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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.

South Carolina Graduates Under Act 207	
District Name	Number of Diplomas
Abbeville County School District	13
Aiken County Public School District	141
Allendale County Schools	59
Anderson School District One	24
Anderson School District Two	15
Anderson School District Three	4
Anderson School District Four	20
Anderson School District Five	62
Bamberg School District One	25
Bamberg School District Two	35
Barnwell 19 School District	20
Barnwell School District 29	11
Barnwell School District 45	22
Beaufort County School District	151
Berkeley County School District	178
Calhoun County Public Schools	29
Charleston County School District	300
Cherokee County School District	134
Chester County School District	113
Chesterfield County School District	76
Clarendon School District One	28
Clarendon School District Two	88
Clarendon County School District Three	8
Colleton County School District	96
Darlington County School District	89
Dillon School District Three	5
Dillon School District Four	8
Dorchester School District Two	68
Dorchester School District Four	44
Edgefield County School District	47
Fairfield County School District	109
Florence Public School District One	185
Florence County School District Two	18
Florence County School District Three	93
Florence County School District Four	20
Florence County School District Five	1
Georgetown County School District	99

South Carolina Graduates Under Act 207 (Act 155)	
District Name	Number of Diplomas
Greenville County Schools	521
Greenwood School District 50	109
Greenwood School District 51	7
Greenwood County School District 52	9
Hampton School District One	39
Hampton County School District Two	36
Horry County Schools	193
Jasper County School District	59
Kershaw County School District	77
Lancaster County School District	133
Laurens County School District 55	52
Laurens County School District 56	56
Lee County School District	83
Lexington County School District One	29
Lexington School District Two	41
Lexington County School District Three	13
Lexington School District Four	58
Lexington and Richland School District Five	55
McCormick County School District	37
Marion County School District	4
Marlboro County School District	138
School District of Newberry County	50
School District of Oconee County	61
Orangeburg County School District Three	90
Orangeburg School District Four	72
Orangeburg School District Five	198
School District of Pickens County	44
Richland County School District One	483
Richland School District Two	77
Saluda County Schools	56
Spartanburg School District One	29
Spartanburg School District Two	40
Spartanburg School District Three	83
Spartanburg School District Four	6
Spartanburg School District Five	22

South Carolina Graduates Under Act 207 (Act 155)	
District Name	Number of Diplomas
Spartanburg School District Six	149
Spartanburg School District Seven	44
Sumter School District	273
Union County Schools	37
Williamsburg County School District	124
York School District One	43
York School District Two (Clover)	19
York School District Three (Rock Hill)	92
York School District Four (Fort Mill)	12
SC Public Charter School District	25
SC Department of Juvenile Justice	1
Total	6317

In conclusion, every public school district in the state submitted Act 155 diploma orders for former students. Now 6,317 adults have a South Carolina high school diploma.