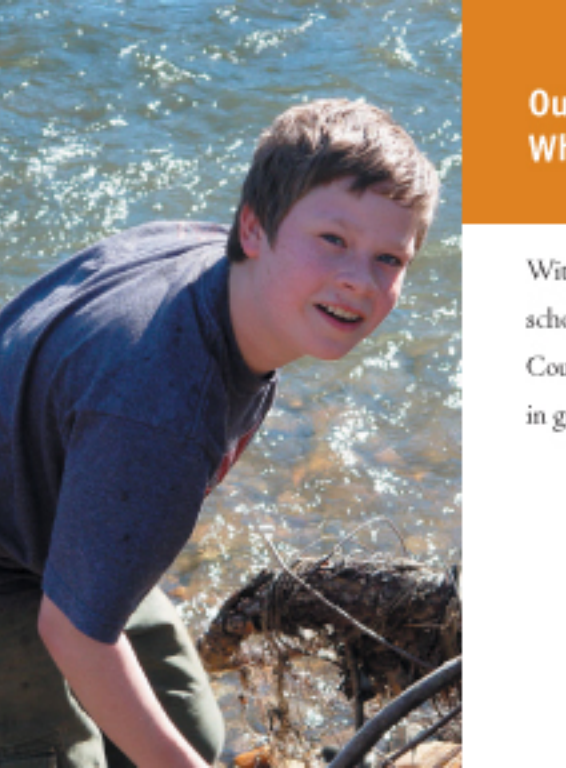


Why the need is so important.

Almost 40 percent of ninth grade students in Asheville City and Buncombe County schools will not finish high school in four years. The Education Coalition is working to change this statistic but we need your help.

In addition to missed opportunities to learn and grow, kids who drop out face fewer job opportunities, are more likely to need remedial reading, writing and math training to keep a job, and are three times more likely to find themselves on the wrong side of the criminal justice system.



Our vision: Where we will be in 2010?

Within comparable-sized North Carolina school systems, Asheville and Buncombe County public schools will be number one in graduation rates.

Our member agencies

ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
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BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY CHILD CARE SERVICES
BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
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An hour a week can make a world of difference.



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"If we will only take the time to share in a young person's interests and dreams the rewards are incredible. New friendships. Natural highs. Novel experiences. Never-ending smiles. And wait until you see what it does for the kid!"

—Charlie Glazener, ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

**Become a tutor, a mentor or a volunteer.
Decrease the dropout rate, help us close the
achievement gap, reduce stress, have fun.**

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