

Commissioner responses from initial interviews to the question, “*What should be the goal or outcome of a strong K-workforce system?*”

<p>Students must be prepared to participate in the workforce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● “I have a vision of the overwhelming majority of Tennessee citizens able to get into living-wage, high-growth jobs.”● “My vision is students leaving their education experience, at whatever level they complete, prepared for the workforce and to be productive in society.”● “My vision is credentials and jobs for a highly skilled workforce.”● “I have a vision that young people can get the careers they want and be successful, without incorrect or deficient prerequisites.”● “[My vision] includes educating students for the jobs of the future.”
<p>The system must also focus on the “whole child” and produce informed, engaged adults</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● “[We want to] graduate good citizens, not just income earners, who earn a living, contribute to...and participate in their community to the best of their ability.”● “My vision is of someone with a job and a happy life.”● “ I’d [say its similar to the graduate profile we’ve defined at Valor]: intellectual prowess, strong inner compass, thriving in a diverse world, and navigating career/college.”● “Success is when young people see education as an opportunity and are supported/mentored as they move through the education system.”