

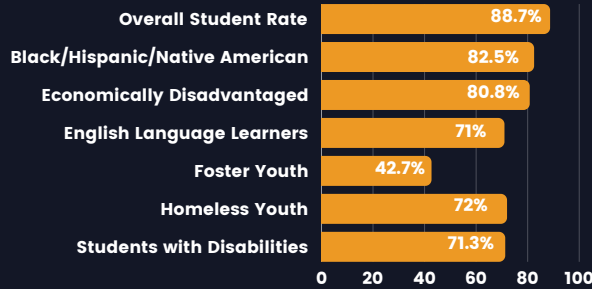
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED SCHOOLS In Tennessee

When schools become places where kids can learn, grow, and receive support, families have easier access to resources, helping communities become stronger.

67% of LGBTQ+ students in TN

reported that their teachers, school administration, and staff were “not at all supportive” of them and their identities ¹

Highschool Graduation Rate in TN ²



Certain groups are more likely to face challenges that get in the way of their learning

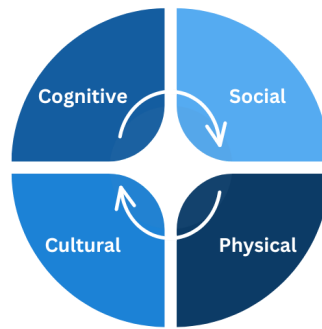
This can ultimately lead to **social isolation, lower educational performance, higher rates of emotional and behavioral challenges, and lower graduation rates** than their classmates.

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH

supports 8 essential components:

- Health Education and Health Services
- Nutrition Services
- Physical Activity
- Healthy School Environment
- Mental Health and Social Services
- Family and Community Connection
- School Staff Wellness

Skills for Healthy Child Development



SCHOOLS CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS' ABILITIES TO

- Think creatively and solve problems
- Self-regulate and learn how to get along with others
- Build healthy habits and enjoy movement
- Understand where they and others come from

POLICIES & PROGRAMS

- **Handle with Care** policies give schools opportunities to provide trauma-sensitive support to students who have been witness to or victim of a police-reported event
- **Grow Your Own** programs develop teaching talent within a community to support recruitment and retention within the education workforce

ROADMAPS TO ACTION *What Can You Do?*

- Encourage your local district to host school psychology, social work, and counselor students through **Project RAISE (Rural Access to Interventions in School Environments)**
- Work with schools to develop or create a strong, age-appropriate **social emotional curriculum**
- Volunteer as a **community mentor** in your local school

BARRIERS TO CHANGE

Siloed provision of care between schools, foster care, social services

Schools already lack resources and staff are overburdened



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¹Campaign for South Equality

²Tennessee Department of Education