



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## ACCELERATING TENNESSEE

Tennessee continues to take bold action and increase opportunities for students in K-12 education across the state. Through the department's five strategic priorities – Reading 360, TN ALL Corps, Innovative School Models, Grow Your Own, and TISA – the state remains laser focused on closing gaps, strategically investing in these proven initiatives, and accelerating student academic achievement. Over the past year, the state has made historic investments with a common goal in mind, providing the best for ALL students. Tennessee's students are the future of our state, and our public schools are well-equipped to prepare each and every one of them for lifelong success.



The state's comprehensive literacy initiative— Reading 360— is a bold solution to increase reading proficiency for Tennessee students that includes systematic foundational literacy, educator and leader preparation, instructional materials, training, coaching, ongoing support, and online and family resources.



With 87 school districts statewide participating, the department launched the Tennessee Accelerating Literacy and Learning Corps (TN ALL Corps) tutoring program to mitigate learning loss and accelerate student achievement. Since the launch in 2021, this approach, in combination with 2 years of summer programming, will provide over 200,000 students with 250-500 additional hours of academic instruction by 2024.



Through a historic \$500 million investment, the department's Innovative School Models initiative is intended to foster and provide a vision of middle and high schools of the future by reimagining new routines of schooling and supporting novel approaches to increase student postsecondary attainment through groundbreaking partnerships that elevate equity for all students.



Grow Your Own programs create pathways to become a teacher for free — enabling future teachers to earn their degree, serve their home communities, maintain employment, and begin day one of teaching with real-world classroom experience. In January 2022, Tennessee pioneered a new way to develop the educator pipeline and received approval from the U.S. Department of Labor to officially recognize teaching as an apprenticeship occupation.



The Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Act was passed by the Tennessee General Assembly on April 28, 2022 and was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 2, 2022. Through the passage of the TISA Act, Tennessee's K-12 public schools will now transition to a student-based funding approach and invest an estimated \$9 billion in education funding for the state, including state and local funds, which includes an additional recurring state investment of \$1 billion starting in the 2023-24 school year.

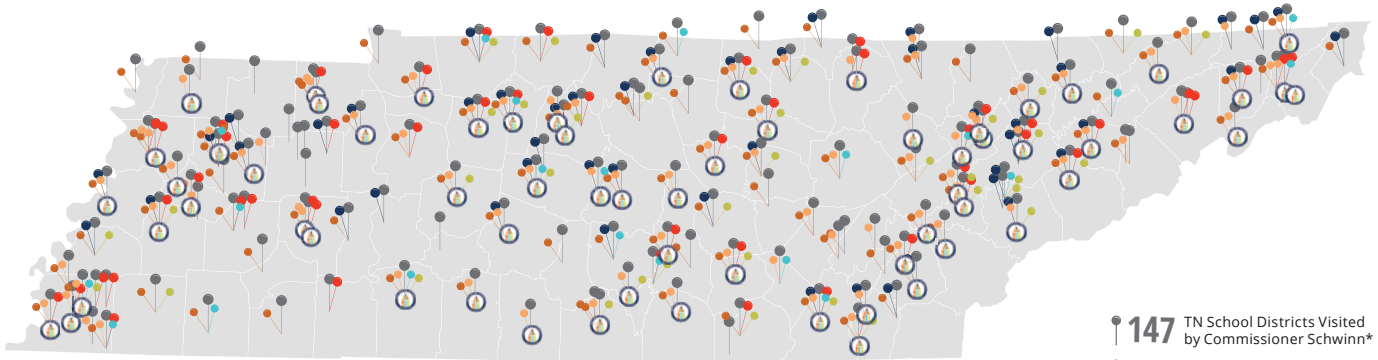


[tn.gov/education](https://tn.gov/education)

# 2022


© TN Dept. of Education


# STATE OVERVIEW



- 147 TN School Districts Visited by Commissioner Schwinn\*
- 50 Accelerate TN 2022 Bus Tour Districts
- 50 Accelerate TN 2021 Bus Tour Districts



  
**950,000+**  
STUDENTS

  
**70,000+**  
EDUCATORS

**4,300+**  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
LEADERS  
**9,000+**  
SCHOOL  
SUPPORT STAFF

**\$4B+**  
BILLION  
IN COVID-19  
RELIEF FUNDING

  
**1,800+**  
SCHOOLS

 **147**  
DISTRICTS

**\$5.2B+**  
BILLION  
IN STATE FUNDING FOR  
PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION

## LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next two years, the department will shift into continuing or beginning implementation of several of these strategic initiatives outlined in the **Best for All Strategic plan: Reading 360, TN ALL Corps, Innovative School Models, Grow Your Own, and the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement.**

The department is focused on transparency and providing on-demand access to actionable data and resources for Tennessee students, families, and stakeholders to continue partnering in this essential work. We are committed to engaging with parents and families by providing access to data from these initiatives to drive positive outcomes and data-driven decisions at each level of our state's K-12 public education system. **Tennessee will continue accelerating positive learning outcomes and providing access to the best resources, instruction, and supports for all students and educators.**

As we embark on this next chapter of implementation, Tennessee K-12 public education will ensure **each student has a place and is provided with every opportunity to succeed today and tomorrow.**