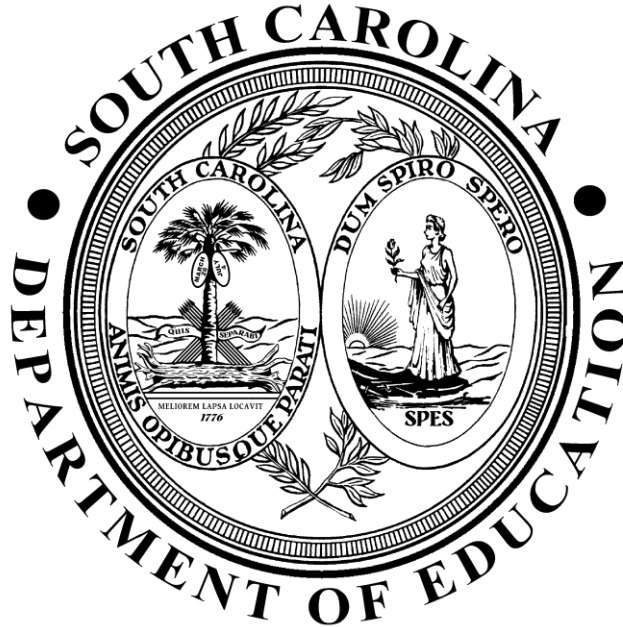


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**Diplomas Granted under 2016 Act No. 207  
(S.933), Section 1**

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## **Report and Requirements**

The South Carolina General Assembly requests the number of diplomas granted, by school district, under the provision pursuant to S.C. Code § 59-18-310 (B) (2) enacted by the Governor in 2014. Act 207 (formally known as Act 155) enables those persons who are no longer enrolled in a public school, and who previously failed to receive a high school diploma for failing to meet the exit exam requirements, to get a South Carolina high school diploma. The Act is applicable for former students beginning with the class of 1990. However, these students do not count as graduates in the graduation rate calculations for the affected schools and districts, either retroactively or in current or future calculations.

Under Act 155, former high school students can petition the local school board to determine eligibility for a high school diploma. The local school boards establish district procedures for receiving and processing diploma petitions. District procedures include examining high school certificate holders' transcripts as defined in State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 43-234. The local school board transmits completed diploma requests to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) in accordance with established procedures. The SCDE staff enters the Act 155 diploma requests into the Diploma Ordering Transfer System (DOTS). The procured diploma vendor retrieves the graduate file from DOTS, processes the order, and mails the diplomas to the district office.

The following chart contains district names with the number of corresponding diplomas awarded to new graduates in 2019.

<b>South Carolina Graduates Under Act 207</b>		
<b>District Name</b>	<b>Diplomas Awarded in 2019</b>	<b>Total</b>
Abbeville County School District	1	14
Aiken County Public School District	8	149
Allendale County Schools	0	59
Anderson School District One	0	24
Anderson School District Two	0	15
Anderson School District Three	0	4
Anderson School District Four	0	20
Anderson School District Five	2	64
Bamberg School District One	0	25
Bamberg School District Two	0	35
Barnwell School District 19	0	20
Barnwell School District 29	0	11
Barnwell School District 45	1	23
Beaufort County School District	1	152
Berkeley County School District	6	184
Calhoun County Public Schools	0	29
Charleston County School District	10	310
Cherokee County School District	2	136
Chester County School District	1	114
Chesterfield County School District	0	76
Clarendon School District One	0	28
Clarendon School District Two	0	88
Clarendon School District Three	0	8
Colleton County School District	1	97
Darlington County School District	1	90
Dillon School District Three	1	6
Dillon School District Four	0	8
Dorchester School District Two	0	68
Dorchester School District Four	0	44
Edgefield County School District	1	48
Fairfield County School District	2	111
Florence County School District One	2	187
Florence County School District Two	0	18
Florence County School District Three	0	93
Florence County School District Four	0	20

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Diplomas Awarded in 2019</b>	<b>Total</b>
Florence County School District Five	0	1
Georgetown County School District	8	107
Greenville County Schools	11	532
Greenwood School District 50	1	110
Greenwood School District 51	0	7
Greenwood School District 52	0	9
Hampton School District One	0	39
Hampton County School District Two	0	36
Horry County Schools	0	193
Jasper County School District	1	60
Kershaw County School District	0	77
Lancaster County School District	0	133
Laurens County School District 55	1	53
Laurens County School District 56	1	57
Lee County School District	0	83
Lexington County School District One	0	29
Lexington School District Two	1	42
Lexington County School District Three	0	13
Lexington School District Four	1	59
Lexington and Richland School District Five	0	55
McCormick County School District	0	37
Marion County School District	0	4
Marlboro County School District	4	142
Newberry County School District	1	51
Oconee County School District	0	61
Orangeburg County School District Three	0	90
Orangeburg School District Four	0	72
Orangeburg School District Five	0	198
Pickens County School District	2	46
Richland County School District One	15	498
Richland School District Two	2	79
Saluda County Schools	1	57

<b>District Name</b>	<b>Diplomas Awarded in 2019</b>	<b>Total</b>
Spartanburg School District One	0	29
Spartanburg School District Two	0	40
Spartanburg School District Three	0	83
Spartanburg School District Four	0	6
Spartanburg School District Five	3	25
Spartanburg School District Six	0	149
Spartanburg School District Seven	0	44
Sumter School District	14	287
Union County Schools	0	37
Williamsburg County School District	0	124
York School District One	1	44
York School District Two (Clover)	0	19
York School District Three (Rock Hill)	1	93
York School District Four (Fort Mill)	1	13
SC Public Charter School District	0	25
Charter Institute at Erskine	0	0
SC School for the Deaf and Blind	1	1
SC Department of Juvenile Justice	0	1
Palmetto Unified School District	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>6428</b>

In conclusion, there were 111 Act 207 (Act 155) diploma orders submitted for former students in 2019. Now 6,428 adults have a South Carolina high school diploma as a result of Act 207.