The Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Implementation Updates

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STUDENT READINESS
TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS IN THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS

ACADEMICS
ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE

EDUCATORS
TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE TOP STATE IN WHICH TO BECOME AND REMAIN A TEACHER AND LEADER FOR ALL

We will set all students on a path to success.
Overview

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2023-24 TISA Allocations

Data & Releases

- Data files released beginning with January 2023 data deadline
- Preliminary funding allocation letters released beginning in February 2023 (2 months earlier than the BEP)
- Final allocations released to districts on July 7, 2023
  - Allocation information included:
    - TISA Calculator – Included application of TISA rules to district data, a local contribution calculator, and required funds for existing educator salary increases
    - 9 Period Summary tab with averages by funding line and reporting period
    - School Calculations tab including funding amounts by school
    - School Counts tab with averaged reporting periods by funding line
    - District-submitted and state level input data:
      - Base Averaged Daily Membership (ADM) (also used for Small, Sparse, Concentrated Poverty, Post-Secondary Test, K-3 Literacy, and Charter)
      - Economically Disadvantaged ADM by student and school
      - Concentrated poverty school list from district Consolidated Funding Application in ePlan
      - Sparse calculation inputs of square miles by county
      - Special Education ADM by student and school
      - English Learner ADM by student and school with English Learner Tier
      - Career and Technical Education ADM (CTE ADM) by student by course and school
      - 3rd Grade ELA TCAP results by student by school

- Public charter school authorizers and schools/operators also received school level data files, including all data listed above and steps to estimate overall public charter school funding.
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2023-24 TISA Allocations

FY24 Notes

Process
• 6 rounds of TISA data reporting allowed for earlier and more robust data reviews at the local level to ensure accuracy in final allocations.
• Engagements with public charter schools introduced a different level of conversation than has existed historically.
• Continuous feedback loops refined data presentation and explanations on key calculations.

Outputs
• Final statewide allocation was within .14% of the Spring 2022 estimate generated as TISA went through legislative process.
• No district’s FY24 local contribution amount exceeded its maintenance of effort funding level (shift to TISA did not create new pressure on local tax base).

Support Funding & Appeals
• 8 districts qualified for the BEP Transition Hold Harmless Funding
  • 5 districts were projected to qualify in the Spring 2022 estimates
  • 1 district qualified due to closure of virtual school
  • 2 districts qualified on finals due to small size and declining enrollment
• 4 districts filed appeals
  • 2 appeals filed on baseline funding calculation related to 2023 BEP allocations
  • 2 appeals filed on significant data issues as submitted by districts
The TISA Guide outlines required data for the TISA formula and information on the following:

- TISA Formula Components: Base, Weights, Direct, Outcomes
- Fast-Growth Funds
- Educator Salary Increases
- Local Contribution and Fiscal Capacity
- Distribution of Funds
- TISA Annual Calendar
- TISA Appeals Process
- Reporting Requirements
- TISA Accountability

The department welcomes input from all stakeholders on additional information to be included in the guide. The guide will be updated as more information becomes available.
Resources: TISA Professional Development

• TISA Training Series: ~10-15 minute modules providing information on key components of TISA for stakeholders
• Quick Guides: Companion documents to training modules providing highlights on various TISA topics
• Available Modules:
  • TISA Overview
  • Local Contribution
  • Unique Learning Needs
  • Outcome Bonuses
  • Fast-Growth Funding
  • Support Funding
• Additional modules are being developed based on stakeholder feedback and requests
Resources: TISA Professional Development

- Spring 2023
  - TN Data and Attendance Conference - Spring – Attendance Supervisors/Data Leads
  - Fiscal Workshops – Finance Directors/Federal Program Directors
  - Charter Schools – Operators and Authorizers
  - TOSS Events – New Superintendent Academy, Legislative Conference
  - Regional Superintendent Study Council meetings - Directors
  - IT Regional User Groups – IT Directors
  - Coordinated School Health, SAVE Act Coordinators, and Family Resource Centers Leads Calls

- Fall 2023 (Planning)
  - Superintendent Study Council Annual Conference
  - TN Association of School Business Officials (TASBO)
  - TOSS New Superintendents Academy
  - TDAC Fall Conference
  - TN Government Finance Officers Association
  - TN School Board Association

- Ongoing
  - Direct technical assistance calls
  - TISA Steering Committee
  - Finance Director office hours
Implementation Next Steps

**TISA Rules**

- **Outcomes Rule Revisions**
  - Received positive recommendation from SBE on February 10th
  - Rulemaking hearing held June 1, 2023
  - Continuing through formal rule promulgation process
    - Attorney General’s Office Review
    - Secretary of State Public Posting Period

- **CTE Rule Revisions**
  - Reflects input from CTE engagement groups (included members of General Assembly, SCORE, THEC, TDLWFD, Secondary CTE Teachers, CTE Directors, Director of Schools, State Board Members, External Partners)
  - Focuses tiering of CTE programs of study with emphasis on:
    - High-wage (70%),
    - High-demand (20%)
    - High-skill (10%)
  - Continuing through formal rule promulgation process
    - Submission to Secretary of State and pending rulemaking hearing date
    - Will be brought to SBE for recommendation after adjustments from public comment and rulemaking hearing
Implementation Next Steps

Additional FY24 Funding Calculations

• 2022-23 Outcomes – Awarded by December
  • Rule updates currently in promulgation process
  • Elementary and middle school data currently being assessed
  • High school data is both under review and will require additional data collection this fall

• Fast Growth Funds
  • Student Stipends: First round awarded in October
  • Infrastructure Stipends: Awarded after all student stipends are awarded for 2023-24
Transparency & Accountability

• For the 2023-24 school year, and each year thereafter, reporting on school and district-level funding decisions under TISA will be available on the State Report Card.

• New features to support TISA transparency will include the TISA Calculator and Comparison Tool.
  
  • **TISA Calculator**: Allows a parent or guardian to input their student’s unique information in a secure and anonymous tool that can demonstrate the amount of funding a student would generate under the TISA formula.
  
  • **Comparison Tool**: The school and LEA comparison tool is a new feature that allows users to select multiple schools or LEAs based on a variety of indicators (e.g. achievement, finances, demographics, etc.) and compare them all on one screen for easier viewing.
T.C.A. § 49-3-112 requires LEAs to produce an accountability report that establishes goals for student achievement, including the goal of 70% or more of the LEA’s third grade students demonstrate proficiency on the ELA TCAP.

- Starting with reports submitted in 2024-25, the accountability report must also describe how the LEA’s budget and expenditures for prior school years enabled the LEA to make progress toward the student achievement goals.

- The reports must be submitted to the department by November 1 of each year. LEAs must provide the opportunity for public comment before submitting the report to the department.

- The department will release a template for LEAs in developing this report on 8/8.
Questions?