

One Year Dropout Rate

Metric Overview

Metric Definition: One Year Dropout Rate is the percentage of non-graduating students who leave the school district within a given school year without evidence of continued education elsewhere.

Key Business Rules and Exclusions:

- Students who transfer after May 1st are excluded from the denominator.
- Starting in SY25, unverified transfers out of District before May 1st are included as dropouts.

Metric Calculation

Numerator: The number of students who were no longer enrolled at the end of the year for reasons other than graduation (and other verified district departure).

Denominator: The number of students (grades 9 -12) enrolled at any time during the school year.

Example Calculation :

$$\frac{\text{Students Counted as Dropouts}}{\text{Enrolled Students} - \text{Excluded Students}} = \frac{1 + 2 + 2}{108 - (3 + 5)} = 5\%$$

SCHOOL A

Students Counted as Dropouts

1

Student notified **School A** that they were leaving in order to pursue their G.E.D.

+

2

Students stopped attending school and were withdrawn from the school after the school followed the *Lost Child* process.

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2

Students who were projected to **School A** did not arrive at **School A**. By the end of the year, neither student was enrolled at a CPS school nor verified as an out-of-district transfer.

June 30 July 1
108
Enrollments

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Excluded Students:

3

Students transferred to schools out of the district and the transfers were correctly verified by **School A**.

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5

Students transferred from **School A** to a different CPS school and subsequent enrollments were recorded in ASPEN by the receiving school.

One Year Dropout Rate Use Case and Reports

One Year Dropout Rate is a lagging indicator which, when coupled with other qualitative and quantitative data, provides insights into students' sense of **Connectedness & Well-Being**. Schools can address the root causes of One Year Dropout Rate through practices included in their Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP). The district will support schools by prioritizing corresponding supports through their strategic plans.

CIDT One Year Dropout Report: All CIDT reports can be found on the CPS Dashboard on the "PowerBI Reports" page in the [Reports dropdown](#). This report can be used for live dropout reporting and trend analysis from past school years.

Related Reports:

- [Enrollment Data Quality Indices](#): provides a list of students who may impact the dropout rate if the error is not resolved.
- [CPS public data page](#): Downloadable reports of cohort graduation and dropout rates.

Questions? Connect with your Network Data Strategist to learn more.