



Investing in Innovative School Models for Tennessee Middle and High School Students

\$500 Million Investment to Boost Opportunities for Career Readiness and Success for Students Statewide

Tennessee’s thriving business community relies on us developing a strong workforce—and that work starts in education.

Innovative preparations to ensure students are ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow may look entirely different than a traditional classroom or school experience, and Innovative School Models can provide invaluable learning experiences that prepare students for success after graduation.

By expanding Tennessee’s Innovative School Models aimed at building readiness and preparing students for success after high school, more students will have opportunities to participate in innovative local programs aligned to Tennessee’s highest-demand skills and careers.

Building upon the state’s strong commitment to ensure Tennessee is future workforce ready, Governor Bill Lee is proposing an historic investment to bring Innovative School Models programs to every public high school and middle school in the state, helping ensure students are better prepared, earlier on, to make decisions about their futures.

BACKGROUND

- In addition to this opportunity, Tennessee has strong supports for student readiness.
- Tennessee has made tremendous strides over the last several years in removing obstacles to future success for Tennessee students through robust investment, career-oriented programming and partnerships across the state.
- Through expansion of Innovative School Models across the state, Tennessee’s students can take advantage of a public education experience aligned to local, regional, and state labor market needs.



The future of innovative programs to boost student and workforce readiness in Tennessee is brighter than ever. Through reimagining the high school experience; becoming more strategic about engaging younger students in career exploration; expanding access to courses; improving how data is collected and used; and being even more intentional in how we listen to—and learn from—Tennesseans, we will continue to keep our state’s workforce strong for years to come.