



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

Objective

To decrease the number of dropouts as measured by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).

Target

By 2014, the Dropout rate for grades 9-12 will be 3.7 % 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.

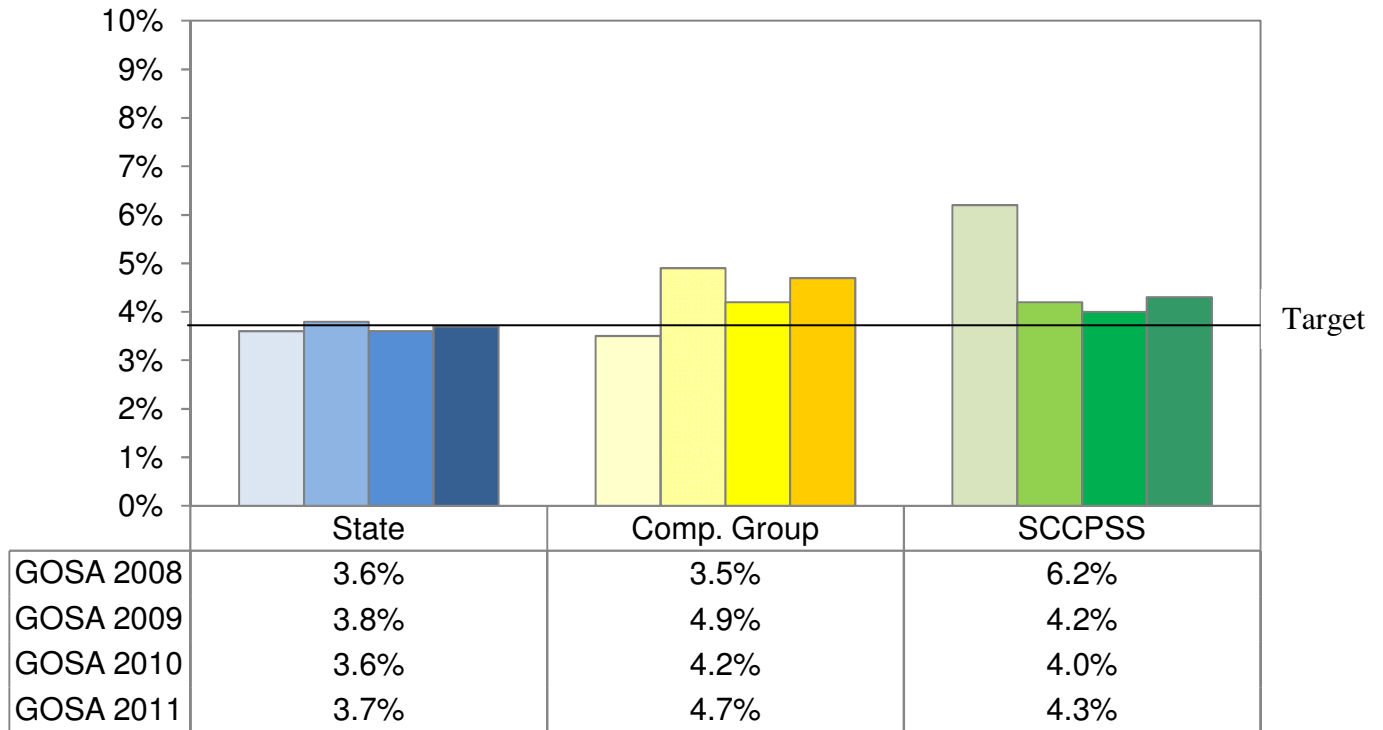
Key Points

- The SCCPSS dropout rate for school year 2010-11 was 4.3%. Four of the district's high schools achieved the 2014 target of 3.7% or less.
- The district's dropout rate has declined by 1.9 percentage points since the 2007-08 school year.
- For the third consecutive year, the SCCPSS dropout rate was below that of its comparison group of demographically similar districts.

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Figure 1. Dropout Percentages for State, Comparison Group, and District



Note: Shading of color represents progression of years from 2008 through 2011.

Comparison Group of demographically similar districts includes Clarke, Clayton, DeKalb, Dougherty, Liberty, Muscogee, Richmond, Spalding, Troupe, and Atlanta Public Schools.

Table 1. Dropout Percentages by School

| | GOSA 2008 | GOSA 2009 | GOSA 2010 | GOSA 2011 |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SCCPSS | 6.2% | 4.2% | 4.0% | 4.3% |
| Beach | 9.0% | 3.5% | 5.4% | 3.6% |
| Gateway to College | NA | 11.7% | 15.2% | 39.6% |
| Groves | 2.3% | 2.2% | 0.8% | 3.6% |
| Islands | NA | NA | NA | 4.4% |
| Jenkins | 6.2% | 4.1% | 4.7% | 4.0% |
| Johnson | 7.2% | 5.5% | 5.4% | 4.5% |
| Savannah Arts | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Savannah High - LCJ | NA | NA | 1.6% | 1.1% |
| Savannah High - LS | NA | NA | 6.1% | 6.1% |
| Windsor Forest | 4.9% | 4.3% | 4.0% | 3.9% |

N/A = School not in existence School at/below 2014 target

Table 2. Number of Dropout Students by School

| | GOSA 2008 | GOSA 2009 | GOSA 2010 | GOSA 2011 |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SCCPSS | 626 | 409 | 384 | 413 |
| Beach | 109 | 45 | 65 | 44 |
| Gateway to College | NA | 12 | 22 | 57 |
| Groves | 40 | 34 | 13 | 60 |
| Islands | NA | NA | NA | 28 |
| Jenkins | 120 | 71 | 77 | 60 |
| Johnson | 124 | 92 | 82 | 54 |
| Savannah Arts | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Savannah High - LCJ | NA | NA | 3 | 2 |
| Savannah High - LS | NA | NA | 59 | 51 |
| Windsor Forest | 73 | 64 | 60 | 56 |

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