How the Dropout Reports Classify Students

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Summary

The **(NC) Dropout Data Collection** uses several classifications to organize students, evaluate enrollment, and determine which Dropout program records are included in reporting or edit checks. Review these classifications before researching Potential Dropouts or correcting Edit Checks.

Refer to the current **Dropout Data Manual** (https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/discipline-alp-and-dropout-data) to determine whether a student meets the dropout definition or qualifies for an exemption.

Report Classification Overview

The reports use 3 separate concepts:

Concept	Purpose
Prior Enrollment Type	Describes the student's reporting year enrollment and determines how subsequent enrollment is evaluated.
Resolution Evidence	Identifies system evidence that may remove the student from dropout reporting.
Dropout Type	Classifies a reported Dropout Program record for reporting and summary calculations.

Keep these concepts separate when reviewing the reports. A student's Prior Enrollment Type may differ from the Dropout Type assigned to the student's Dropout program record.

Prior Enrollment Type

Prior Enrollment Type is based on the student's authoritative last actual enrollment during the reporting year.

The reports use the following Prior Enrollment Types:

Early Leaver

The report assigns **Early Leaver** when the student's authoritative last reporting-year enrollment ended before the school's last day.

These students' subsequent enrollment must be active on the Applicable Day 20.

Completer

The report assigns **Completer** when the student's authoritative last reporting year enrollment:

- Ended on or after the school's last day.

A Completer may be removed from dropout reporting when at least 1 day of qualifying enrollment is found in the subsequent year on or before the Applicable Day 20.

Previous CCAHS

The report assigns **Previous CCAHS** when the student remains in the prior Community College Adult High School reporting process and no qualifying reporting year enrollment replaces that classification.

A Previous CCAHS student's subsequent enrollment must be active on the Applicable Day 20 to be removed from dropout reporting.

> **Note: Previous CCAHS** is a Prior Enrollment Type. It does not mean that every related Dropout program record will automatically be reported as CCAHS.

For more information about how enrollment is evaluated, refer to How Applicable Day 20 Is Used in Dropout Reports (https://ncdepartmentofpublicinstruction.knowledgeowl.com/home/how-applicable-day-20-is-used-in-dropout-reports).

Authoritative Reporting Enrollment

The reports use the student's last enrollment during the reporting year to determine the reporting school, grade, and Prior Enrollment Type.

The enrollment must be:

- a Primary Service Type
- State Exclude box not checked
- a Regular school-year enrollment

A no-show or summer school enrollment does not qualify as or replace a qualifying enrollment as the authoritative reporting enrollment.

Even 1 day of qualifying enrollment may affect the reporting school and grade level.

Resolution Evidence

Resolution evidence is information the reports use to determine whether a student remains in dropout reporting.

Resolution evidence is not a Prior Enrollment Type or Dropout Type.

Qualifying Enrollment

The reports search statewide enrollment data for evidence that the student enrolled during the reporting or submission year.

Whether an enrollment removes the student from dropout reporting depends on:

- The Prior Enrollment Type
- The enrollment dates
- The Applicable Day 20

Valid Graduation

The reports recognize a valid high school graduation when both of the following are present:

- A Graduation record containing a Diploma Date and Diploma Type
- A qualifying enrollment in the same PSU context with an end status of W4 or W6.

A Graduation record by itself does not remove a student from dropout reporting.

Enrollments with End Status of W3

The reports evaluate enrollments with an End Status of W3 as evidence of a student's death.

The effect of W3 evidence depends on:

- Whether the W3 is associated with the authoritative last actual enrollment
- Whether the W3 occurred on or before the Applicable Day 20
- Whether a qualifying current year enrollment also exists
- Whether a related Dropout Program record exists

Other Documented Evidence

Some information cannot be verified through the report. Examples may include enrollment in a private school, home school, approved program, or another circumstance documented outside NCSIS.

Review the documentation according to the current **Dropout Data Manual** (https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/discipline-alp-and-dropout-data), then correct the applicable Enrollment, Graduation, or Dropout program record.

Dropout Type

Dropout Type classifies an applicable Dropout program record for reporting.

The reports use the following Dropout Types:

Dropout Type	How the report assigns it
CCAHS	The Dropout program record contains the CCAHS Dropout Reason.
Expulsion	The Dropout program record contains the EXPL Dropout Reason.
Early Leaver	The record does not contain CCAHS or EXPL, and the student's Prior Enrollment Type is Early Leaver.
Completer	The record does not contain CCAHS or EXPL, and the student's Prior Enrollment Type is Completer.

The Dropout Type affects how the student appears in the Dropout Summary:

- All 4 Dropout Types are included in the overall dropout count.
- **CCAHS** and **Expulsion** are excluded from the North Carolina state dropout-rate population.
- **Early Leaver** and **Completer** are included in the state dropout-rate population.

Refer to the current **Dropout Data Manual** (https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/discipline-alp-and-dropout-data) when determining the appropriate Dropout Reason.

Potential Dropout

A **Potential Dropout** is a student who cannot be removed from dropout reporting using the system evidence available to the report.

A student may appear in DOP07 - Potential Dropouts even when a Dropout Program record already exists. The presence of a Dropout Program record is informational and does not, by itself, remove the student.

The Potential Dropouts report includes data such as:

- Whether a Dropout Program record was found
- Whether the Dropout Program record is open or active
- Whether a Dropout Program record will be reported
- Whether a Dropout Program record ended before the Applicable Day 20
- Whether multiple qualifying, open, or reportable Dropout Program records exist

A Potential Dropout is not automatically a confirmed dropout. Research the student and correct the appropriate

source data if necessary.

Reported Dropout

A Reported Dropout is based on an individual Dropout Program record that meets the report's inclusion requirements.

Students who will be reported in the dropout count will appear on DOD01 - Reported Dropout Detail.

The Reported Dropout Detail reports includes data such as:

- The PSU and School that is reporting the dropout
- The grade level of the reported dropout
- Dates from the Dropout Program record
- Dates and End Status from the prior enrollment
- The Applicable Day 20

Because Reported Dropout Detail is record-based, duplicate reportable records may appear until the corresponding Edit Checks are corrected.

The Dropout Summary counts distinct students by reporting school so duplicate records do not inflate the summary counts.
