



# Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

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High School Diploma Endorsements

*Increase Access to Career and Technical  
Education*

*SL 2013-1; SL 2014-115; SL2017-102; SL  
2017-57 (SB 257)*

*G.S. 115C-12(40)*

*Increase Access to Career and Technical  
Education (Impact of Awarding  
Endorsements)*

*SL 2017-57 (SB 257) Amended by SL  
2017-102 (HB 229)*

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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 2017-18 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:**

- 64% of 2017-18 graduates earned at least one high school diploma endorsement.  
*This is a 5% growth from the 2016-17 school year.*
- A total of 141,403 high school diploma endorsements were awarded to 2017-18 graduates last year.
- 18% of 2017-18 graduates earned a Career endorsement.  
*This is a growth of near 1% from the 2016-17 school year.*
- 63% of 2017-18 graduates earned a College or College/UNC endorsement.  
*This is a 4% growth from the 2016-17 school year.*
- 16% of 2017-18 graduates earned all three endorsements.

**TABLE 1:  
Overview of High School Diploma Endorsements Earned by 2017-18 Graduates\***

<b>High School Diploma Endorsement</b>	<b>Number of Graduates Earning Endorsement</b>	<b>Percentage of Graduates Earning Endorsement</b>
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>19,735</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>COLLEGE OR COLLEGE/UNC</b>	<b>68,051</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>59,359</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>COLLEGE/UNC</b>	<b>62,309</b>	<b>58%</b>

*\*For the purposes of this report, the number of graduates in 2017-18 is 107,561.*

**TABLE 2:  
Further Analysis of High School Diploma Endorsements Earned by 2017-18 Graduates\***

<b>High School Diploma Endorsement</b>	<b>Number of Graduates Earning Endorsement</b>	<b>Percentage of Graduates Earning Endorsement</b>
At least one endorsement	<b>68,051</b>	<b>64%</b>
All three endorsements	<b>16,913</b>	<b>16%</b>

*\*For the purposes of this report, the number of graduates in 2017-18 is 107,561.*

**TABLE 3:  
Number of 2017-18 Graduates Earning the Career Endorsement**

<b>District ID</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	368
20	Alexander County Schools	105
30	Alleghany County Schools	29
40	Anson County Schools	33
50	Ashe County Schools	59
60	Avery County Schools	62
70	Beaufort County Schools	85
80	Bertie County Schools	21
90	Bladen County Schools	105
100	Brunswick County Schools	199
110	Buncombe County Schools	571
111	Asheville City Schools	44
120	Burke County Schools	174
130	Cabarrus County Schools	624
132	Kannapolis City Schools	81
140	Caldwell County Schools	165
150	Camden County Schools	43
160	Carteret County Public Schools	59
170	Caswell County Schools	65
180	Catawba County Schools	296
181	Hickory City Schools	40
182	Newton Conover City Schools	35
190	Chatham County Schools	144
200	Cherokee County Schools	81
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	10
230	Cleveland County Schools	290
240	Columbus County Schools	50
241	Whiteville City Schools	20
250	Craven County Schools	97
260	Cumberland County Schools	671
270	Currituck County Schools	45
280	Dare County Schools	27
290	Davidson County Schools	537
292	Thomasville City Schools	29
300	Davie County Schools	86
310	Duplin County Schools	27
320	Durham Public Schools	298
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	84
340	Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	811

350	Franklin County Schools	97
360	Gaston County Schools	192
370	Gates County Schools	23
380	Graham County Schools	16
390	Granville County Schools	113
400	Greene County Schools	<10
410	Guilford County Schools	760
420	Halifax County Schools	11
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	42
422	Weldon City Schools	<10
430	Harnett County Schools	132
440	Haywood County Schools	202
450	Henderson County Schools	205
460	Hertford County Schools	40
470	Hoke County Schools	67
480	Hyde County Schools	<10
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	286
491	Mooresville Graded School District	66
500	Jackson County Public Schools	52
510	Johnston County Schools	676
520	Jones County Schools	38
530	Lee County Schools	161
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	109
550	Lincoln County Schools	70
560	Macon County Schools	<10
570	Madison County Schools	56
580	Martin County Schools	67
590	McDowell County Schools	98
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	920
610	Mitchell County Schools	83
620	Montgomery County Schools	55
630	Moore County Schools	205
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	235
650	New Hanover County Schools	256
660	Northampton County Schools	14
670	Onslow County Schools	569
680	Orange County Schools	132
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	98
690	Pamlico County Schools	28
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	106
710	Pender County Schools	185
720	Perquimans County Schools	26
730	Person County Schools	10

740	Pitt County Schools	505
750	Polk County Schools	65
760	Randolph County School System	266
761	Asheboro City Schools	78
770	Richmond County Schools	121
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	394
790	Rockingham County Schools	151
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	236
810	Rutherford County Schools	180
820	Sampson County Schools	253
821	Clinton City Schools	55
830	Scotland County Schools	94
840	Stanly County Schools	26
850	Stokes County Schools	110
860	Surry County Schools	179
861	Elkin City Schools	31
862	Mount Airy City Schools	22
870	Swain County Schools	36
880	Transylvania County Schools	108
890	Tyrrell County Schools	<10
900	Union County Public Schools	716
910	Vance County Schools	25
920	Wake County Schools	1937
930	Warren County Schools	16
940	Washington County Schools	17
950	Watauga County Schools	81
960	Wayne County Public Schools	326
970	Wilkes County Schools	262
980	Wilson County Schools	164
990	Yadkin County Schools	103
995	Yancey County Schools	70
13A	Carolina International School	<10
19A	Chatham Charter	<10
24B	Flemington Academy	<10
32L	Voyager Academy	<10
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	<10
73B	Roxboro Community School	<10
90A	Union Academy Charter School	<10
92P	Southern Wake Academy	<10
94Z	Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	<10
<b>NC Total Career Endorsements earned in 2017-18</b>		<b>19,735</b>

**TABLE 4:  
Number of 2017-18 Graduates Earning the College Endorsement**

<b>District ID</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	947
20	Alexander County Schools	252
30	Alleghany County Schools	61
40	Anson County Schools	107
50	Ashe County Schools	146
60	Avery County Schools	97
70	Beaufort County Schools	285
80	Bertie County Schools	65
90	Bladen County Schools	194
100	Brunswick County Schools	557
110	Buncombe County Schools	1220
111	Asheville City Schools	247
120	Burke County Schools	600
130	Cabarrus County Schools	1567
132	Kannapolis City Schools	196
140	Caldwell County Schools	615
150	Camden County Schools	89
160	Carteret County Public Schools	219
170	Caswell County Schools	106
180	Catawba County Schools	822
181	Hickory City Schools	170
182	Newton Conover City Schools	153
190	Chatham County Schools	412
200	Cherokee County Schools	140
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	94
220	Clay County Schools	<10
230	Cleveland County Schools	747
240	Columbus County Schools	199
241	Whiteville City Schools	108
250	Craven County Schools	412
260	Cumberland County Schools	2213
270	Currituck County Schools	183
280	Dare County Schools	239
290	Davidson County Schools	1030
292	Thomasville City Schools	76
298	Deaf and Blind Schools	<10
300	Davie County Schools	288
310	Duplin County Schools	350
320	Durham Public Schools	1153



330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	193
340	Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	2497
350	Franklin County Schools	330
360	Gaston County Schools	287
370	Gates County Schools	57
380	Graham County Schools	42
390	Granville County Schools	305
400	Greene County Schools	138
410	Guilford County Schools	3383
420	Halifax County Schools	40
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	115
422	Weldon City Schools	10
430	Harnett County Schools	475
440	Haywood County Schools	386
450	Henderson County Schools	721
460	Hertford County Schools	84
470	Hoke County Schools	204
480	Hyde County Schools	13
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	989
491	Mooresville Graded School District	285
500	Jackson County Public Schools	204
510	Johnston County Schools	1508
520	Jones County Schools	46
530	Lee County Schools	381
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	279
550	Lincoln County Schools	188
560	Macon County Schools	25
570	Madison County Schools	85
580	Martin County Schools	114
590	McDowell County Schools	209
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	4040
610	Mitchell County Schools	113
620	Montgomery County Schools	169
630	Moore County Schools	675
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	577
650	New Hanover County Schools	1255
660	Northampton County Schools	36
670	Onslow County Schools	1083
680	Orange County Schools	402
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	496
690	Pamlico County Schools	65
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	232
710	Pender County Schools	444

720	Perquimans County Schools	54
730	Person County Schools	12
740	Pitt County Schools	943
750	Polk County Schools	115
760	Randolph County School System	544
761	Asheboro City Schools	207
770	Richmond County Schools	244
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	804
790	Rockingham County Schools	466
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	741
810	Rutherford County Schools	347
820	Sampson County Schools	380
821	Clinton City Schools	119
830	Scotland County Schools	229
840	Stanly County Schools	67
850	Stokes County Schools	280
860	Surry County Schools	394
861	Elkin City Schools	84
862	Mount Airy City Schools	78
870	Swain County Schools	58
880	Transylvania County Schools	163
890	Tyrrell County Schools	17
900	Union County Public Schools	2313
910	Vance County Schools	183
920	Wake County Schools	7079
930	Warren County Schools	29
940	Washington County Schools	50
950	Watauga County Schools	253
960	Wayne County Public Schools	747
970	Wilkes County Schools	493
980	Wilson County Schools	306
990	Yadkin County Schools	231
995	Yancey County Schools	150
06B	Williams Academy (fka Crossnore)	<10
07A	Washington Montessori	<10
09A	Paul R Brown Leadership Academy	<10
11D	The Franklin School of Innovation	16
13A	Carolina International School	32
19A	Chatham Charter	38
24B	Flemington Academy	<10
32L	Voyager Academy	60
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	28
34B	Quality Education Academy	18

34D	Carter G Woodson School	<10
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	56
36C	Mountain Island Charter	65
39B	Oxford Preparatory High School	35
41F	Triad Math and Science Academy	47
41K	Piedmont Classical High School	23
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	114
51A	Neuse Charter School	31
55A	Lincoln Charter School	130
58B	Bear Grass Charter School	29
60D	Lake Norman Charter	158
60G	Queens Grant Community School	49
60V	Charlotte Learning Academy	10
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	36
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	46
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	14
73B	Roxboro Community School	79
76A	Uwharrie Charter Academy	85
81A	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	77
84B	Gray Stone Day School	<10
90A	Union Academy Charter School	98
92F	Franklin Academy	106
92G	East Wake Academy	65
92P	Southern Wake Academy	27
92U	Longleaf School of the Arts	37
94Z	Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	<10
<b>NC Total College Endorsements earned in 2017-18</b>		<b>59,359</b>

**TABLE 5:  
Number of 2017-18 Graduates Earning the College/UNC Endorsement**

<b>District ID</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	1018
20	Alexander County Schools	225
30	Alleghany County Schools	60
40	Anson County Schools	144
50	Ashe County Schools	120
60	Avery County Schools	86
70	Beaufort County Schools	297
80	Bertie County Schools	86
90	Bladen County Schools	129
100	Brunswick County Schools	544
110	Buncombe County Schools	1147
111	Asheville City Schools	260
120	Burke County Schools	534
130	Cabarrus County Schools	1654
132	Kannapolis City Schools	185
140	Caldwell County Schools	539
150	Camden County Schools	89
160	Carteret County Public Schools	185
170	Caswell County Schools	112
180	Catawba County Schools	741
181	Hickory City Schools	190
182	Newton Conover City Schools	159
190	Chatham County Schools	433
200	Cherokee County Schools	157
210	Edenton-Chowan Schools	89
220	Clay County Schools	<10
230	Cleveland County Schools	662
240	Columbus County Schools	166
241	Whiteville City Schools	106
250	Craven County Schools	380
260	Cumberland County Schools	2202
270	Currituck County Schools	179
280	Dare County Schools	233
290	Davidson County Schools	894
291	Lexington City Schools	111
292	Thomasville City Schools	82
298	Deaf and Blind Schools	<10
300	Davie County Schools	272
310	Duplin County Schools	331

320	Durham Public Schools	1379
330	Edgecombe County Public Schools	187
340	Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools	2662
350	Franklin County Schools	323
360	Gaston County Schools	243
370	Gates County Schools	56
380	Graham County Schools	46
390	Granville County Schools	320
400	Greene County Schools	135
410	Guilford County Schools	3870
420	Halifax County Schools	52
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	112
422	Weldon City Schools	46
430	Harnett County Schools	451
440	Haywood County Schools	329
450	Henderson County Schools	681
460	Hertford County Schools	89
470	Hoke County Schools	268
480	Hyde County Schools	18
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	984
491	Mooresville Graded School District	292
500	Jackson County Public Schools	174
510	Johnston County Schools	1359
520	Jones County Schools	35
530	Lee County Schools	370
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	290
550	Lincoln County Schools	169
560	Macon County Schools	24
570	Madison County Schools	69
580	Martin County Schools	110
590	McDowell County Schools	179
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	5998
610	Mitchell County Schools	115
620	Montgomery County Schools	166
630	Moore County Schools	629
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	562
650	New Hanover County Schools	1253
660	Northampton County Schools	42
670	Onslow County Schools	1039
680	Orange County Schools	398
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	678
690	Pamlico County Schools	34
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	233

710	Pender County Schools	419
720	Perquimans County Schools	57
730	Person County Schools	<10
740	Pitt County Schools	936
750	Polk County Schools	87
760	Randolph County School System	491
761	Asheboro City Schools	226
770	Richmond County Schools	264
780	Public Schools of Robeson County	769
790	Rockingham County Schools	461
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	760
810	Rutherford County Schools	320
820	Sampson County Schools	356
821	Clinton City Schools	114
830	Scotland County Schools	265
840	Stanly County Schools	53
850	Stokes County Schools	227
860	Surry County Schools	324
861	Elkin City Schools	75
862	Mount Airy City Schools	77
870	Swain County Schools	61
880	Transylvania County Schools	143
890	Tyrrell County Schools	<10
900	Union County Public Schools	2379
910	Vance County Schools	240
920	Wake County Schools	7726
930	Warren County Schools	34
940	Washington County Schools	56
950	Watauga County Schools	229
960	Wayne County Public Schools	748
970	Wilkes County Schools	404
980	Wilson County Schools	339
990	Yadkin County Schools	251
995	Yancey County Schools	129
00A	NC Connections Academy	<10
01B	River Mill Academy	29
01C	Clover Garden	33
01D	The Hawbridge School	19
06B	Williams Academy (fka Crossnore)	<10
07A	Washington Montessori	<10
11C	Invest Collegiate - Imagine	<10
11D	The Franklin School of Innovation	18
13A	Carolina International School	35

19A	Chatham Charter	42
24B	Flemington Academy	<10
32L	Voyager Academy	78
32N	Research Triangle High School	70
33A	North East Carolina Preparatory School	33
34B	Quality Education Academy	21
34D	Carter G Woodson School	<10
34H	The North Carolina Leadership Academy	<10
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	58
36C	Mountain Island Charter	76
39B	Oxford Preparatory High School	38
41F	Triad Math and Science Academy	58
41K	Piedmont Classical High School	28
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	131
51A	Neuse Charter School	37
55A	Lincoln Charter School	131
58B	Bear Grass Charter School	26
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	28
60D	Lake Norman Charter	170
60G	Queens Grant Community School	45
60K	Charlotte Secondary School	31
60U	Commonwealth High School	<10
60V	Charlotte Learning Academy	12
61L	Stewart Creek High School	<10
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	45
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	15
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	<10
73B	Roxboro Community School	82
76A	Uwharrie Charter Academy	74
81A	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	82
81B	Lake Lure Classical Academy	19
84B	Gray Stone Day School	<10
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	20
90A	Union Academy Charter School	107
92F	Franklin Academy	111
92G	East Wake Academy	69
92P	Southern Wake Academy	31
92U	Longleaf School of the Arts	50
93A	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	<10
93L	Central Wake Charter High School	<10
94Z	Northeast Regional School - Biotech/Agri	<10
<b>NC Total College/UNC Endorsements earned in 2017-18</b>		<b>62,309</b>

The State Board of Education is unable to report on the impact of the high school diploma endorsements at this time because these endorsements have only been in place for three full academic years. The legislated requirements addressing the impact of awarding these diploma endorsements on high school graduation, college acceptance and remediation, and post-high school employment rates will be reported when available in future reports.

Note: This data is based on August 2018 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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