

TIMELINE OF TENNESSEE'S EDUCATION PROGRESS

The Nation's Report Card

2002-17

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FEBRUARY 28, 2007
F'S FOR TENNESSEE
The US Chamber of Commerce report, *Leaders and Laggards: A State-by-State Report Card on Educational Effectiveness*, gives Tennessee failing marks for academic expectations, achievement gaps for low-income and minority students, and college and career readiness. The report helps galvanize bipartisan support for education reform in Tennessee



OCTOBER 21, 2009
A ROADMAP TO SUCCESS
SCORE releases *A Roadmap To Success: A Plan To Make Tennessee Schools #1 In The Southeast Within 5 Years*. The report offers four recommendations – embrace high standards, cultivate strong leaders, ensure excellent teachers, and utilize data to enhance student learning – with more than 60 action steps for education stakeholders



JANUARY 28, 2010
TENNESSEE SHOOTS FOR THE TOP
Governor Phil Bredesen signs the First To The Top Act after the General Assembly passes the legislation with broad bipartisan support. The education package raises academic standards, incorporates student achievement and growth data into annual evaluations for teachers and principals, and creates the Achievement School District to strengthen school turnaround efforts

SPRING 2011
NEW GOVERNOR, NEW REFORMS
Governor Bill Haslam secures General Assembly approval of measures that remove the cap on the number of charter schools in Tennessee and incorporate teacher effectiveness ratings into decisions about tenure and compensation

AUGUST 2011
RAISING THE BAR AGAIN
Tennessee begins the three-year implementation of higher academic standards for English language arts and math for grades K-12

SUMMER 2013
TRAINING FOR TEACHERS
With the help of 700 core coaches, the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) trains 30,000 teachers in the new academic standards and methods of instruction. During the three-year implementation, about 60,000 educators receive professional development in the standards

NOVEMBER 1, 2013
OUTPACING THE NATION
Governor Haslam announces that Tennessee is the fastest-improving state for student achievement with student progress on The Nation's Report Card. Former Governor Bredesen is a special guest at the announcement

OCTOBER 24, 2015
BREAKING INTO THE TOP HALF
For the first time ever, Tennessee students rank in the top 25 states on the Nation's Report Card with the results for fourth-grade math. Tennessee remains the fastest-improving state since 2011

FEBRUARY 1, 2016
INVESTING IN EDUCATION
Governor Haslam proposes the largest state budget increase for K-12 education without requiring a tax hike

APRIL-MAY 2017
TNREADY GRADES 3-11
The TNReady statewide assessment is administered to all grades for the first time

JULY 25, 2017
RIISING HIGH SCHOOL SCORES
The second year of TNReady results for end-of-course assessments show improvement across all subject areas, with a smaller percentage of students scoring at the lowest achievement level across all subject areas

2007

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2013

2015

2017

JANUARY 8, 2002
NCLB, NEW ACCOUNTABILITY
President George W. Bush signs the No Child Left Behind Act, creating an accountability system in every state that tracks academic progress of schools and, for the first time, four subgroups of students: special education, English language learners, low income, and race/ethnicity

2008



JANUARY 26, 2009
RAISING THE BAR IN CLASSROOMS
Following a push by Governor Bredesen to build consensus for raising K-12 academic expectations, The Tennessee State Board of Education adopts the Tennessee Diploma Project (TDP) raising academic expectations for K-12. TDP, which is introduced in classrooms in 2009-10, increases academic standards and graduation requirements and makes the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) more rigorous

2010

MARCH 26, 2010
HALF A BILLION DOLLARS FOR K-12
In the wake of the changes from the Tennessee Diploma Project and First To The Top, Tennessee is awarded a \$501 million Race To The Top grant. The grant plus philanthropic investments help Tennessee implement the education improvements over the next few years

2011



FALL 2011
EVALUATIONS WITH MULTIPLE MEASURES
Tennessee becomes a national leader in improving teacher evaluation, introducing annual reviews that incorporate observational feedback with student achievement and growth measures. At the end of the school year, SCORE releases a report with seven recommendations for improving evaluation based on feedback from educators across the state during the first year of implementation

2012



JULY 26, 2012
REBOUNDING SCORES
TCAP proficiency rates, which declined the first year the more rigorous test was given, begin to rebound. By 2015, the percentage of students who are proficient or advanced increases in every tested subject

2014

FEBRUARY 3, 2014
TENNESSEE PROMISE
Governor Haslam introduces Tennessee Promise to provide tuition-free community college to graduating seniors who fulfill requirements for federal aid application, community service, and mentoring



AUGUST 14, 2014
ACCELERATING ON ACT
Tennessee growth on its ACT composite score for public school students ties for first among states that test all 11th-graders

2016

OCTOBER 16, 2016
TEACHER PREP IMPROVEMENT
SCORE offers eight recommendations for improving teacher preparation in Tennessee in a policy report, *Prepared For Day One: Improving The Effectiveness Of Early-Career Teaching*

OCTOBER 13, 2016
FREE ACT RETAKE
Tennessee becomes the first state to cover the cost of retaking the ACT for 12th-grade students. About 26,000 of the 70,000 seniors in the state participate

OCTOBER 21, 2016
REACHING TOP HALF AGAIN
Tennessee fourth-grade and eighth-grade students rank among top half of states for science on the Nation's Report Card

DECEMBER 16, 2016
TEACHER PREP REPORT CARD
The Tennessee State Board of Education releases a redesigned Teacher Preparation Report Card that improves reporting of program effectiveness

2017



AUGUST 8, 2017
HIGH MARKS FOR EVALUATION
The Tennessee Educator Survey finds that 74 percent of teachers report the teacher evaluation process has improved their teaching

AUGUST 30, 2017
TENNESSEE SUCCEEDS
Tennessee receives approval of *Tennessee Succeeds*, the enhanced strategic plan for K-12 education developed with extensive public input in response to the Every Student Succeeds Act

COMBINED READING AND MATH SCORES ON THE NATION'S REPORT CARD FOR TENNESSEE VERSUS THE US AVERAGE. MASSACHUSETTS AND MISSISSIPPI RESULTS SHOW THE RANGE BETWEEN HIGH-PERFORMING AND LOW-PERFORMING STATES.

Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2003-15

●—● Massachusetts
●—● US
●—● Tennessee
●—● Mississippi

All scores through 2015