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NUMBER AND PERCENT OF HARD OF HEARING AND DEAF STUDENTS EXITING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BY AGE AND BY BASIS OF EXIT DURING THE 1987-88 SCHOOL YEAR

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) began collecting data about exiting students from the states four years ago. These data are an important source of information on the number of youth age 14 and older who received special education and related services during the previous school year but who are no longer receiving special or regular education services. States report these data according to the exiting students handicapping condition, age, and type of exit; graduation with a diploma; graduation through certification; reached the maximum age for which services are provided in the state; dropped out; or other reason (death, or no longer receiving special education services but reason for exit unknown). The categories for basis of exit are mutually exclusive. Some caution should be exercised in interpreting exiting data since some differences may be attributable to state-to-state or year-to-year variations in graduation practices and reporting (p. 97).

AGE GROUP	TOTAL EXITING NUMBER	GRADUATED		REACHED MAXIMUM AGE PERCENT	DROPPED OUT PERCENT	OTHER BASIS OF EXIT PERCENT
		WITH DIPLOMA PERCENT	WITH CERTIFICATE PERCENT			
14	121	12%	21%	0%	10%	57%
15	144	1%	5%	0%	43%	51%
16	281	15%	6%	0%	44%	34%
17	461	49%	7%	0%	24%	20%
18	1509	79%	8%	0%	8%	6%
19	961	69%	11%	0%	14%	5%
20	374	68%	13%	1%	11%	7%
21	458	20%	14%	54%	7%	6%
21+	28	50%	25%	18%	7%	0%
OVERALL	4489	57%	11%	6%	15%	12%

Source: "To Assure the free Appropriate Public Education of all Handicapped Children" Twelfth Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Education of the Handicapped Act, U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 1990, p. A-107.