



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

SCHOOL YEAR
2025-26 UPDATES

APRIL 16, 2026

SITE VISIT UPDATES



SITE VISIT PROCESS

- Site visits include classroom observations, stakeholder interviews, and a data review meeting with school leadership and/or network.
- Site visits are an important part of oversight and monitoring as it offers more qualitative data and the opportunity to see schools in action.
- The Commission has completed site visits to all schools for SY25-26.
 - At the conclusion of the visit, site visit reports are provided to the executive director and governing board chair of each school.



SY25-26 SITE VISIT OVERVIEW

- Majority of Commission schools have a consistent vision and aligned systems that support student culture and outcomes.
 - Majority of schools also have strong data systems and use student outcomes to ensure appropriate provision of services and intervention.
- New schools and schools with newer systems are showing promise in supporting student culture and outcomes.



SY25-26 SITE VISIT OVERVIEW

- Areas of focus seen across most visits:
 - Schools with inconsistent academic and school culture systems often see this reflected in their student outcomes data.
 - Staffing - many schools are continuing to operate with staffing vacancies throughout the year which can often affect:
 - Leadership capacity
 - Provision of services for SPED and EL students
 - EL staff to student ratios
 - Consistency of school-wide systems



PERFORMANCE REVIEW LETTERS



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- Executive directors and governing board chairs of schools receive two letters:
 - One in mid-November (July 1 through October 15)
 - One in mid-April (October 16 through March 15)
- Letters include progress toward indicators within the organizational section of School Performance Framework.
- Provides transparency for operators and the opportunity to fix any compliance items prior to evaluating them for the year on the School Performance Framework.



PRL 2 OVERVIEW

- Areas of Focus:
 - 4(d): Credentialing
 - 11 of 24 schools were off track for meeting the teacher credentialing requirements.
 - This is less than PRL 1 which was 14.
 - School must rectify the issue by the end of the school year to meet standard on the school performance framework.
 - Financial 1(c): Enrollment variance
 - 9 of 24 were off track as of March 12 for enrollment variance.
 - Schools will submit updated budgets in June 2026.



PRE-OPENING UPDATES



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New Schools for SY26-27	Location	Grades Served in SY26-27
The Rock Academy	Nashville	9 (9-12)
Knowledge Academy at the Crossings (Authorizer Transition)	Nashville	5-12
Jackson Museum School	Jackson	K-2 (K-8)
Rocketship TN 4*	Rutherford	N/A



*Authorized in October 2025 but delaying opening to Fall 2027.

PRE-OPENING UPDATES

- Pre-opening activities are progressing, with a focus on meeting all ready to open criteria.
- Spring milestones include timely submissions, facility readiness, staffing, enrollment, and budget preparation. Both brand new schools have secured facilities.
- Strong participation in best practice trainings and timely reporting submissions demonstrate positive engagement by operators.
- All new and transitioning schools are **on track** to open in Fall 2026.



ENROLLMENT FOR NEW SCHOOLS (SY25-26)

School	Type	Grades	Projected Enrollment	*Actual Enrollment
KIPP Antioch Global Elementary School	New Start	K-2	176	153
Encompass Community School	New Start	K-3	105	108
Invictus Nashville Charter School	New Start	K-2	123	90
LEAD Southeast Elementary	New Start	K-2	130	88
Empower Memphis Career and College Prep	New Start	K-2	100	21
Nurses Middle College Nashville	New Start	9	125	117
Wooddale Middle School	ASD Transition	5-8	547	430

*Source: Annual Average Daily Membership (ADM) from SWORD, as of March 12, 2026



ASSESSMENT UPDATES



TCAP ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

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February 2, 2026	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Administration Window Opens
March 9, 2026	TCAP - Alt Administration Window Opens
April 7, 2026	ACH 2-5, ACH 6-8, EOC Administration Window Opens
April 19, 2026	Deadline ALL ELA Tests Complete and Shipped
April 24, 2026	Deadline TCAP - Alt Complete and Shipped
May 2, 2026	Deadline ACH 2-5 Complete and Shipped (including Make-Up)
May 4, 2026	Deadline TCAP - Alt Non-Scorables Shipped
May 5, 2026	Deadline Last Day to Mark SNTs and RIs in PANext
May 5, 2026	Deadline Last Day to Mark Testing Complete
May 8, 2026	Deadline ACH 6-8/EOC Complete and Shipped (Included Make-Up)
May 15, 2026	DLM Window Closes



TCAP ASSESSMENT

- Major changes for SY25-26:
 - Spring testing dates have been changed to accommodate for winter weather.
 - ELA subpart 1 does not need be completed the first week of testing.
 - All subparts must be shipped by April 24, 2025.
 - Exception: make-ups which need to be completed as soon as possible after student returns.
 - Grade 3 Retake Window is May 20 – May 29
 - Districts will receive a file with Spring 2025 TCAP raw scores on or before Monday, May 20, 2025
 - Schools will prepare sessions on May 6
 - Initial scoring may take up to 48 hours to report in PAN
- SY26-27 all grades will be testing online
 - ACH Grade 2 – 8
 - EOCs
 - ALT will remain the same





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