

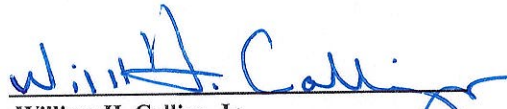
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Workforce Solutions

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Subject: Definition of WIOA's "Requires Additional Assistance" for Youth Eligibility

From:


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Purpose:

To provide North Carolina's definition for "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment" as it relates to eligibility for youth at Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 129 (1)(B)(iii)(VIII) and (1)(C)(iv)(VII) and to rescind Local Area Issuance 2009-18.

Action:

Local Workforce Development Boards are to use the following definitions when determining youth eligibility. In North Carolina, "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment" is defined as all youth, including youth with a disability, who meet the criteria in either 1 or 2 below.

1. **In School Youth and**

- a) Has poor attendance patterns in an educational program during the last 12 calendar months; **or**
- b) Has been expelled from school within the last 12 calendar months; **or**
- c) Has been suspended from school at least within the last 12 calendar months; **or**
- d) Has below average grades; **or**
- e) Has previously been placed in out-of-home care (foster care, group home, or kinship care) for more than 6 months between the ages of 14-21; **or**
- f) Has a currently incarcerated parent(s)/guardian.

2. **Out-of-School Youth and**

- a) Has dropped out of a post-secondary educational program during the past 12 calendar months; **or**
- b) Has a poor work history, to include no work history, or has been fired from a job in the last 6 calendar months; **or**
- c) Has previously been placed in out-of-home care (foster care, group home, or kinship care) for more than 6 months between the ages of 16-21; **or**
- d) Currently has an incarcerated parent(s)/guardian.

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration: Indefinite

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