

Tennessee Succeeds

Focus on Early Literacy



Over Two Years Ago We Articulated Our Vision

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.



Early Foundations & Literacy



High School & Bridge to Postsecondary



All Means All



Educator Support



District Empowerment

We've Made Progress Toward Our Four Goals



Goal 1

Tennessee will rank in the top half of states on NAEP by 2019



Goal 2

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



Goal 3

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



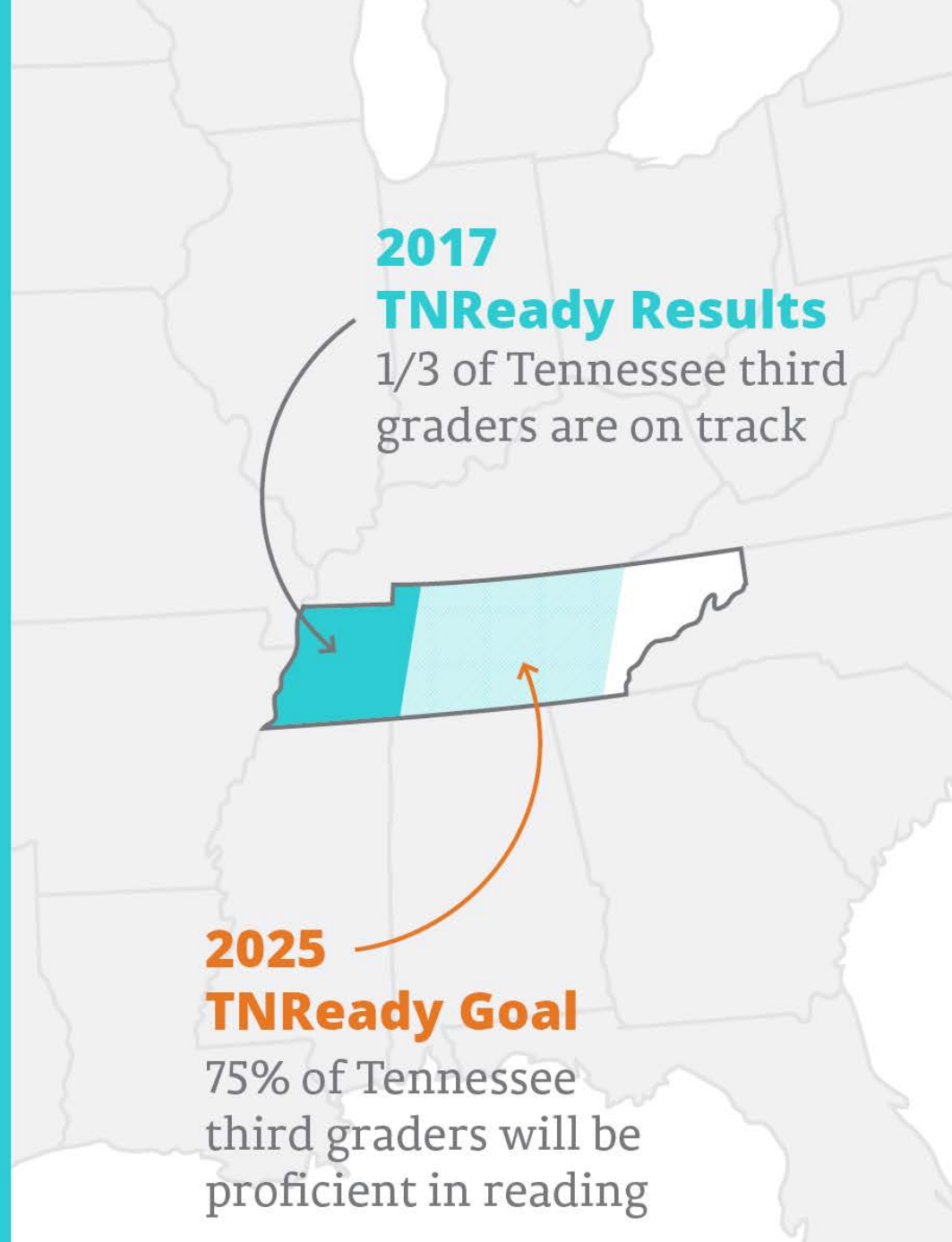
Goal 4

The majority of high school graduates from the **class of 2020** will earn a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree



Goal 2

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Read to be Ready



Chapter 1: Early literacy matters

Early language and literacy development must begin at birth because of its direct impact on later success in reading and in life.

Chapter 2: But it's never too late

With quality resources and support, even those who are not reading on grade level by third grade can catch up.

Chapter 3: Reading is more than just "sounding out" words

Reading is thinking deeply about a text's meaning and how it builds knowledge of the world around us.

Chapter 4: Teacher knowledge and practice are critical

Educators must have a deep understanding of the art and science of literacy instruction in order to develop lifelong readers.

Chapter 5: It takes a community

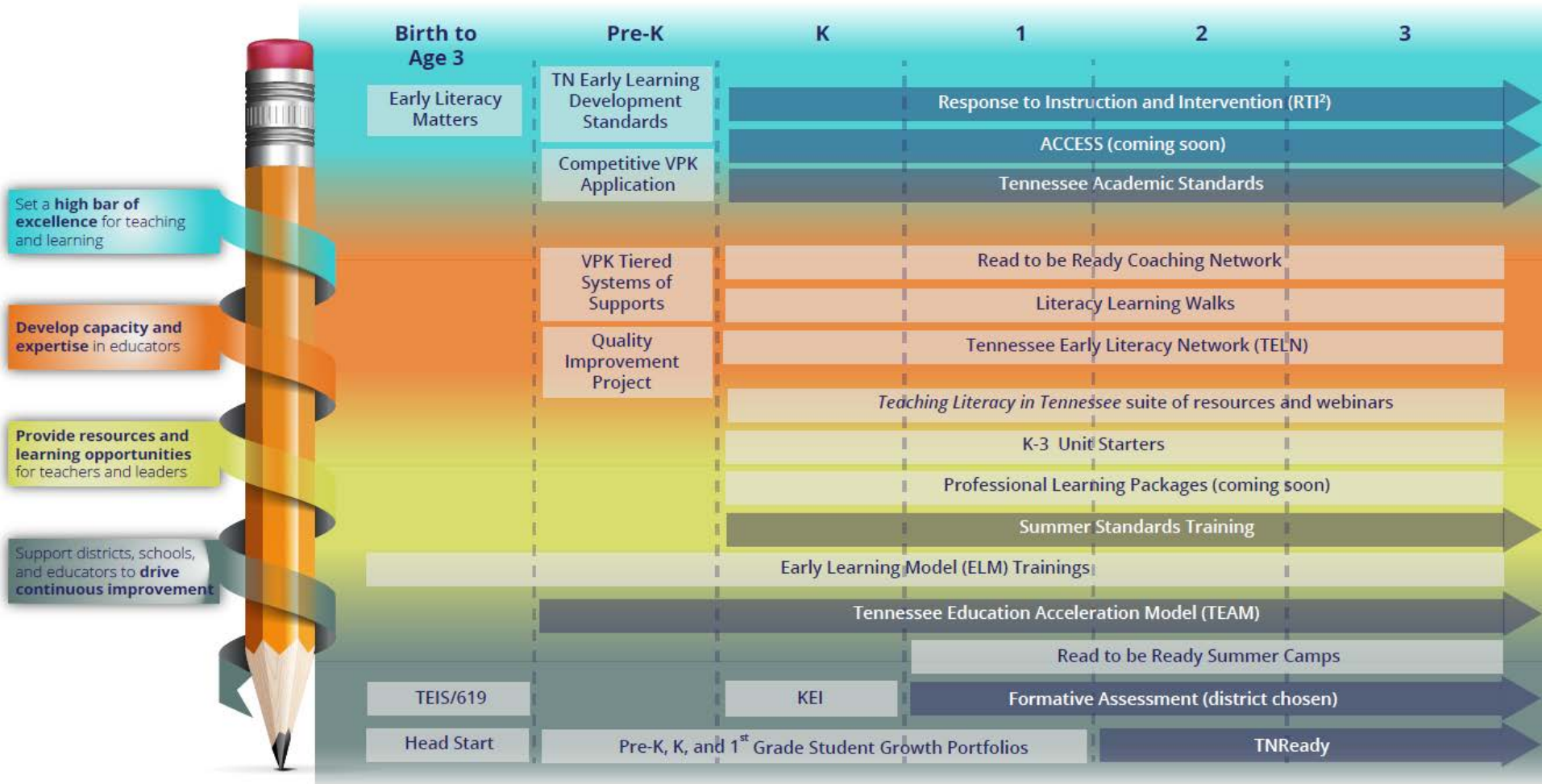
We each hold a piece of the puzzle and we must do our part to improve literacy in Tennessee.

Read to be Ready Summer Grants



- **What?** Literacy camps lasting a minimum of four weeks
- **Who?** Rising grade 1-3 students
- **When?** Summers of 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019
- **Where?** 200+ sites across Tennessee
- **Why?** To help struggling students grow their reading and writing skills and to prevent summer slide

Connecting the Dots



This is How Tennessee Succeeds

