



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Eleventh Graders Completing Graduation
Credits in Three-Year Period

H259 - 2023 Appropriations Act

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DPI Chronological Schedule, 2024-2025

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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ELEVENTH GRADERS COMPLETING GRADUATION CREDITS IN A THREE-YEAR PERIOD

In response to SECTION 8A.6.(r), Governing bodies of other public school units that offer a sequence of courses in accordance with G.S. 115C-12(9d) and all local boards of education shall report to the Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) on the number of rising eleventh graders utilizing the sequence of courses to complete the credits required for graduation in a three-year period by May 15, 2025, and May 15, 2026.

The Department of Public Instruction shall report the total number of rising eleventh graders utilizing the sequence of courses to complete the credits required for graduation in a three-year period by public school unit to the Fiscal Research Division by June 1, 2025, and June 1, 2026.

Based on survey responses from Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Charter Schools:

- There are **2083** eleventh graders planning to graduate at the end of the 2024-25 school year in LEAs. The data are based on 111/115 LEAs reporting.
- There are **11** eleventh graders planning to graduate at the end of the 2024-25 school year in charter schools. The data are based on 19/91 charter schools who serve Grade 12 students reporting.
- There are **1159** eleventh graders planning to graduate at the end of the 2025-26 school year in LEAs. The data are based on 111/115 LEAs reporting.
- There are **17** eleventh graders planning to graduate at the end of the 2025-26 school year in charter schools. The data are based on 19/91 charter schools who serve Grade 12 students reporting.

Note that LEAs expressed challenges regarding submitting the number of these students on the three-year pathway in comparison to students who were already planning on graduating early. Given the inability for there to be additional graduation requirements from LEAs beyond the State Board of Education requirements, students are able to graduate early from high school without specifying the three-year pathway especially when high schools are on block schedule. Distinguishing these students from other early graduates is a challenge.