

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Title:** 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate**Type of Executive Summary:**

- Action Action on First Reading Discussion Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
 General Statute # _____
 SBE Policy # _____
 SBE Policy Amendment
 SBE Policy (New)
 APA # _____
 APA Amendment
 APA (New)
 Other NCLB

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Description:

As a part of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), each state in 2002 had to describe its process for reporting high school graduation rates. In North Carolina's Accountability Workbook (which the US Department of Education [USED] approved), the process included a description of what North Carolina could report during the first four years of NCLB and then a definition which follows a group of students from ninth grade to the expected graduation date four years later (usually referred to as a 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate) that could be reported after the 2005-06 school year. See <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/nclb/federal/consolidated/071206acworkbook.pdf>, page 34, for the descriptions of the different graduation rates approved in the North Carolina Accountability Workbook.

This is the first time that North Carolina is reporting graduation rates using the 4-year cohort methodology. However, because of how the rates are calculated, the use of the new rates will not be used for NCLB AYP (adequate yearly progress) reporting until the 2006-07 results are reported next summer. LEA and state level results are included. Attachments will be presented at the March meeting.

Resources:

Staff, programmers and LEA time and effort

Input Process:

Compliance Commission and various other advisory committees

Stakeholders:

Students, schools, General Assembly and public

Timeline For Action:

This item is being presented for information at the March Board Meeting.

Recommendations:

No action required.

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