



# NC 529 PLAN

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Enrollment Portfolios**  
**Give the gift of education**





**Coming This  
April 2026**



# Introducing New Target Enrollment Portfolios

## A Targeted Approach from the NC 529 Plan

North Carolina's National College Savings Plan, otherwise known as the NC 529 Plan, is enhancing its investment menu with a new way to save for education. We are transitioning our current Age-Based Options to a more versatile Target Enrollment approach.

With Target Enrollment Portfolios, you simply select the portfolio that corresponds with the year you expect your student to enroll in an eligible educational institution or apprenticeship program.

# Understanding Your Portfolio Transition

NC 529 Accounts with investments in the Aggressive, Moderate, and/or Conservative Age-Based Portfolios will automatically convert to new Target Enrollment Portfolios based on your current allocations. This transition is seamless: it is not a taxable event and will not count as one of your two permitted annual investment exchanges. It is designed to match your current Age-Based Portfolio with a Target Enrollment Portfolio that is substantially similar to your existing asset mix of stocks, bonds, and cash.

## Key Details Regarding Your Investment Options

### 1 Asset Allocation

To prioritize a consistent risk profile, your new portfolio's "Target Date" may not exactly match your beneficiary's expected enrollment year, and your equity exposure may change as a result of the conversion.

### 2 Portfolio Closure

Once the transition is complete, all previous Age-Based Portfolios will be closed.

### 3 Your Choices

If you prefer an investment option other than the one assigned to you, you may make changes during the following windows:

- **Before the Transition:** You can move your funds to a different portfolio before 4 p.m. ET on April 23, 2026, provided you have not already made two portfolio exchanges this calendar year. If not, this exchange will count as one of your two permissible annual exchanges.
- **After the Transition:** Once the update is complete, you may exchange your funds at any time, provided you have not already made two portfolio changes this calendar year. If not, this will count toward your limit of two exchanges per calendar year.

# A Closer Look at Target Enrollment Portfolios

**Target Enrollment Portfolios** offer flexible enrollment dates ranging from 2026 through 2045.

## 1 Automatic Adjustments

Just like current Age-Based Portfolios, these use a “glide-path” strategy, automatically shifting from aggressive to more conservative allocations as your student approaches enrollment.

## 2 Initial Allocations

Each portfolio begins with the specific asset class allocations detailed in the charts below.

## Transition Details

During this transition, we will automatically convert your Age-Based Portfolios into either a Target Enrollment Portfolio or the applicable Individual Portfolio, as shown in the charts below. This mapping is based on your beneficiary’s age and the year they turn 18, as shown in the charts below. You may update allocation instructions for future contributions at any time.



# Conservative Age-Based Option

## Important Considerations for Conservative Investors

- Stock Allocation Changes.** **Conservative Age-Based investors** should note that the new **Target Enrollment Portfolios** will hold approximately **12% stock exposure** at the end of their investment horizon. Under the current model, the Conservative option typically shifts to 0% stocks by age 13.
- Static Portfolio Mapping.** For accounts currently held at **0% stocks** (ages 13+), you will be moved into or remain in the **Income Portfolio** or the **Interest Accumulation Portfolio**. To preserve your current risk profile, these portfolios will continue to have **0% stock exposure**.
- Fixed Allocations.** The **Income and Interest Accumulation Portfolios** are static, meaning the mix of stocks, bonds, and short-term reserves will no longer change automatically. Any future moves from these portfolios will count toward your limit of two annual exchanges.
- If you are transitioned into a **Target Enrollment Portfolio**, your assets will continue to shift more conservatively each quarter until they reach the **Commencement Portfolio** allocations, as shown in the chart on page 9 of this brochure. The Commencement Portfolio is the most conservative **Target Enrollment Portfolio**, so its allocations among stocks, bonds, and short-term reserves do not change over time.

Mapping for Conservative Track

| Date of Birth of Beneficiary | New TEP Portfolio               |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 09/01/2025-04/24/2026        | Target Enrollment 2040/2041     |
| 09/01/2024-08/31/2025        | Target Enrollment 2038/2039     |
| 09/01/2023-08/31/2024        | Target Enrollment 2038/2039     |
| 09/01/2022-08/31/2023        | Target Enrollment 2036/2037     |
| 09/01/2021-08/31/2022        | Target Enrollment 2036/2037     |
| 09/01/2020-08/31/2021        | Target Enrollment 2034/2035     |
| 09/01/2019-08/31/2020        | Target Enrollment 2034/2035     |
| 09/01/2018-08/31/2019        | Target Enrollment 2032/2033     |
| 09/01/2017-08/31/2018        | Target Enrollment 2032/2033     |
| 09/01/2016-08/31/2017        | Target Enrollment 2030/2031     |
| 09/01/2015-08/31/2016        | Target Enrollment 2030/2031     |
| 09/01/2014-08/31/2015        | Target Enrollment 2028/2029     |
| 09/01/2013-08/31/2014        | Target Enrollment 2028/2029     |
| 09/01/2012-08/31/2013        | Target Enrollment 2026/2027     |
| 09/01/2011-08/31/2012        | Target Enrollment 2026/2027     |
| 09/01/2010-08/31/2011        | Income Portfolio                |
| 09/01/2009-08/31/2010        | Income Portfolio                |
| 09/01/2008-08/31/2009        | Interest Accumulation Portfolio |
| 09/01/2007-08/31/2008        | Interest Accumulation Portfolio |
| 09/01/2006-08/31/2007        | Interest Accumulation Portfolio |
| 09/01/2005-08/31/2006        | Interest Accumulation Portfolio |
| 09/01/2004-08/31/2005        | Interest Accumulation Portfolio |
| 01/01/1900-08/31/2004        | Interest Accumulation Portfolio |

# Moderate Age-Based Option

## Important Considerations for Moderate Investors

- **Stock Allocation Changes. Moderate Age-Based investors** should note that the new **Target Enrollment Portfolios** will hold approximately **12% stock exposure** at the end of their investment horizon. Currently, the Moderate option typically shifts to 0% stocks by age 17.
- **Static Portfolio Mapping.** For accounts currently held at **0% stocks** (ages 17+), you will remain in the Income Portfolio. To preserve your current risk level, this portfolio will maintain 0% stock exposure and will not change over time.
- **Fixed Allocation.** The **Income Portfolio** is a static option, so any future moves into a different portfolio will count as one of your two permitted **annual exchanges**.
- If you are transitioned into a **Target Enrollment Portfolio**, your assets will continue to shift more conservatively each quarter until they reach the **Commencement Portfolio** allocations as shown in the chart on page 9 of this brochure. The **Commencement Portfolio** is the most conservative **Target Enrollment Portfolio**, so its allocations among stocks, bonds, and short-term reserves do not change over time.

Mapping for Moderate Track

| Date of Birth of Beneficiary | New TEP Portfolio           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 09/01/2025-04/24/2026        | Target Enrollment 2044/2045 |
| 09/01/2024-08/31/2025        | Target Enrollment 2042/2043 |
| 09/01/2023-08/31/2024        | Target Enrollment 2042/2043 |
| 09/01/2022-08/31/2023        | Target Enrollment 2040/2041 |
| 09/01/2021-08/31/2022        | Target Enrollment 2040/2041 |
| 09/01/2020-08/31/2021        | Target Enrollment 2038/2039 |
| 09/01/2019-08/31/2020        | Target Enrollment 2038/2039 |
| 09/01/2018-08/31/2019        | Target Enrollment 2036/2037 |
| 09/01/2017-08/31/2018        | Target Enrollment 2036/2037 |
| 09/01/2016-08/31/2017        | Target Enrollment 2034/2035 |
| 09/01/2015-08/31/2016        | Target Enrollment 2034/2035 |
| 09/01/2014-08/31/2015        | Target Enrollment 2032/2033 |
| 09/01/2013-08/31/2014        | Target Enrollment 2032/2033 |
| 09/01/2012-08/31/2013        | Target Enrollment 2030/2031 |
| 09/01/2011-08/31/2012        | Target Enrollment 2030/2031 |
| 09/01/2010-08/31/2011        | Target Enrollment 2028/2029 |
| 09/01/2009-08/31/2010        | Target Enrollment 2028/2029 |
| 09/01/2008-08/31/2009        | Income Portfolio            |
| 09/01/2007-08/31/2008        | Income Portfolio            |
| 09/01/2006-08/31/2007        | Income Portfolio            |
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| 09/01/2004-08/31/2005        | Income Portfolio            |
| 01/01/1900-08/31/2004        | Income Portfolio            |

# Aggressive Age-Based Option

## Important Considerations Aggressive Age-Based Investors

**Aggressive Age-Based Investors** investors should note a slight change in initial asset allocation:

- **Current Model:** The Aggressive Age-Based Option holds **100% stocks** during the first five years.
- **New Model:** The **Target Enrollment Portfolios** include a small bond allocation even in the early stages of the glide path.

### Mapping for Aggressive Track

| Date of Birth of Beneficiary | New TEP Portfolio           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 09/01/2025-04/24/2026        | Target Enrollment 2044/2045 |
| 09/01/2024-08/31/2025        | Target Enrollment 2044/2045 |
| 09/01/2023-08/31/2024        | Target Enrollment 2044/2045 |
| 09/01/2022-08/31/2023        | Target Enrollment 2044/2045 |
| 09/01/2021-08/31/2022        | Target Enrollment 2044/2045 |
| 09/01/2020-08/31/2021        | Target Enrollment 2042/2043 |
| 09/01/2019-08/31/2020        | Target Enrollment 2042/2043 |
| 09/01/2018-08/31/2019        | Target Enrollment 2040/2041 |
| 09/01/2017-08/31/2018        | Target Enrollment 2040/2041 |
| 09/01/2016-08/31/2017        | Target Enrollment 2038/2039 |
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| 09/01/2014-08/31/2015        | Target Enrollment 2036/2037 |
| 09/01/2013-08/31/2014        | Target Enrollment 2036/2037 |
| 09/01/2012-08/31/2013        | Target Enrollment 2034/2035 |
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| 09/01/2008-08/31/2009        | Target Enrollment 2030/2031 |
| 09/01/2007-08/31/2008        | Target Enrollment 2030/2031 |
| 09/01/2006-08/31/2007        | Commencement Portfolio      |
| 09/01/2005-08/31/2006        | Commencement Portfolio      |
| 09/01/2004-08/31/2005        | Commencement Portfolio      |
| 01/01/1900-08/31/2004        | Commencement Portfolio      |



# Target Enrollment Portfolios

## Asset-Allocation Table

| Portfolio                   | Vanguard Institutional Total Stock Market Index Fund | Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund | Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund | Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund | Vanguard Short-Term Reserves Account |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Target Enrollment 2044/2045 | 57.00%   | 38.00%  | 3.50%                                    | 1.50%  | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2042/2043 | 57.00%   | 38.00%  | 3.50%                                    | 1.50%  | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2040/2041 | 52.20%   | 34.80%  | 9.10%                                    | 3.90%  | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2038/2039 | 46.20%   | 30.80%  | 16.10%                                   | 6.90%  | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2036/2037 | 39.00%   | 26.00%  | 24.50%                                   | 10.50%                                       | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2034/2035 | 33.00%   | 22.00%  | 31.50%                                   | 13.50%                                       | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2032/2033 | 28.20%   | 18.80%  | 37.10%                                   | 15.90%                                       | 0.00%                                |
| Target Enrollment 2030/2031 | 18.20%   | 12.13%  | 39.41%                                   | 16.89%                                       | 13.37%                               |
| Target Enrollment 2028/2029 | 12.76%   | 8.51%   | 36.40%                                   | 15.60%                                       | 26.73%                               |
| Target Enrollment 2026/2027 | 10.44%   | 6.96%   | 29.82%                                   | 12.78%                                       | 40.00%                               |
| Commencement Portfolio      | 6.96%  | 4.64%   | 19.88%                                   | 8.52%  | 60.00%                               |

# Key Dates to Keep in Mind

## Transition Begins

Thursday, April 23, 2026, at approximately 4 p.m. ET, and continues until approximately 8 a.m. ET on Monday, April 27, 2026.

## Blackout Period

During this time, there will be a freeze on your online account, and you will be unable to initiate online transactions, including contributions, withdrawals, and investment changes.

## Transaction Processing

Any mailed or hand delivered forms, including withdrawals, contributions, and investment option changes received after 4 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 23, 2026, through market close on Friday, April 24, 2026, will be held and processed on Monday, April 27, 2026, and will receive that day's trade price.

## Asset Transfer

Account assets will be moved from existing Age-Based Portfolios to the new Target Enrollment Portfolios on Friday, April 24, 2026.

## Transition Complete

Normal service and account access will resume at approximately 8 a.m. ET on Monday, April 27, 2026.



# Target Enrollment Portfolio Transition FAQs

## What do I need to do to prepare?

Nothing, unless you wish to opt out of the automatic transition. If you do not want to move into a Target Enrollment Portfolio, you must switch your funds to an Individual Portfolio before 4 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

## Can I change my portfolio after the transition?

Yes. However, moving existing assets to a different portfolio after the transition will count as one of your two permitted annual investment exchanges.

## Will my account number change?

No. Your account number remains the same.

## Can I still invest in an Age-Based Portfolio?

Yes, but only until 4 p.m. ET on April 23, 2026. After that, these portfolios will be closed, and all assets will be transitioned to the new Target Enrollment Portfolios.

## What if I am not currently in an Age-Based Option?

Your current investments will not change. Starting April 27, 2026, you will have the option to make new contributions to the Target Enrollment Portfolios. Moving existing balances into these new portfolios will count as an annual investment exchange.

## Can I choose my specific Target Enrollment Portfolio before the transition?

Yes. If you prefer a more aggressive or conservative approach than your “matching” year, you can switch after the transition. Note that moving existing assets will count as an exchange, but directing new contributions to a different portfolio will not.

## What is the Commencement Portfolio?

This is the most conservative Target Enrollment Portfolio. Generally, each portfolio transitions into the Commencement Portfolio four years after its designated enrollment year.

## Can I choose my specific Target Enrollment Portfolio before the transition?

No. The mapping is automatic. If you have already used your two annual exchanges for 2026, you must wait until 2027 to move your existing assets to a different Target Enrollment Portfolio.


## What happens to my recurring contributions?

Your automatically scheduled contributions will be seamlessly mapped to your new portfolio. No action is required.



# We're Here for You

If you have questions, please contact our NC 529 savings team at [savings@cfnc.org](mailto:savings@cfnc.org) or call us at **800-600-3453**, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.





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