Districts and schools in Tennessee will exemplify excellence and equity such that all students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to successfully embark upon their chosen path in life.
The Drive To 55 Vision

“This is a bold promise. It is a promise that will speak volumes to current and prospective employers. It is a promise that will make a real difference for generations of Tennesseans.”

--Gov. Bill Haslam
February 3, 2014
TDOE BIG GOALS

1. Tennessee will rank in the top half of states on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) by 2019.

2. 75 percent of Tennessee third graders will be proficient in reading by 2025.

3. The average ACT composite score in Tennessee will be a 21 by 2020.

4. The majority of high school graduates from the class of 2020 will earn a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree.
TDOE PRIORITIES

Early Foundations & Literacy
Building skills in early grades to contribute to future success

High School & Bridge to Postsecondary
Preparing significantly more students for postsecondary completion

All Means All
Providing individualized support and opportunities for all students with a focus on those who are furthest behind

Educator Support
Supporting the preparation and development of an exceptional educator workforce

District Empowerment
Providing districts with the tools and autonomy they need to make the best decisions for students
Overview of Alignment to Drive to 55

- Defining student readiness or proficiency as college and career readiness
- Increasing access to and quality of work-based learning (WBL) opportunities
- Promoting and increasing access to CTE and early postsecondary coursework
- Promoting and increasing access to early industry certifications
- Increasing accountability for schools to ensure college and career readiness
- Improving data on student outcomes post high school graduation
Where did we stand?

**TN: 33.8% 43rd**
College Going in Tennessee

NATIONAL COLLEGE GOING RATE: 66%
Success After Graduation

71,403 Students
2008 Cohort of High School Freshmen

Students who graduated from high school and entered the workforce and earn an average salary of $9,161 annually, far below the poverty line.

- Did not graduate from high school
- Graduated from high school only
- Enrolled in postsecondary

After one year
- 25% Not enrolled
- 75% Still enrolled

Only 6 percent of students who were enrolled after one year completed a degree or certificate within two years.
Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPSOs)

TN data show that students successfully completing at least 4 EPSOs in high school had at least a 50% chance of scoring a 21 on the ACT.

- Research also shows that EPSOs are positively correlated with student persistence and better college grades.
Indicator: Measure of School Quality and Student Success

- Ready Graduate indicator (for high schools):

  Graduation Rate multiplied by the % of students –
  1. scoring **21 or higher on ACT** OR
  2. completing **4 EPSOs** OR
  3. completing **2 EPSOs + earning industry certification** (on a CTE pathway leading to a credential)

This metric defines three “checks” for evidence that graduates have **demonstrated** postsecondary and workforce readiness.
On Track to Meet Our Goal

In 3 of 4 Tests, Tennessee is on Track to Rank in the Top Half of States on NAEP by 2019.

**Mathematics**

**Grade 4**
- +12 spots since 2013

**Reading**

**Grade 4**
- -5 spots since 2013

**Grade 8**
- +6 spots since 2013

**Grade 8**
- +4 spots since 2013
Tennessee is soaring in science!

Out of This World Results
Tennessee is the only state in the nation with results of this magnitude.

- Scored above the national average for the first time ever on NAEP
- Doubled the national average for student growth on NAEP science
- Narrowed the performance gap between white and Latino students in fourth grade
- Eliminated the performance gap between male and female students
- Narrowed the performance gap between white and black students in both grades
The Drive to 55 Plan

- Get Students Ready
  - SAILS
  - College Success Course
  - TN Promise Summer Bridge

- Get Students In
  - Degree Compass
  - MOOCs

- Get Students Out

- Reconnect Adults
  - Reconnect Complete
  - Community College Reconnect Pilot
  - Veteran Reconnect

Align with Workforce Needs
RETHERINKING REMEDIATION

- Developed by **K-12 and higher education** faculty
- SAILS embeds remedial math **competencies** into the high school senior year in **blended learning** environment,

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**11th Grade**
Student scores 19 or below on ACT math or English.

**12th Grade**
Student takes SAILS to complete all remediation requirements.

**Freshman Year of College**
Student enters postsecondary in credit bearing courses.
INCREASING OPPORTUNITY

Combined Enrollment: 26,000+

Tennessee now #1 FAFSA state in nation

40% of all new financial aid submissions nationwide

5.3% increase in College Going
CHANGING OUR NARRATIVE

Report: Tennessee tops nation in FAFSA completion

“First class of TN Promise will start college this fall...the nation is already watching.”

Tennessee Picking Up Tab For Community College Students

The Free Community College Experiment Everyone is Watching

CNN
Highlights from the past year

- Improved graduation rate for third year in a row to almost 88%
- 7th among 18 states that require ACT for all students — up from 8th among 13 states last year
- Nearly 1,300 more students earned 21+
Highlights from the past year

- Increased # of college credits attained among high school students – almost 7,500 more AP credits earned

- Leader in FAFSA completion

- Improved in college-going by 5% — this represents more than combined % increase from past 6 years