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Hamilton County students go to college in record numbers

CHATTANOOGA --- More Hamilton County students are entering college after graduation than ever before.

According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, which tracks student enrollment into colleges and universities around the country, 175 more students from Hamilton County public schools enrolled in college in 2006 than in 2005. This represents a 13% increase, with the number rising from 1324 to 1499.

Hamilton County Schools' graduates enrolled in colleges in 28 different states and the District of Columbia last year spanning the country from New York to Washington, Minnesota to Florida. Graduates in the last three years enrolled in 9 of the top 20 colleges and universities as listed by U.S. News and World Report College Rankings, including schools such as Cornell, Rice, Emory, Brown and Vanderbilt Universities.

"We are making great strides in helping our students prepare to enter college and more and more of them are taking advantage of the education we afford them in Hamilton County," Superintendent Dr. Jim Scales said. "We're on a roll and we plan to keep it going. Not only are more students graduating, more are going on to college, which will give them even more choices in life."

Increasing the number of students who enroll and succeed in college is one of the 8 core goals of Dr. Scales' Strategic Plan 2011. The increase in enrolling freshman is a great indicator that the District is on its way to achieving that objective.

Since 2001, Hamilton County Schools has partnered with the Public Education Foundation in a comprehensive high school reform effort. That reform effort raised standards for high school graduation, but also set out to graduate more students and increase the number of graduates enrolling in college. HCDE and PEF have conducted this analysis of National Student Clearinghouse data to measure progress on that goal.

"All of those goals have been met," says Sheila Young, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education. "Some people feared that when we implemented the single path diploma, more students would fall behind and drop out of school. Instead, our schools and our students have risen to the challenge. We have increased the number of students receiving diplomas from 1936 to 2148 since last year, yet we have maintained a rate of 70% of those graduates going on to college – in spite of the larger pool. This is good news all around."

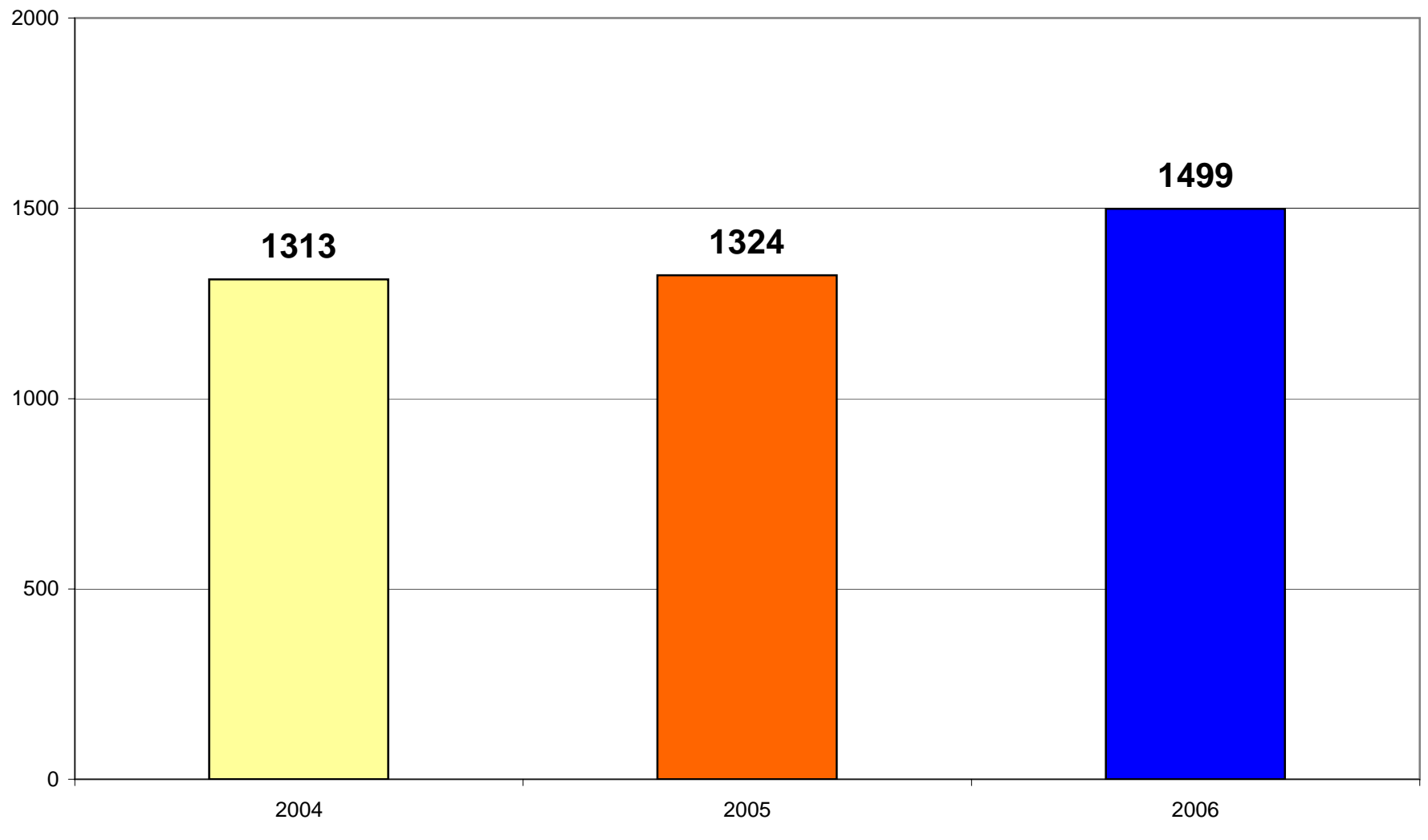
The high school reform initiative, Schools for a New Society, placed college access coordinators in 12 of the district's high schools. These counselors, funded by several partners including the College Access Center,

Lumina Foundation and PEF, help students navigate the often murky waters of college planning and financial aide. The College Access Center has provided training and helped schools find qualified individuals to serve as coordinators.

“We are working to give our students the support they need so they can see the big picture,” Dr. Scales said. “Studies show that a college graduate will earn more than \$1 million more in his/her lifetime than a high school graduate. We are working to help our students see that the decision they make today will impact their lives forever.”

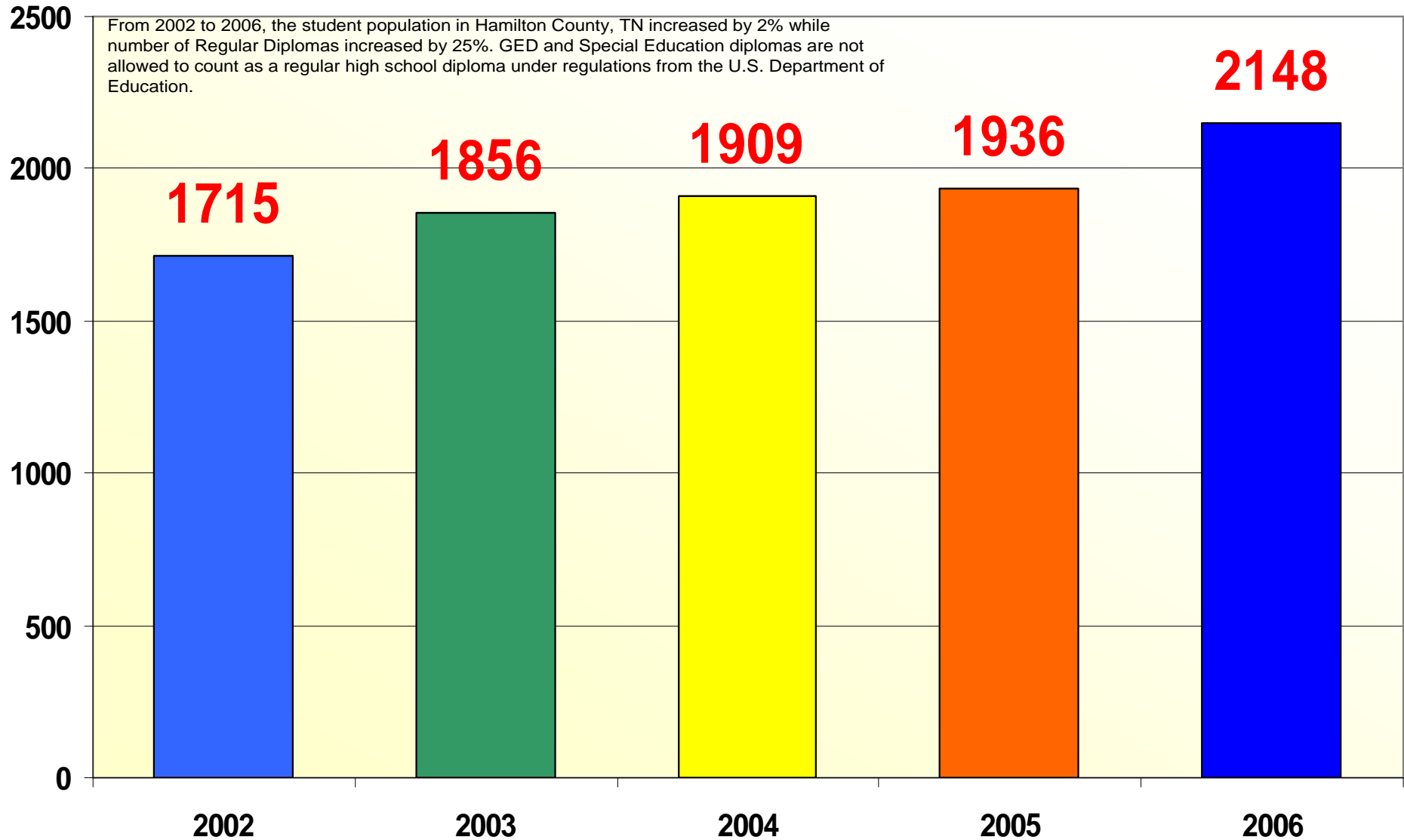
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Number of HCDE Graduates Enrolled in College after Graduation
as reported by the National Student Clearinghouse





Hamilton County Department of Education Number of Regular Diplomas Granted

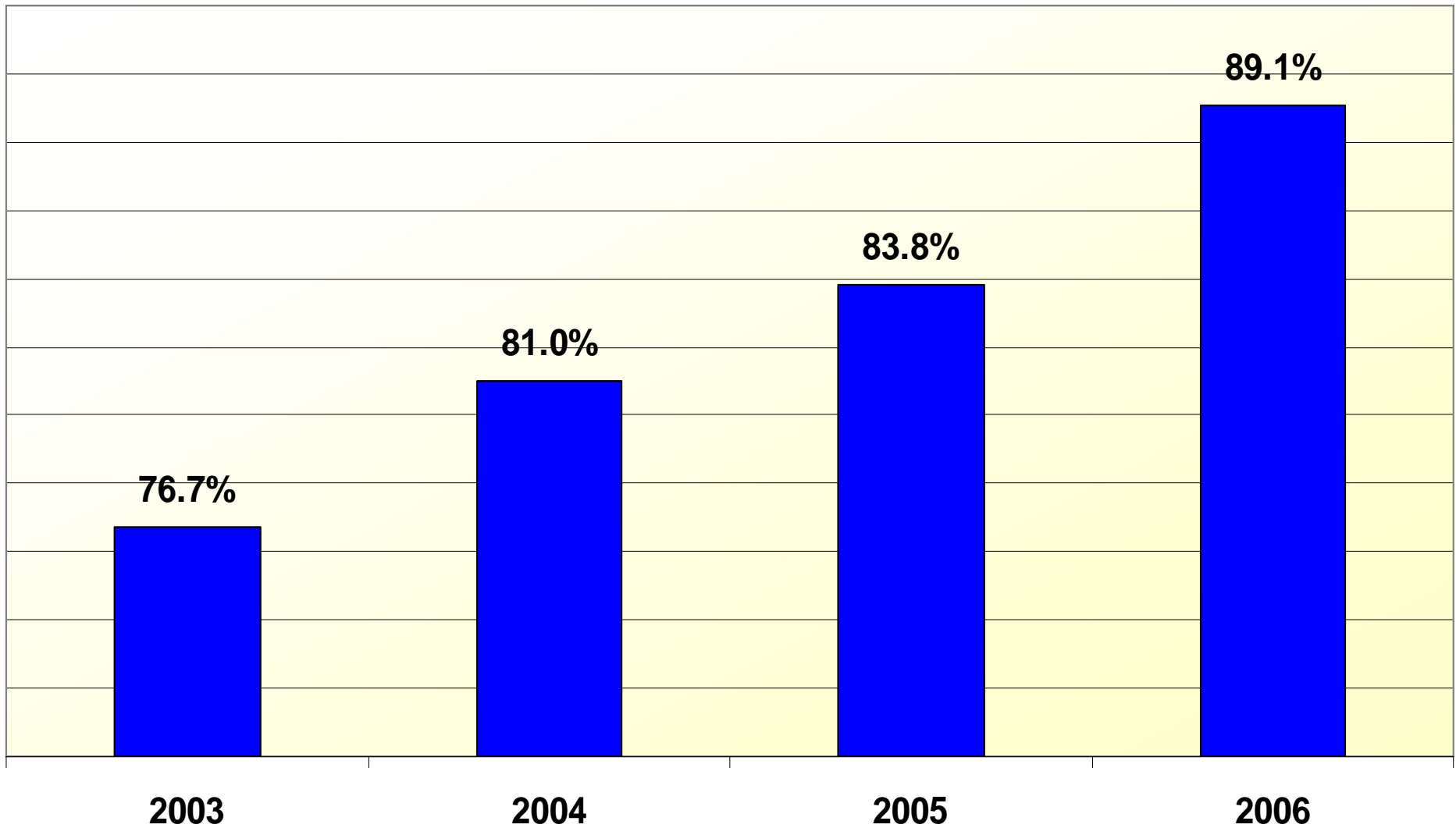




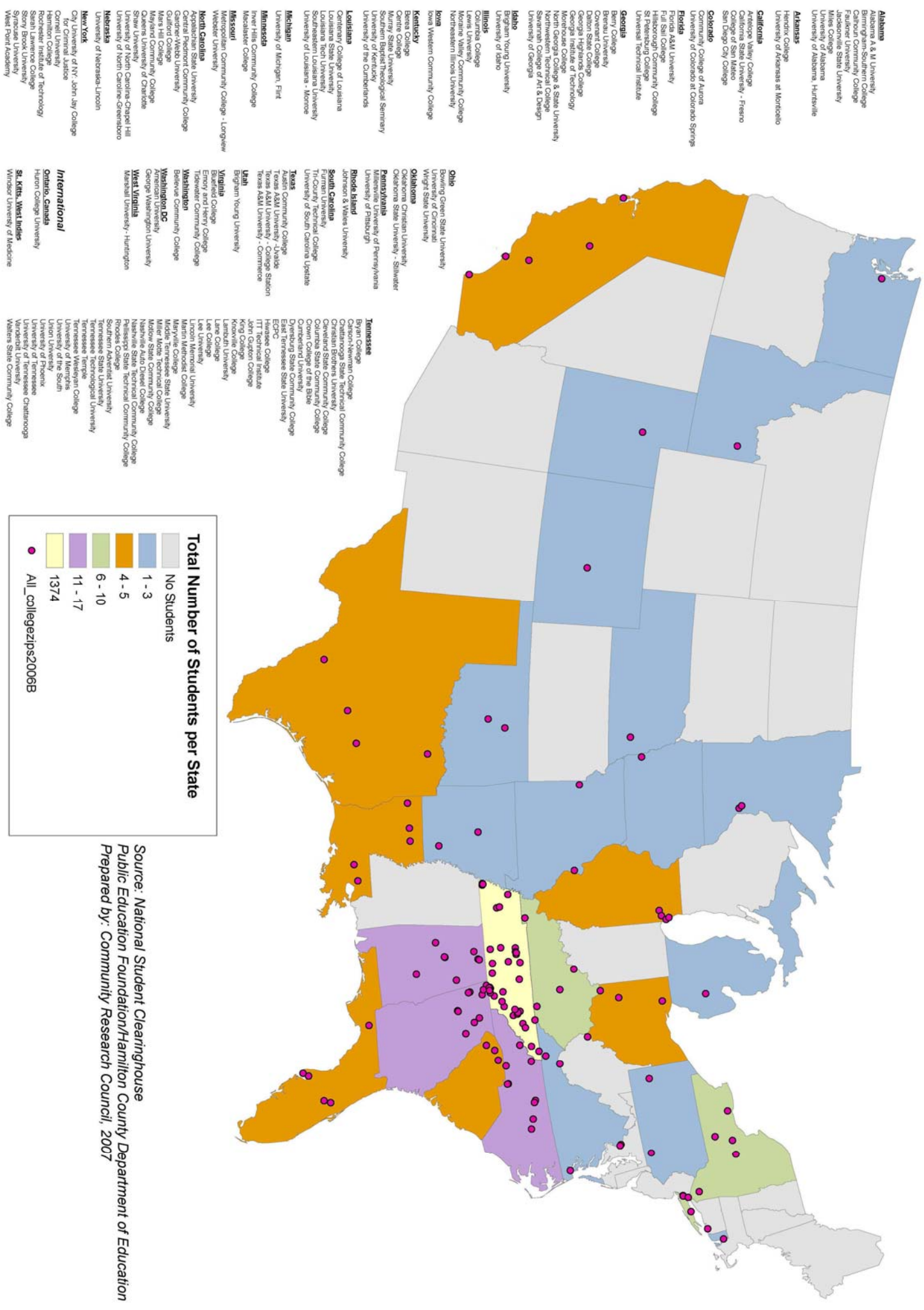
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District SNS 9th to 10th Grade Promotion 2006

First-Time 9th Grade Students



Colleges and Universities Attended by Hamilton County Public School Graduates - Class of 2006



Source: National Student Clearinghouse
Public Education Foundation/Hamilton County Department of Education
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Hamilton County Schools
Graduates enrolled in college Fall 2006

Alabama A&M	Huntsville	Alabama
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham	Alabama
Calhoun Community College	Decatur	Alabama
Faulkner University	Montgomery	Alabama
Jacksonville State	Jacksonville	Alabama
Miles College	Birmingham	Alabama
Univ of Alabama - Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Alabama
Univ of Alabama- Huntsville	Huntsville	Alabama
Hendrix College	Conway	Arkansas
University of Arkansas - Monticello	Monticello	Arkansas
Antelope Valley College	Lancaster	California
California State College - Fresno	Fresno	California
College of San Mateo	San Mateo	California
San Diego City College	San Diego	California
Community College of Aurora	Denver	Colorado
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	Colorado
American University	Washington, DC	District of Columbia
Georgetown University	Washington, DC	District of Columbia
Florida A & M University	Tallahassee	Florida
Full Sail School of Film, Art & Design	Winter Park	Florida
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa	Florida
St Petersburg College	St. Petersburg	Florida
Universal Technical Institute	Orlando	Florida
Berry College	Mount Berry	Georgia
Brenau University	Gainesville	Georgia
Covenant College	Lookout Mountain	Georgia
Dalton State College	Dalton	Georgia
Georgia Highlands College	Rome	Georgia
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	Georgia
Morehouse College	Atlanta	Georgia
North Georgia College and State University	Dahlonega	Georgia
Northwestern Technical College	Rock Springs	Georgia
Savannah College of Art & Design	Savannah	Georgia
University of Georgia	Athens	Georgia
Brigham Young -Idaho	Rexburg	Idaho
University of Idaho	Moscow	Idaho
Columbia College	Chicago	Illinois
Lewis University	Romeoville	Illinois

Moraine Valley Community College	Palos Hills	Illinois
Northeastern Illinois University	Chicago	Illinois
Iowa Western Community College	Council Bluff	Iowa
Berea College	Berea	Kentucky
Centre College	Danville	Kentucky
Murray State University	Murray	Kentucky
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Louisville	Kentucky
University of Kentucky	Lexington	Kentucky
University of the Cumberlands	Williamsburg	Kentucky
Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport	Louisiana
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	Louisiana
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge	Louisiana
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	Louisiana
University of Louisiana - Monroe	Monroe	Louisiana
University of Michigan - Flint	Flint	Michigan
Inver Hills Community College	Inver grove Hills	Minnesota
Macalester College	Saint Paul	Minnesota
Metropolitan Community College	Lees Summit	Missouri
Webster University	St Louis	Missouri
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	Lincoln	Nebraska
City University of NY - John Jay College of Crimi	New York	New York
Cornell University	Ithaca	New York
Hamilton College	Clinton	New York
Rochester Institute of Design	Rochester	New York
Sarah Lawrence College	Bronxville	New York
Stony Brook University	Stony Brook	New York
Syracuse University	Syracuse	New York
West Point Academy	West Point	New York
Appalachian State University	Boone	North Carolina
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	North Carolina
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Spring	North Carolina
Guilford College	Greensboro	North Carolina
Mars Hill College	Mars Hill	North Carolina
Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine	North Carolina
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	North Carolina
Shaw University	Raleigh	North Carolina
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	North Carolina
University of North Carolina - Greensboro	Greensboro	North Carolina
Bowling Green State University	Bowling Green	Ohio
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Ohio
Wright State University	Dayton	Ohio
Oklahoma Christian University	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University - Stillwater	Stillwater	Oklahoma
Huron College University	London	Ontario, Canada
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Millersville	Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Johnson & Wales University	Providence	Rhode Island
Furman University	Greenville	South Carolina
Tri-County Technical College	Pendleton	South Carolina
University of South Carolina - Upstate	Spartanburg	South Carolina
Bryan College	Dayton	Tennessee
Carson Newman College	Jefferson City	Tennessee
Chattanooga State Community and Technical Coll	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Christian Brothers University	Memphis	Tennessee
Cleveland State Community College	Cleveland	Tennessee
Columbia State Community College	Columbia	Tennessee
Crown College of the Bible	Powell	Tennessee
Cumberland University	Lebanon	Tennessee
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyersburg	Tennessee
East Tennessee State	Johnson City	Tennessee
Electronic Computer Programming College	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Hiwassee College	Madisonville	Tennessee
ITT Technical Institute	Nashville	Tennessee
John Gupton College	Nashville	Tennessee
King College	Bristol	Tennessee
Knoxville College	Knoxville	Tennessee
Lambuth University	Jackson	Tennessee
Lane College	Jackson	Tennessee
Lee University	Cleveland	Tennessee
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate	Tennessee
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	Tennessee
Maryville College	Maryville	Tennessee
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	Tennessee
Miller Motte Technical College	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Motlow State Community College	Tullahoma	Tennessee
Nashville Auto Diesel College	Nashville	Tennessee
Nashville State Tech Community College	Nashville	Tennessee
Pellessippi State	Knoxville	Tennessee
Rhodes College	Memphis	Tennessee
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	Tennessee
Tennessee State University	Nashville	Tennessee
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	Tennessee
Tennessee Temple	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Tennessee Wesleyan College	Athens	Tennessee

Union University	Jackson	Tennessee
University of Memphis	Memphis	Tennessee
University of Phoenix	Chattanooga	Tennessee
University of Tennessee	Knoxville	Tennessee
University of Tennessee - Chattanooga	Chattanooga	Tennessee
University of the South	Sewanee	Tennessee
Vanderbilt University	Nashville	Tennessee
Walters State Community College	Morristown	Tennessee
Austin Community College	Austin	Texas
Texas A & M University - College Station	College Station	Texas
Texas A & M University - Commerce	Commerce	Texas
Texas A & M University - Uvalde	Uvalde	Texas
Brigham Young University	Provo	Utah
Bluefield College	Bluefield	Virginia
Emory & Henry College	Emory	Virginia
Tidewater Community College	Portsmouth	Virginia
Bellevue Community College	Bellvue	Washington
Windsor University of Medicine	St Kitts	West Indies
Marshall University	Huntington	West Virginia

Where HCDE Graduates Enrolled for Fall Semester Following Graduation (Classes of 2004, 2005 & 2006)

Alabama

Alabama A&M
Auburn University
Auburn University - Montgomery
Bevill State Comm College
Bevill State Comm College - Walker
Birmingham-Southern College
Calhoun Community College
Community College of the Air Force
Faulkner University
Huntingdon College
ITT Technical Institute
Jacksonville State
Miles College
Oakwood College
Samford University
Tuskegee University
Univ of Alabama- Birmingham
Univ of Alabama- Huntsville
Univ of Alabama - Tuscaloosa
Univ of Alabama-Mobile
University of Mobile

Alaska

University of Alaska

Arkansas

Henderson State University
Harding University
Hendrix College
University of Arkansas - Monticello

California

Antelope Valley College
Azusa Pacific University
California State College - Fresno
Cerr Coso Community College
College of San Mateo
San Diego City College
San Jose State University
Skyline College
Stanford University
Golden West College
University of California - San Diego

Colorado

Community College of Aurora
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
University of Colorado - Boulder

District of Columbia

Georgetown University
American University

Indiana

Grace College
Purdue University
Earlham College

Idaho

Brigham Young -Idaho
University of Idaho

New York

City University of NY

Florida

Central Florida Community College
Daytona Beach Community College
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ
Flagler College
Florida A & M University
Florida State University
Full Sail School of Film Art & Design
Hillsborough Community College
Miami Dade College
Nova Southeastern University
St Petersburg College
Tallahassee Community College
Universal Technical Institute

Georgia

Agnes Scott College
Berry College
Brenau University
Collin County Community College
Covenant College
Dalton State College
Emory University
Emory University - Oxford
Gainesville State College
Georgia Highlands College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College
Macon State College
Mercer University
Morehouse College
North Georgia College & State Univ
Northwestern Technical College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Southern Polytech State
Spelman University
University of Georgia
Young Harris College

Hawaii

University of Hawaii

Illinois

Columbia College
Dominican University
Lewis University
Moraine Valley Community College
Northeastern Illinois University
Northwestern Tech University
Richard J. Daley College

Iowa

Ellsworth Community College
Iowa Western Community College
University of Iowa
Graceland University

Kansas

Friends University

South Carolina

Clemson University

Kentucky

Berea College
Campbellsville University
Centre College
Mid Continent University
Murray State University
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Sullivan College
University of Kentucky
University of the Cumberland
Western Kentucky University

Louisiana

Centenary College of Louisiana
Grambling State University
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola University
Southeastern Louisiana University
University of Louisiana - Monroe

Maryland

Johns Hopkins University
University of Maryland

Massachusetts

Wellesley College
Worcester Polytech Institute
Boston University
Fitchburg State College

Michigan

North Central Michigan College
University of Michigan - Flint

Minnesota

Inver Hills Community College
Macalester College
University of Minnesota
Winona State University

Mississippi

University of Mississippi
Mississippi State University
Univ of Southern Mississippi
Northeast Mississippi Comm College

Missouri

Metropolitan Community College
University of Missouri - Kansas City
Washington University
Webster University

Nebraska

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Christian University
Oklahoma State University - Stillwater
Oral Roberts University

Oregon

Reed College

Tennessee cont.

Trevecca Nazarene College

Cornell University

Fordham University

Hamilton College

LeMoyne College

Monroe College

New York University

Rochester Institute of Design

St Bonaventure University

Sarah Lawrence College

Stony Brook University

Syracuse University

USMA at West Point

North Carolina

Appalachian State University

Central Piedmont Community College

Fayetteville Tech Community College

Gardner-Webb University

Guilford College

Johnson & Wales University

Mars Hill College

Mayland Community College

Queens University of Charlotte

Salem College

Shaw University

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

University of North Carolina - Wilmington

University of North Carolina - Charlotte

University of North Carolina - Greensboro

Warren Wilson College

Wilkes Community College

Ohio

Bowling Green State University

Capital University

Case Western Reserve University

Cedarville University

Cuyahoga Community College

Kenyon College

University of Rio Grande

University of Cincinnati

Wittenberg University

Wright State University

Pennsylvania

Drexel University

Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia University

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

Villanova University

Rhode Island

Brown University

Johnson & Wales University

Coastal Carolina University

Furman University

Midlands Technical College

Newberry College

Tri-County Technical College

University of South Carolina - Upstate

Winthrop University

Tennessee

Austin Peay State University

Belmont College

Bethel College

Bryan College

Carson Newman College

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Tennessee State University

Tennessee Technological University

Tennessee Temple

Tennessee Wesleyan College

Tusculum College

Union University

University of Memphis

University of the South

University of Phoenix

University of Tennessee

University of Tennessee - Martin

University of Tennessee - Chattanooga

Vanderbilt University

Volunteer State Community College

Walters State Community College

Texas

Austin Community College

Texas A & M - Uvalde

Texas A & M - College Station

Texas A & M - Commerce

Del Mar College

Rice University

University of Texas - Dallas

Utah

Brigham Young University

Virginia

Bluefield College

Emory & Henry College

George Mason University

Hollins University

James Madison University

Roanoke College

Tidewater Community College

University of Richmond

Virginia Intermont University

Wytheville Community College

Washington

Bellevue Community College

West Virginia

Marshall University

Outside the US

Ontario

Huron College University

St Kitts

Windsor University of Medicine