



Strategic Goal 3
Safe and Secure Environment for Students and Employees
Objective E: Dropout Rate

Objective

To decrease the number of dropouts from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System as measured by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).

Target

By 2012, the Dropout rate for grades 9-12 will be 3.9 % or less.

Summary

Students are reported as dropouts if they leave school for one of the following reasons: Marriage, Expelled, Financial Hardship/Job, Incarcerated/Under Jurisdiction of Juvenile or Criminal Justice Authority, Low Grades/School Failure, Military, Adult Education/ Postsecondary, Pregnant/Parent, Removed for Lack of Attendance, Serious Illness/ Accident, and Unknown. The dropout rate calculation is the number of students with a withdrawal code corresponding to a dropout divided by the number of students that attended the school. The number of students that attended the school is based on any student reported in the Student Record and excludes no-shows.

Key Points

- SCCPSS has reported a continuous decline in the percentage of dropouts from 2007 to 2010 by 2.6% percentage points.
- Groves High School leads the district in reducing the percentage of dropouts from 2007 to 2010 by 10.4% percentage points.
- Four of the six reported high schools experienced a decline in the dropout rate since 2007.
- With the exception of Native Americans, all ethnic groups had a decrease in the percentage of dropouts since 2007.
- All other subgroups (male, female, students with disabilities, English language learners, and economically disadvantaged) have decreased the percentage of dropouts since 2007.

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Dropout Percentages for State, District, and Comp Group

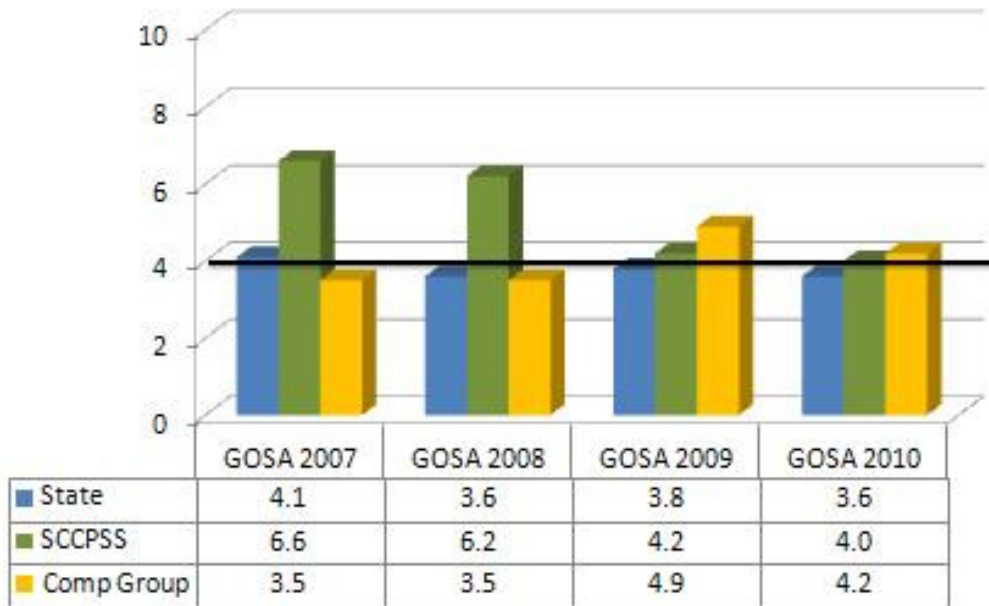


Table 1. Dropout Percentages by School

	GOSA 2007	GOSA 2008	GOSA 2009	GOSA 2010
SCCPSS	6.6	6.2	4.2	4.0
Beach High	6.1	9.0	3.5	5.4
Coastal Harbor	*	*	*	*
Gateway To College Charter	N/A	N/A	11.7	15.2
Groves High	11.2	2.3	2.2	0.8
Jenkins High	6.0	6.2	4.1	4.7
Johnson High	3.9	7.2	5.5	5.4
Savannah Arts Academy	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Savannah High School	8.5	12.0	7.6	N/A
SHS - LCJ	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.6
SHS - LS	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.1
Windsor Forest High	6.5	4.9	4.3	4.0

* < 10 students reported
N/A = School not in existence

Table 2. Number of Dropout Students by School

	GOSA 2007	GOSA 2008	GOSA 2009	GOSA 2010
SCCPSS	669	626	409	384
Beach High	83	109	45	65
Coastal Harbor	*	*	*	*
Gateway To College Charter	N/A	N/A	12	22
Groves High	203	40	34	13
Jenkins High	114	120	71	77
Johnson High	62	124	92	82
Savannah Arts Academy	0	1	1	0
Savannah High	115	156	88	N/A
SHS - LCJ	N/A	N/A	N/A	3
SHS - LS	N/A	N/A	N/A	59
Windsor Forest High	91	73	64	60

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Table 3. Dropout Percentages by Race/Ethnicity

	GOSA 2007	GOSA 2008	GOSA 2009	GOSA 2010
Asian	2.7	0.5	0.0	0.0
African Amer.	6.3	6.8	4.6	3.6
Hispanic	8.3	5.7	0.9	1.4
Native Amer.	4.2	5.6	4.3	6.1
Caucasian	7.7	4.9	3.8	2.6
Multiracial	3.5	5.5	3.6	1.3

Table 4. Dropout Percentages by Subgroup

	GOSA 2007	GOSA 2008	GOSA 2009	GOSA 2010
Male	8.0	7.9	5.4	3.8
Female	5.2	4.5	3.1	2.5
SWD	8.1	8.1	5.8	4.2
Limited English Prof.	5.7	1.1	0.0	2.2
Econ. Disadvantaged	6.5	5.5	3.2	2.9