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Introduction

This report is in response to the General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, Article III – 7, Rider 6 from the Eighty-third Legislature. Rider 6 stipulates that for students who completed the district’s program during the 2012 – 2013 biennium, the Windham School District (WSD) shall report to the Eighty-fourth Legislature on the following: recidivism rates, employment rates, and attainment of GEDs, high school diplomas, professional certification, associate’s degrees, and adult education literacy levels.

Recidivism Rates

A recidivism report on participating students of the 2012-2013 biennium was not possible because a minimum of three years post-release is required to measure recidivism. However, to be responsive to the Legislature, the WSD contracted for a report to evaluate the recidivism rate for the School Year (SY) 2010 release cohort. The results as identified in the *Windham School District Evaluation: Post-Release Wage – Earning and Recidivism Outcomes* by the Institute for Measurement, Analysis and Policy at Texas Tech University are as follows:

Compared to those who had not completed WSD programming, those who had completed:

- WSD CIP had an 8% lower recidivism rate;
- WSD Vocational had a 7% lower recidivism rate;
- a GED or HSD had a 5% lower recidivism rate;
- WSD CHANGES had a 5% lower recidivism rate;
- WSD Parenting had a 5% lower recidivism rate;
- WSD Academics had a 3% lower recidivism rate.

Employment Rates

An employment rate report on participating students of the 2012-2013 biennium was not possible because a minimum of three years must lapse to allow for the capture of post-release earning data. However, to be responsive to the Legislature, the WSD contracted for a report to evaluate the employment rate for the School Year 2010 release cohort. The results as identified in the *Windham School District Evaluation: Post-Release Wage – Earning and Recidivism Outcomes* are as follows:

Compared to those who did not have any WSD programming:

- 16.4% more of those who had completed WSD Vocational were in a wage-earning class;

- 15.1% more of those who had completed a WSD Industry Certification were in a wage-earning class;
- 15.0% more of those who had completed a GED or HSD were in a wage-earning class.
- 14.0% more of those who had completed WSD Parenting were in a wage-earning class.
- 11.9% more of those who had completed WSD CIP were in a wage-earning class;
- 10.0% more of those who had completed WSD CHANGES were in a wage-earning class;
- 6.6% more of those who had completed WSD Academics were in a wage-earning class.

Attainment of GED

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2011 – 2012*, the number of GEDs awarded during SY 12 was 4,624.

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2012 – 2013*, the number of GEDs awarded during SY 13 was 5,230.

High School Diplomas

The WSD does not have the authority to grant high school diplomas.

Professional Certifications

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2011 – 2012*, 4,985 Vocational Certificates were issued, and an additional 5,643 Industry Certificates were awarded.

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2012 – 2013*, 4,624 Vocational Certificates were issued, and an additional 5,595 Industry Certificates were awarded.

Associates Degrees

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2011 – 2012*, 319 Associate Degrees were awarded.

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2012 – 2013*, 310 Associate Degrees were awarded.

Adult Education Literacy Levels

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2011 – 2012*, the literacy completions are as follows:

Completion of Literacy Levels 2011-2012			
Literacy Levels	Number of Students With Pre and Post Tests	Number of Students Completing Literacy Level	% Completing Literacy Level
Level I (0.0 to 3.9 grade levels)	3,093	1,448	47%
Level II (4.0 to 5.9 grade levels)	5,564	2,642	48%
Level III (6.0 and above grade levels)	13,242	5,118	39%
Total	21,899	9,208	42%

According to the *WSD Annual Performance Report 2012 – 2013*, the literacy completions are as follows:

Completion of Literacy Levels 2012-2013			
Literacy Levels	Number of Students With Pre and Post Tests	Number of Students Completing Literacy Level	% Completing Literacy Level
Level I (0.0 to 3.9 grade levels)	2,831	1,291	46%
Level II (4.0 to 5.9 grade levels)	5,347	2,604	49%
Level III (6.0 and above grade levels)	13,637	5,725	42%
Total	21,815	9,620	44%

The following reports can be viewed in their entirety at www.wsdtx.org.

- *Windham School District Evaluation: Post-Release Wage – Earning and Recidivism Outcomes*
- *WSD Annual Performance Report 2011 – 2012*
- *WSD Annual Performance Report 2012 – 2013*