

Drop-out Rate Calculation

Vermont's drop-out rate is calculated by dividing the count of IEP students in grades 9 to 12 who were reported as dropped out by the total count of IEP students in the same grades. In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn". If a truant officer is unable to verify that the student has transferred to a different school or approved educational program (e.g., home school) before the end of the year, the student is considered a dropout. A summer dropout is a student who completed the previous school year, who was absent for the first 10 days of the current school year, and who does not transfer to a different educational program. The same criteria and calculation are used for the general education population.

Here is the formula used to calculate:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Event} \\ \text{Dropout} = \\ \text{Rate} \end{array} = \frac{\text{\# of dropouts in grades 9 - 12}}{\text{Grades 9 - 12 adjusted enrollment}}$$

The numerator in the dropout rate calculation is the number of dropouts in grades 9 - 12. The denominator in the calculation of dropout rates is adjusted enrollment in grades 9 - 12. The adjusted enrollment is the sum of the following students: Promoted + Receiving a GED + Not Promoted + School year dropouts + Preceding summer dropouts.