	24	6%	107	27%	391
Craven County Schools	100	12%	221	27%	816
Cumberland County Schools	330	10%	835	24%	3457
Currituck County Schools	35	12%	66	23%	293
Dare County Schools	58	13%	129	29%	443

Davidson County Schools	270	20%	654	48%	1374
Davie County Schools	66	16%	144	34%	422
Duplin County Schools	56	9%	231	36%	640
Durham Public Schools	191	8%	359	15%	2408
Edenton-Chowan Schools	11	9%	29	24%	123
Edgecombe County Public Schools	*	<5%	33	9%	376
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	21	7%	77	26%	296
Elkin City Schools	38	37%	63	62%	102
Franklin Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	111
Franklin County Schools	37	6%	141	24%	590
Gaston County Schools	242	11%	707	33%	2132
Gates County Schools	14	13%	36	32%	112
Graham County Schools	*	8%	23	26%	88
Granville County Schools	32	7%	80	16%	489
Greene County Schools	*	<5%	33	16%	207
Guilford County Schools	415	8%	1047	19%	5399
Halifax County Schools	*	<5%	*	5%	165
Harnett County Schools	162	12%	415	30%	1376
Haywood County Schools	97	19%	188	38%	500
Henderson County Schools	115	11%	319	32%	1010
Hertford County Schools	*	<5%	33	17%	196
Hickory City Schools	18	7%	54	19%	277
Hoke County Schools	35	6%	107	19%	571
Hyde County Schools	*	19%	17	53%	32
Iredell-Statesville Schools	167	10%	466	28%	1678
Jackson County Public Schools	34	12%	61	22%	273



Johnston County Public Schools	345	12%	942	32%	2960
Jones County Schools	13	17%	32	42%	77
Kannapolis City Schools	29	7%	97	24%	396
Lee County Schools	52	7%	152	21%	719
Lenoir County Public Schools	33	6%	122	22%	560
Lexington City Schools	14	7%	23	12%	196
Lincoln County Schools	127	14%	289	32%	893
Madison County Schools	24	18%	58	42%	137
Martin County Schools	*	<5%	21	16%	135
McDowell County Schools	38	10%	109	29%	371
Mitchell County Schools	11	8%	43	32%	133
Montgomery County Schools	17	6%	69	25%	271
Moore County Schools	137	13%	357	34%	1054
Mooresville Graded School District	54	11%	103	21%	498
Mount Airy City Schools	16	13%	41	32%	128
Nash County Public Schools	100	9%	296	27%	1078
NC Leadership Charter Academy	*	6%	*	8%	52
NC Virtual Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	185
New Hanover County Schools	223	11%	413	21%	1946
Newton Conover City Schools	18	8%	58	25%	233
North Carolina Cyber Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	249
North East Carolina Preparatory School	*	<5%	*	<5%	55
Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	*	29%	11	52%	21
Onslow County Schools	254	14%	601	33%	1831
Orange County Schools	82	14%	166	29%	569
	10	9%	25	22%	115

Pamlico County Schools					
Pender County Schools	111	14%	221	28%	781
Perquimans County Schools	18	16%	41	36%	114
Person County Schools	23	8%	85	30%	284
Piedmont Community Charter	*	7%	25	19%	131
Pine Lake Preparatory	51	31%	66	40%	163
Pitt County Schools	204	13%	564	35%	1611
Polk County Schools	30	19%	71	45%	159
Public Schools of Robeson County	117	9%	402	30%	1323
Quality Education Academy	*	8%	*	11%	36
Queen's Grant Community School	*	<5%	*	<5%	124
Randolph County School System	103	10%	345	32%	1066
Richmond County Schools	27	6%	117	28%	422
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	*	<5%	46	24%	195
Rockingham County Schools	53	7%	153	20%	779
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	94	7%	303	22%	1380
Rutherford County Schools	69	13%	189	36%	528
Sampson County Schools	73	14%	191	36%	524
Scotland County Schools	26	8%	99	30%	327
Stanly County Schools	67	12%	213	38%	555
Stokes County Schools	65	16%	128	31%	407
Surry County Schools	102	18%	225	40%	563
Swain County Schools	31	22%	73	52%	140
The Franklin School of Innovation	*	<5%	*	<5%	57
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	69
Thomasville City Schools	*	5%	22	16%	138

Transylvania County Schools	46	21%	97	45%	216
Triangle Math and Science Academy	*	14%	16	28%	58
Tyrrell County Schools	*	18%	20	40%	50
Union County Public Schools	573	17%	1043	31%	3369
Uwharrie Charter Academy	*	<5%	*	<5%	131
Vance Charter School	*	<5%	*	5%	86
Vance County Schools	*	<5%	21	9%	237
Voyager Academy	*	<5%	*	5%	92
Wake County Schools	2076	17%	3408	28%	12222
Wake Preparatory Academy	*	6%	*	6%	17
Washington County Schools	*	<5%	17	26%	66
Watauga County Schools	49	14%	101	29%	351
Wayne County Public Schools	104	9%	281	25%	1137
Whiteville City Schools	16	10%	62	38%	164
Wilkes County Schools	66	11%	228	36%	625
Wilson County Schools	58	8%	164	22%	738
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	401	11%	826	22%	3801
Yadkin County Schools	30	8%	121	34%	361
Yancey County Schools	30	20%	69	46%	151

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## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

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' 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2022-23 school year.

## Career and College Promise credits

Eligible NC students can take community college CTE courses through Career and College Promise (CCP). Community college CTE credits were earned by 35,612 students across 191 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, 2022-2023

PSU Name	Number of CTE Students who Earned Credit through CTE CCP
Alamance-Burlington Schools	587
Alexander County Schools	139
Alleghany County Schools	52
Alpha Academy	12
Anson County Schools	69
Apprentice Academy High School	22
Arapahoe Charter School	<10
Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County	18
Ashe County Schools	106
Asheboro City Schools	86
Asheville City Schools	226
Avery County Schools	85
Bear Grass Charter School	36
Beaufort County Schools	173
Bertie County Schools	82
Bethany Community School	24
Bladen County Schools	171
Bradford Preparatory School	36
Brunswick County Schools	332
Buncombe County Schools	824
Burke County Schools	452
Cabarrus County Schools	1,000
Caldwell County Schools	402
Camden County Schools	57
Carolina International School	36
Carteret County Public Schools	307
Caswell County Schools	63
Catawba County Schools	475

Central Wake High School	<10
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	178
Charlotte Secondary	<10
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	2,012
Chatham Charter	40
Chatham County Schools	391
Cherokee County Schools	151
Clay County Schools	47
Cleveland County Schools	529
Clinton City Schools	75
Clover Garden	22
College Prep and Leadership Academy	10
Columbus County Schools	199
Community School of Davidson	62
Cornerstone Charter Academy-CFA	53
Corvian Community School	11
Craven County Schools	362
Cumberland County Schools	1,017
Currituck County Schools	120
Dare County Schools	192
Davidson County Schools	518
Davie County Schools	167
Deaf and Blind Schools	<10
Duplin County Schools	294
Durham Public Schools	371
East Wake Academy	41
Edenton-Chowan Schools	35
Edgecombe County Public Schools	161
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	77
Elkin City Schools	73
Eno River Academy	19
Falls Lake Academy	24
Franklin Academy	30
Franklin County Schools	120
Gaston County Schools	665
Gates County Schools	34
Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	25
Graham County Schools	46
Granville County Schools	128
Gray Stone Day	73
Greene County Schools	96
Guilford County Schools	1,225
Halifax County Schools	69

Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	<10
Harnett County Schools	454
Haywood County Schools	179
Henderson County Schools	351
Hertford County Schools	90
Hickory City Schools	114
Hoke County Schools	284
Hyde County Schools	30
IC Imagine	28
Invest Collegiate	10
Iredell-Statesville Schools	536
Jackson County Public Schools	128
Jackson Day School	<10
Johnston County Public Schools	829
Jones County Schools	32
Kannapolis City Schools	86
KIPP Gaston College Preparatory	<10
Lake Lure Classical Academy	14
Lake Norman Charter	137
Langtree Charter Academy	22
Lee County Schools	309
Lenoir County Public Schools	247
Lexington City Schools	68
Lincoln Charter School	126
Lincoln County Schools	419
Macon County Schools	202
Madison County Schools	104
Martin County Schools	45
McDowell County Schools	195
Millennium Charter Academy	22
Mitchell County Schools	99
Montgomery County Schools	195
Moore County Schools	617
Mooresville Graded School District	156
Mount Airy City Schools	63
Mountain Island Charter School	62
Nash County Public Schools	445
NC Leadership Charter Academy	27
NC Virtual Academy	28
NCDPS Juvenile Education Services	<10
NERSBA Early College	20
Neuse Charter School	32
New Hanover County Schools	939

Newton Conover City Schools	103
North Carolina Cyber Academy	17
North East Carolina Prep	46
Northampton County Schools	62
Northeast Academy of Aerospace & AdvTech	60
Onslow County Schools	471
Orange County Schools	185
Oxford Preparatory	42
Pamlico County Schools	59
Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy	<10
Pender County Schools	380
Perquimans County Schools	35
Person County Schools	142
Piedmont Classical High School	<10
Piedmont Community Charter School	81
Pine Lake Preparatory	102
Pinnacle Classical Academy	29
Pitt County Schools	858
Polk County Schools	96
Public Schools of Robeson County	312
Quality Education Academy	<10
Queen's Grant Community School	38
Randolph County School System	453
Research Triangle High School	14
Richmond County Schools	233
River Mill Academy	31
Roanoke Rapids City Schools	76
Rockingham County Schools	254
Rocky Mount Preparatory	20
Rowan-Salisbury Schools	389
Roxboro Community School	43
Rutherford County Schools	229
Sallie B Howard School	<10
Sampson County Schools	245
Scotland County Schools	172
Southern Wake Academy	17
Stanly County Schools	329
STARS Charter	<10
Stewart Creek High	<10
Stokes County Schools	162
Sugar Creek Charter	20
Summit Charter	<10
Surry County Schools	338



Swain County Schools	109
The Franklin School of Innovation	17
The Hawbridge School	19
Thomas Academy	<10
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	31
Thomasville City Schools	31
TMSA Charlotte	<10
Transylvania County Schools	119
Triad Math and Science Academy	44
Triangle Math and Science Academy	30
Tyrrell County Schools	33
Union Academy	54
Union County Public Schools	1,022
Uwharrie Charter Academy	59
Valor Preparatory Academy	<10
Vance Charter School	46
Vance County Schools	49
Voyager Academy	40
Wake County Schools	2,092
Wake Preparatory Academy	<10
Warren County Schools	53
Washington County Schools	29
Washington Montessori	20
Watauga County Schools	205
Wayne County Public Schools	334
Wayne Preparatory Academy	29
Weldon City Schools	29
Whiteville City Schools	69
Wilkes County Schools	371
Wilson County Schools	307
Wilson Preparatory Academy	<10
Winston Salem / Forsyth County Schools	459
Yadkin County Schools	184
<b>State Total</b>	<b>35,612</b>

## **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 2022-2023 school year, 207,776 students earned 325,784 individual 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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