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**DROPOUT DEFINITION**

National Center for Education Statistics Glossary

Dropout

A Dropout is a student who:

- Was enrolled in a secondary school at some time during the previous school year and is not enrolled on October 1 of current school year; or
- Was not enrolled on October 1 of previous school year although expected to be in membership (i.e., was not reported as a dropout the year before); and
- Has not graduated from high school or completed a state or district approved educational program; and
- Does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:
  1. Transfer to another public school district, private school, or state or district approved educational programs;
  2. Temporary school recognized absence due to suspension or illness; or
  3. Death.

Students who failed to report for class at the beginning of a school year are considered to be dropouts for the year in which they do not report.

**SECONDARY DROPOUT TABLE**  
**1992-1993 to 1997-1998**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Secondary Enrollment</b>	<b>Student Dropouts</b>	<b>Dropout Percent Of Enrollment</b>
1992-1993	9,913	479	4.8
1993-1994	9,844	249	2.5
1994-1995	10,378	455	4.4
1995-1996	10,122	200	2.0
1996-1997	10,241	270	2.6
1997-1998	10,095	508	5.0

SOURCE: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, V. I. Department of Education