



Reaching Our Goals for Student Performance

Children's Advocacy Days

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RACE TO THE TOP

Tennessee was one of just two states selected on Mar. 29, 2010, to receive over \$501 million for education in the first round of the federal government's Race to the Top competition.

Education Reform

Tennessee's First to the Top plan includes projects and initiatives that target multiple areas of school reform but share a single goal:

improving student performance.

Student Performance Goals

At the heart of improving student achievement is a focus on three main student performance goals:

1. Young students' academic readiness
2. High school graduates' readiness for college and careers
3. Higher rates of graduates enrolling and succeeding in post-secondary education.

Tennessee's ambitious goals...

Tennessee's FTTT goals

- 1. Increased graduation rates**
- 2. Higher rates of college enrollment and success**
- 3. Increased rates of proficiency on state and national assessments**
- 4. Decreased (or eliminated) achievement gaps**
- 5. Improved teacher effectiveness**

TN's First to the Top reform plan



Defining Tennessee's aspirations

School Readiness / Early Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Early grades reading proficiency (3rd grade TCAP, 4th grade NAEP, School Readiness)
College and Career Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Middle grades math proficiency (7th grade TCAP, 8th grade NAEP)▪ High school graduation rate
Postsecondary Access and Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Postsecondary-going rate▪ One-year postsecondary completion rate

Other indicators such as early grades math, school readiness, adolescent literacy, Algebra II proficiency, English II proficiency, ACT, AP/dual enrollment will be added in coming months.

We have identified four initial indicators on which to focus...

Indicator	Baseline	2014-15 Target	Number of additional students in 2014-15	This year's cohort
3 rd grade TCAP reading	42%	60%	13,597	Pre-K
7 th grade TCAP math	29%	51%	16,610	3 rd grade
HS graduation rate	82%	90%	5,545	8 th grade
Postsecondary-going rate	56%	62%	5,579	9 th grade

Third grade reading identified five strategies to meet the reading target by 2014-15

Support teachers & building level administrators in the use of available data to improve instruction to increase students' proficiency in early grades reading.

- Early warning data system (P-12)
- Teacher and leader evaluation

Ensure Prek-3 teachers statewide receive consistent professional development related to curriculum standards.

- Common core standards
- Curriculum maps and pacing guides

Improve effectiveness of instructional practices in early grades reading.

- Toolkit for effective instructional practices

Engage families and communities in the educational literacy success of their children.

- Resource guide of community agencies
- Partnership with the United Way

Support the creation of positive classroom learning environments which ensure educational literacy success.

- SBE elementary policy
- High standards for all classrooms

Middle grades math has five strategies and 21 total projects

Supporting the current workforce in content (grades PK-8)

- ELC Content
- Common Core Standards Training

Supports for students in grades PK-8

- Early Warning Data System
- Extended time and afterschool programs (ex: LEAPs)

Support effective teaching strategies

- SITES M
- Oak Ridge Associated Universities STEM PD Academy

Ensure a stable qualified workforce

- UTeach
- Pre Service Training of TVAAS and Common Core

Community Involvement

- STEM Innovation Network

The graduation rate team selected four strategies to help the state exceed the target

Improve the use of data and technical assistance to support school reform.

- Early Warning Data System and Training
- Professional Development on use of data

Guarantee a qualified, effective and stable educational workforce for ALL students.

- TFA and TNTF
- Teach Tennessee expansion
- Professional Development on human capital decisions

Create a rigorous, relevant and responsive learning environment for each student.

- Dropout Prevention Toolkit
- AP and IB course offering needs
- School Climate Survey

Ensure that all graduates are college- and career-ready.

- Common Core standards PD, curriculum and pacing guide frameworks, formative assessments
- Diagnostic review of ASD school course offerings

Four strategies to help more public high school graduates enroll in postsecondary education

Improve quality and use of student planning for high school leading into postsecondary education and careers.

- Common 6-year student planning tool

Broaden access to educational and other experiences that help students develop the competencies to succeed in postsecondary education.

- Capstone projects tied to postsecondary aspirations
- College access training for pre-service and in-service school counselors
- STEM Innovation Network

Create school and community cultures that support postsecondary-going.

- College access and success network
- Marketing plan for postsecondary credit

Ensure that all students have access to interventions and support to fill gaps in postsecondary academic preparedness.

- P-12 data system

Engage, Inspire, Educate ...



Achieve!
