

Addendum to the ABCs

Results of the 2001-02 ABCs Pilot Program to Test and Evaluate a Revised School Accountability Model for the ABCs Plan

Executive Summary

Section 8.36 of the special provisions in the 1999 Budget required the State Board of Education to establish a pilot program in up to five Local Education Agencies (LEAs) “for the purpose of determining whether revisions in the present accountability model are likely to result in more students demonstrating mastery of grade level subject matter and skills.” Section 8.36 further specified that the Board should report by October 15, 2001, and annually thereafter, “its findings and recommendations regarding the continued implementation, expansion, and modification of the pilot program.”

The 2001 report to the General Assembly was rescheduled for December due to the delay in ABCs reporting as a result of the equating study in mathematics. In that report, the State Board recommended to discontinue the ABCs Pilot at the conclusion of the 2001-02 school year due to SB 1005 Section 23.30.(a) (G.S. 115C-105.35), which required the SBE to incorporate a “closing the achievement gap” component in the ABCs beginning with the 2002-03 school year.

The State Board of Education was required to establish awards for pilot schools that meet the goals of the pilot program. These results are presented to the Board in order to fulfill its responsibility to identify, approve and award those schools that merited awards on the basis of their performance during the 2001-02 ABCs Pilot Program, the last year of its implementation.

The five participating LEAs were: Bladen County Schools (090); Craven County Schools (250); Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (340); Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (600); and Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools (700). Within each LEA, all schools containing any of the grades 3-8 participated. Based on analyses of the 2001-02 ABCs data for participating schools in these Local Education Agencies, 79 schools (36.9% of participating schools) merit awards for meeting the goals of the pilot program during its final year. Table 1 shows the number and percentage of schools (by LEA, and in the total pilot program) that met the goals of the pilot program during 2001-02. Subsequent pages show the results for each participating school.

Table 1. Number and Percent of Schools Meeting ABCs Pilot Requirements

LEA	Name	Pilot Requirements				Total	
		Met N	Met %	Not Met N	Not Met %	N	%
090	Bladen County Schools	4	33.3	8	66.7	12	100.0
250	Craven County Schools	10	52.6	9	47.4	19	100.0
340	Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	14	25.5	41	74.5	55	100.0
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	47	39.8	71	60.2	118	100.0
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	4	40.0	6	60.0	10	100.0
Total		79	36.9	135	63.1	214	100.0