

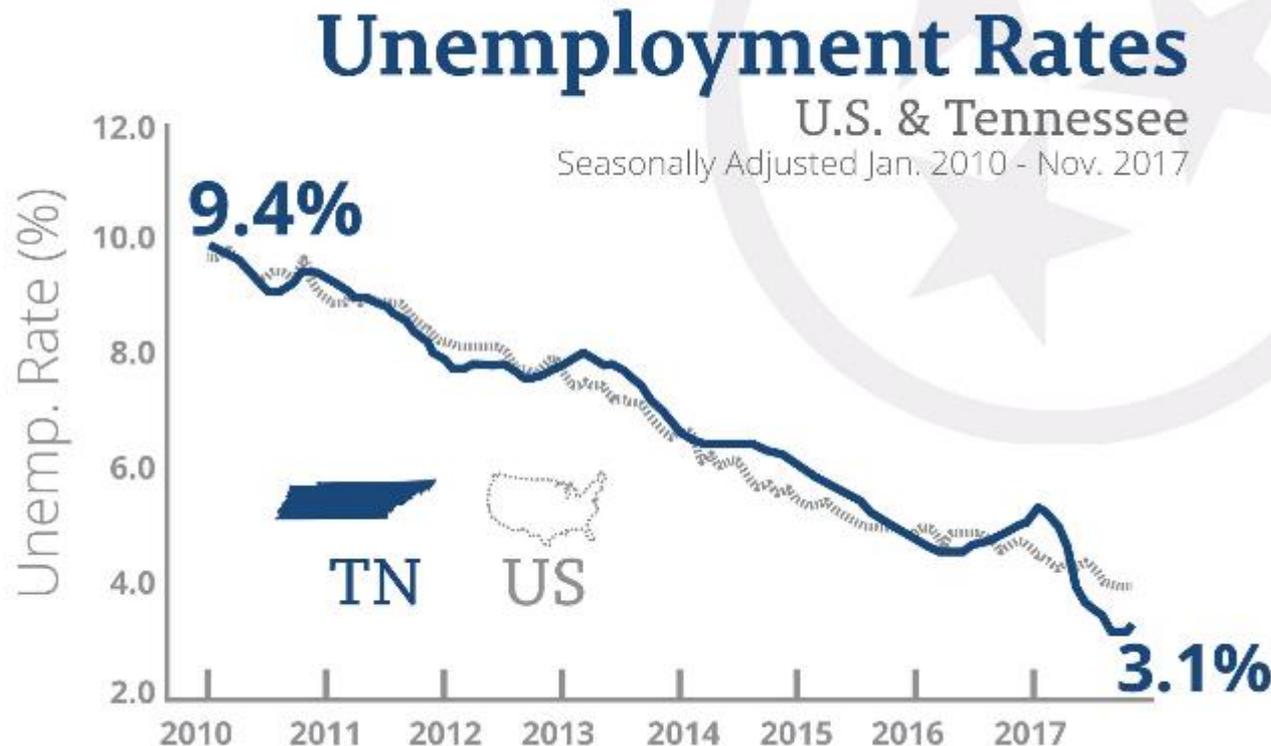


Tennessee Succeeds and Student Transportation

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Our State is Showing Historic Success

- We have **incredible economic strength**
 - Record low unemployment rate
 - #1 in small business job growth



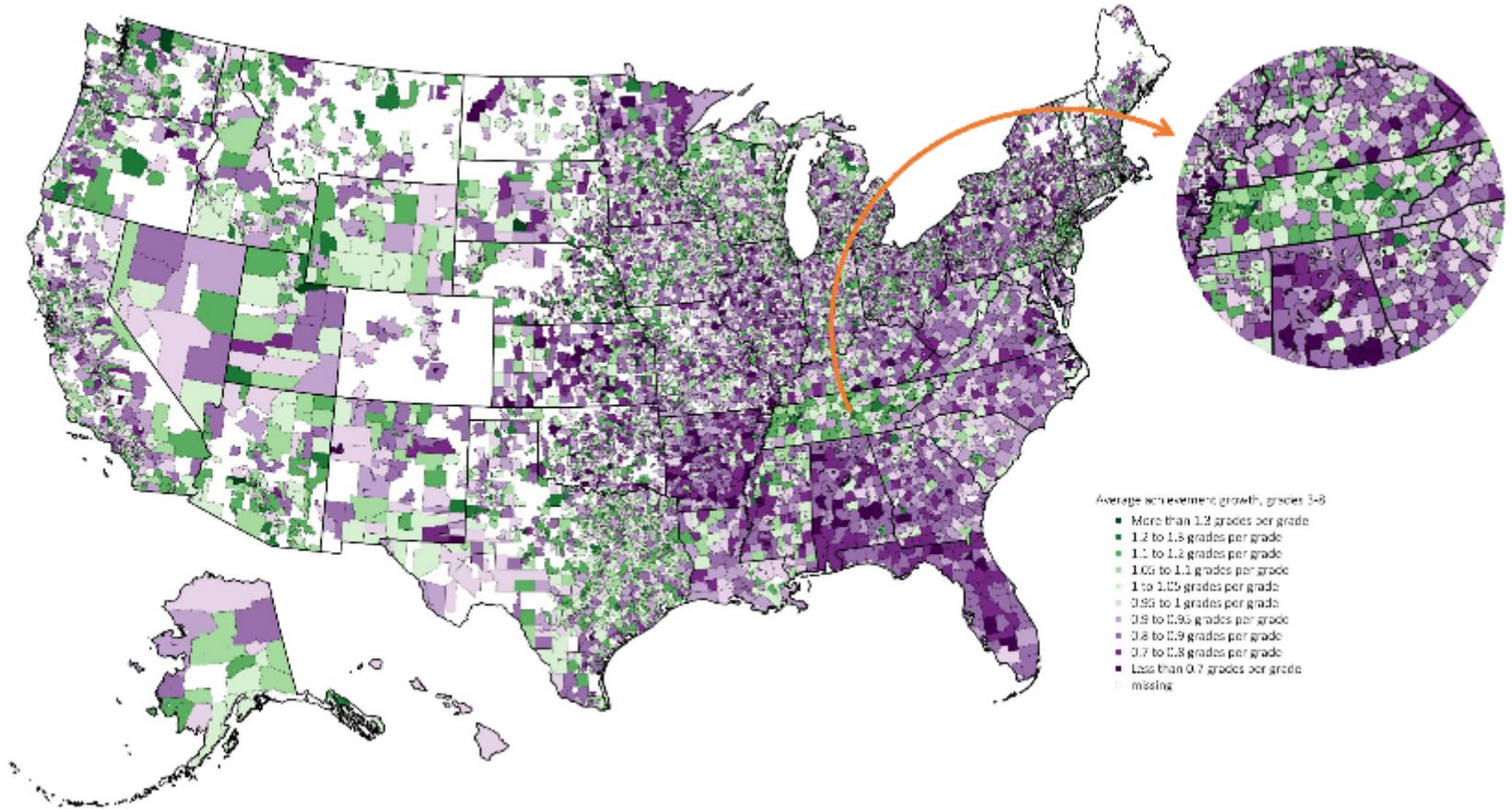
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- And we believe **education is the reason why**
 - Record high graduation rate
 - Record high ACT composite
 - Nationally recognized strength in career and technical education and aligned pathways to workforce
 - First in the nation to remove financial barriers with Tennessee Promise
 - Community college freshmen requiring remediation is down by 14.4 percentage points since 2011
 - **More students going onto college – and being successful when they get there**



Tennessee's Progress Literally Stands Out

Average Test Score Growth Rates (Math and Reading Averaged), US Public School Districts, 2009-2015



Rigor of State Proficiency Standards, 2017

No. 11 Tennessee

Overall grade (2017)

A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D+ D D- F

Difference in percent proficient on state exam and NAEP*

-2.60

Math (2017)

4th graders

A A- **B+** B B- C+ C C- D+ D D- F

8th graders

A A- **B+** B B- C+ C C- D+ D D- F

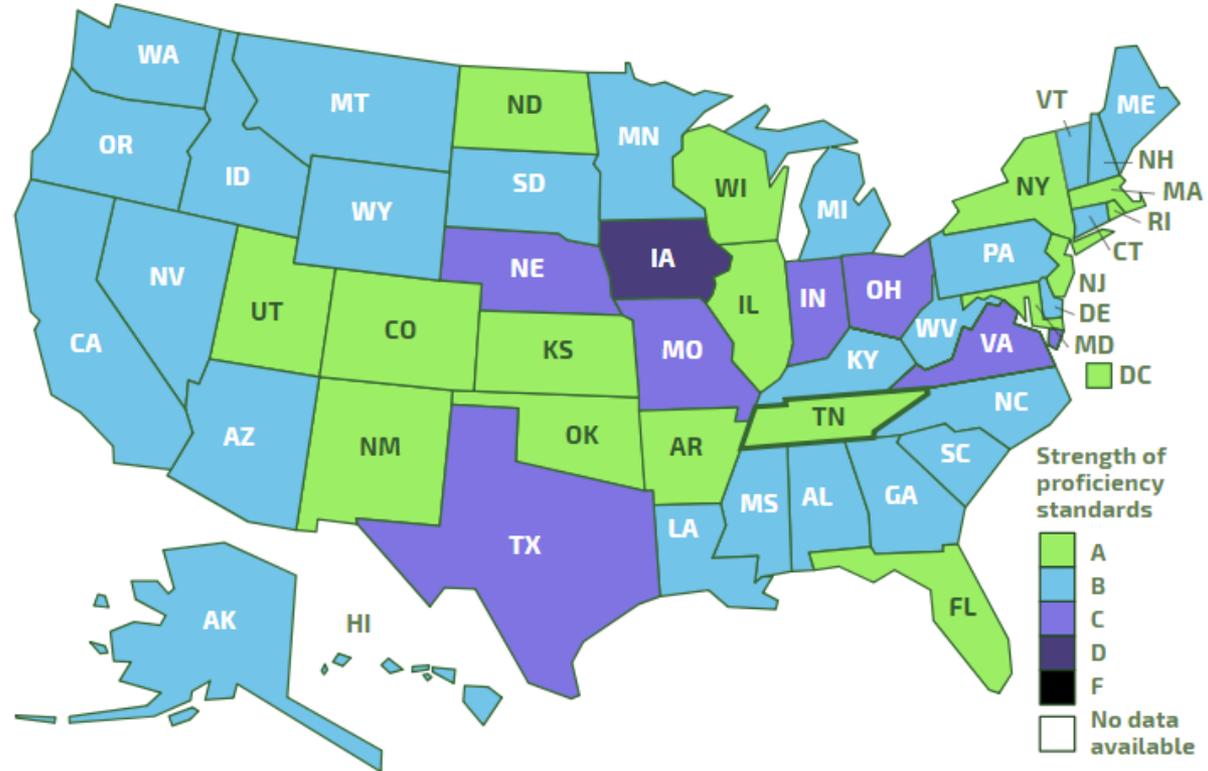
Reading (2017)

4th graders

A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D+ D D- F

8th graders

A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D+ D D- F



Tennessee moves from F to A



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Incredibly proud to see a decade of work is paying off! In new study from @EducationNext, TN is the top state to close the "honesty gap" & we stand out from other states as our higher standards has gone hand in hand with gains in student achievement. Gone from an "F" to an "A"!

Many States with Low Grades in 2009 Make Dramatic Improvements by 2017 (Table 2)

In total, four of five states with F grades in 2009 achieved a C+ or higher in 2017, and nine of 24 states with D- to D+ grades in 2009 received A grades in 2017. Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri made the least amount of progress between 2009 and 2017—with the rigor of Missouri's standards actually declining.

IMPROVEMENT RANK	STATE	STATE GRADES BY YEAR			CHANGE IN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STATE AND NAEP (2009 - 2017)
		2009	2015	2017	
1	Tennessee	F	B-	A	60.81
2	Georgia	F	B+	B+	48.95
3	Illinois	D-	A	A	48.49
4	Kansas	D	A	A	47.84

We've Made Progress Toward Our Goals

Goal 1

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

In 2015, we moved into the top 25 on three exams – an incredible jump from just a few years ago, when we were in the bottom 10.

Goal 2

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

We have a range of work underway through the Read to be Ready campaign and our aligned initiatives to strengthen early literacy.

Goal 3

The average ACT composite in Tennessee will be 21 by 2020

Our class of 2016 has already increased the average to 20.1, with more students taking the exam.

Goal 4

Most of the class of 2020 graduates will earn a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree

We've been nationally recognized for our work to increase access to college and strengthen career & technical education.



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**School Transportation
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Transportation in Tennessee

- Tennessee schools systems transport about **700,000 students** each school day
- Over **8,700 bus routes** exist across the state's school districts and charter schools
- In an effort to increase safety for student transportation, **PC 289** focused on strengthening qualification and training requirements for Tennessee **transportation supervisors and school bus drivers.**

Public Chapter 289 Requirements

- Each LEA and charter school must appoint a **transportation supervisor** responsible for the “monitoring and oversight of transportation services”
- Each supervisor must complete the **management training program** developed by the departments of safety and education
- By August 15, 2018, each LEA or charter school must submit to the department the name of the transportation supervisor and verification that they have completed training

Public Chapter 289 Requirements

- **School boards** must adopt transportation policies that include:
 - Procedures for safety complaints to be reported by students, parents, teachers, staff, and the community
 - Procedures for supervisors to investigate any complaint of safety violation or concern
 - Requirements that each bus is equipped with a phone number (on rear bumper) for reporting complaints
 - Policy or procedures for collection and maintenance of relevant records
- The transportation supervisor is responsible for implementing the transportation safety policy.

Public Chapter 289 Requirements

- **New bus drivers** must complete a school bus driving training program prior to transporting students that, at a minimum, addresses:
 - student management;
 - distracted driving;
 - school and district policy;
 - driving techniques;
 - evacuations;
 - loading and unloading;
 - mirror usage; and
 - state and federal law.

Public Chapter 289 Requirements

- The age for applicants for the Class S endorsement has been **increased to 25 years of age.**
- Additionally requires all applicants to have at least **5 consecutive years of unrestricted driving experience**

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**Where are we with
implementation?**

Our Progress towards Implementation

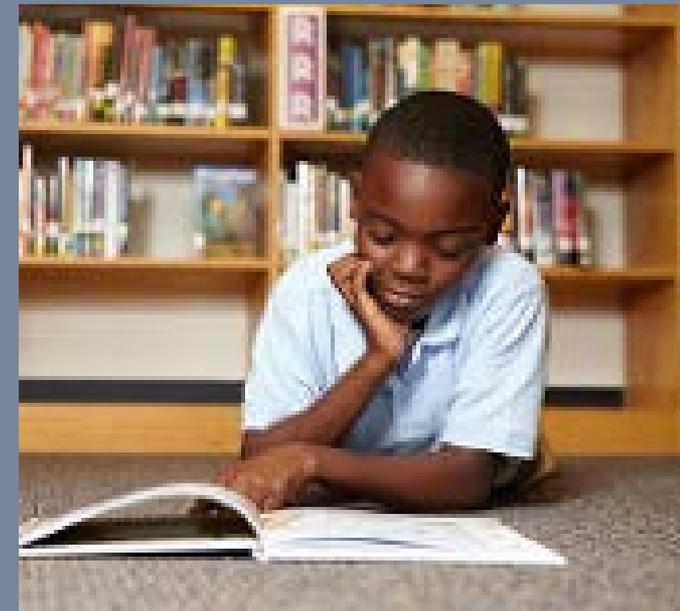
- Hired a TDOE transportation monitor to oversee monitoring and resource development, including new website
- Conducted **statewide transportation supervisor training** for all districts and charters on PC289 requirements last winter
- Developed a **monitoring system** for district and charter compliance addressing all state and federal laws regarding student transportation services with **55 visits completed** to date
- Continue to conduct **Student Transportation Management Training Programs** for supervisors in all CORE regions
- This week, we will release applications for the **School Bus Seat Restraint Grant Program**

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Why this matters?

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Questions?



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

Excellence | Optimism | Judgment | Courage | Teamwork