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School Letter Grade Reporting

The State Board of Education released the FY 15-16 overall school performance and growth scores earlier this week. The score/letter grade¹ is based on a formula that places 80% of the letter grade's weight on end-of-grade or end-of-course performance and 20% on student growth during the academic year. Below please find an analysis of how Stanly County's schools compare to other school districts in the region:

District	% "A/B"	% "C"	% "D/F"
Union	60% (N=30)	28% (N=14)	12% (N=6)
Cabarrus	36% (N=13)	47% (N=17)	17% (N=6)
Davidson	36% (N=12)	64% (N=21)	-
Randolph	22% (N=7)	65% (N=20)	13% (N=4)
Stanly	10% (N=2)	80% (N=16)	10% (N=2)
Rowan-Salisbury	9% (N=3)	41% (N=14)	50% (N=17)
Montgomery	11% (N=1)	56% (N=5)	33% (N=3)
Kannapolis	-	38% (N=3)	62% (N=5)
Asheboro	-	75% (N=6)	25% (N=2)
Anson	30% (N=3)	-	70% (N=7)

The Stanly County Early College scored the highest among the high schools in Stanly County. Three of the five high schools increased their grade in FY 15-16. Below please find the letter grade for each high school:

High School	FY 14-15 Letter Grade	FY 15-16 Letter Grade
Stanly Early College	B	A
West Stanly	C	B
South Stanly	C	C
North Stanly	C	C
Albemarle	D	C

¹ The performance score is based on a 100-point scale. The overall score is converted to a letter grade as follows:

A: 85-100 B: 70-84 C: 55-69 D: 40-54
F: Less than 40

Graduation Rate Declines

The NC Dept. of Public Instruction recently released the 4-year cohort graduation data for 2015-2016. The 4-year cohort data captures the graduation rates of those students entering 9th grade in 2012-2013 and completing their requirements for graduation by 2015-2016.

Stanly County's graduation rate differs most significantly by socio-economic status and race. In fact, 74.1% of economically disadvantaged students graduated in 4 years. Further, 84.7% of Caucasian students graduated in 4-years versus 81.6% of African-American students and 67.3% of Hispanic students.

Below please find a summary of Stanly County's data in comparison to other school systems in the region, the statewide average and the results from the past two (2) years:

School System (LEA)	2015-2016 Rate	2014-2015 Rate	2013-2014 Rate
Union	92.8%	93.1%	92.6%
Cabarrus	89.5%	90.0%	88.1%
Montgomery	87.5%	87.2%	86.4%
State Avg.	85.8%	85.4%	83.9%
Davidson	85.7%	82.2%	85.1%
Stanly	83.2%	87.9%	81.2%
Rowan	83.0%	78.1%	80.9%
Anson	82.3%	85.1%	79.0%

Below please find a summary of the same 4-year cohort graduation rate data for each of the public high schools in Stanly County:

School	FY 14-15 Rate	FY 15-16 Rate
Albemarle	82.9%	77.9%
South Stanly	90.8%	81.6%
North Stanly	85.8%	83.7%
West Stanly	89.9%	89.4%
Early College	>95%	>95%
Gray Stone	>95%	>95%