



TENNESSEE SUCCEEDS.

2017 State of Education
in Tennessee

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STANDARDS | ASSESSMENT | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Thousands of teachers are being trained on the **new math and English language arts standards** this summer
- **TNReady was successfully implemented statewide**, with 24 districts going online
- Created a **new school accountability model** under ESSA that incorporates a variety of measures, including student achievement, student growth, access to opportunities to prepare for postsecondary and careers, chronic absenteeism, and discipline

EARLY FOUNDATIONS AND LITERACY

- Continued to expand the **Read to be Ready coaching network** that supports 2,500+ teachers
- Serving **over 9,000 kids** in 2017 Read to be Ready summer camps – an increase of 1400% from last year
- Released a **Teaching Literacy in Tennessee** guide with associated webinars that aim to strengthen instruction for all students; also released a **Dyslexia Resource Guide** to offer assistance in identifying and supporting students who show characteristics of dyslexia
- Revised and **strengthened the voluntary pre-K application** process to ensure high-quality opportunities for over 18,000 students and a focus on enrolling students who benefit the most

HIGH SCHOOL & BRIDGE TO POSTSECONDARY

- Became the first state to offer a **free opportunity for students to retake the ACT**; nearly 26,000 students participated and 40% increased their score
- Nearly **7,500 more postsecondary credits were awarded** to students in 2016 when compared to 2014
- 27,699 students, **more students than ever before in Tennessee**, took Advanced Placement exams in 2016

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

- The overall performance of Priority schools has **improved since 2012**
- Designed a **new school improvement continuum**, which provides more opportunities to turn around persistently low-achieving schools based on that school's specific context
- Developing a **new Office of School Improvement** to support Focus and Priority schools
- **Investing \$10 million** in the state's FY18 budget for Priority schools

In 2015, the Tennessee Department of Education released a new strategic plan called *Tennessee Succeeds*, which outlined clear goals, priorities, and strategies. Over the past year, the department and the education community across Tennessee have built on this work through developing a plan to transition to the new federal K-12 education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Thanks to our educators and school leaders, we continue to see promising progress. Here are just some of the highlights of what we have accomplished to ensure Tennessee Succeeds.

ALL MEANS ALL

- **Strengthened RTI² and built a new multi-tiered system of support** that focuses on academic and non-academic factors that lead to success, like school climate, counseling, behavior, and attendance
- Focused on better **supporting traditionally underserved students**, such as providing differentiated support for students with disabilities and renewing our attention on our nearly 50,000 English learners
- The state's FY18 budget provides **\$22.2 million in additional funding** to assist districts in educating English learners

EDUCATOR SUPPORT

- Continued to make **historic investments in education** under Gov. Haslam, including \$100 million for FY18 and \$300 million since FY16 for teacher salaries
- **Publicly rating** educator preparation providers and providing **annual reports to support improvement**
- Creating residency opportunities to strengthen both the **principal pathway** and the **teacher pipeline**
- Incentivizing educator preparation providers and districts through a \$200,000 innovation grant investment to increase the **effectiveness of educators in teaching literacy, develop educators who teach in high-demand subject areas, and support a diverse educator workforce**

DISTRICT EMPOWERMENT

- **Redesigned the district and school report card** to clearly share accountability data
- Launched pilots to **personalize learning for both teachers and students**, including an Algebra I/Integrated Math I blended learning pilot with about 4,700 students as well as a micro-credentialing pilot to help teachers develop and earn credit for specific skills
- Rolling out a new Single Sign-On initiative, which will **streamline district functions** over time so they only need one username and password for dozens of separate applications and programs

GOALS:

GOAL 1

Tennessee will rank in the top half of all states on NAEP by 2019

We now rank in the top half of states in three of six NAEP tests

GOAL 2

75 percent of Tennessee third graders will be proficient in reading by 2025

Our most recent data show 43 percent of Tennessee third graders are proficient in reading

GOAL 3

The average ACT score in Tennessee will be a 21 by 2020

The average ACT score in Tennessee is 19.9 — a new record high

GOAL 4

The majority of high school graduates from the class of 2020 will earn a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree

29 percent of graduates from the class of 2011 have a certificate, diploma, or degree

This is how

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RECORD-BREAKING RESULTS



6,000

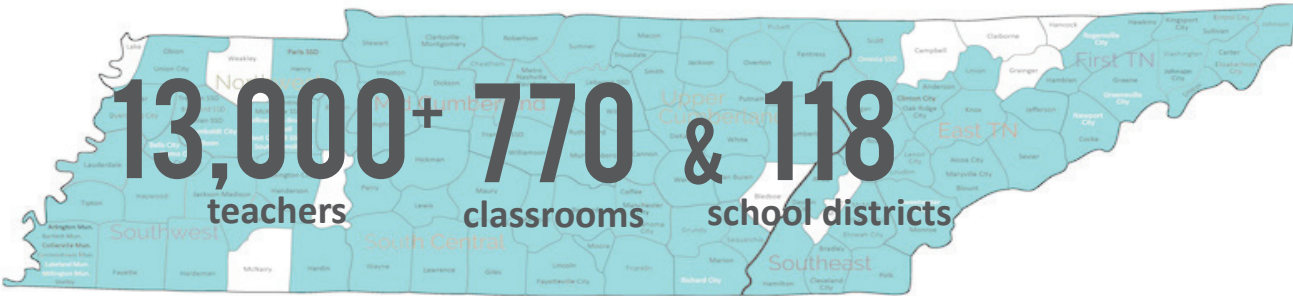
pieces of feedback were received during the year-long process of writing our ESSA plan

88.5%
high school graduation rate



19.9
state ACT composite score

On the Classroom Chronicles Tour, Commissioner McQueen has visited



We expanded our Read to be Ready coaching network and now ...

83 districts have

200+ coaches, who support

2,500+ teachers and

44,000 students

Results on the Nation's Report Card show Tennessee students are:



19TH fourth grade science

21ST eighth grade science

25TH fourth grade math

MISSION:

Districts and schools in Tennessee will exemplify excellence and equity such that all students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to successfully embark upon their chosen path in life