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-- RE: Per our telephone conversation.....

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FYI-GED students aren't counted in data. Have a great day and talk to you soon.

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Elisabeth,  
Here's the answer to the question you got from the Governor's Office:

Students earning a GED are not counted in this particular graduate rate calculation.  
The graduation rates you have posted are the four-year cohort graduation rates and include only those students earning a South Carolina High School Diploma, not a GED.

Let us know if you need any additional explanation.

Thanks,  
Paul

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Hi Paul,

Thanks for your help. Attached is the document Meka sent out for the 09-11 3 year average graduation rate by county and what Scott sent me for 10-12 average. The question we got from the Governor was whether or not students earning their GED were counted in these numbers?

Also, here is the link where we have you listed to be contacted for questions concerning this data. Just thought you'd want to check it out. <http://scworkready.org/criteria-2/>

Thanks again for your help. EK

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