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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2017 TNReady Results
1/3 of Tennessee third graders are on track

2025 TNReady Goal
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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

Birth to Age 3
- Early Literacy Matters
- TN Early Learning Development Standards
- Competitive VPK Application
- VPK Tiered Systems of Supports
- Quality Improvement Project

Pre-K
- Teaching Literacy in Tennessee suite of resources and webinars
  - K-3 Unit Starters
  - Professional Learning Packages (coming soon)
  - Summer Standards Training
  - Early Learning Model (ELM) Trainings

K
- Response to Instruction and Intervention (RIT)
  - ACCESS (coming soon)
  - Tennessee Academic Standards

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- Read to be Ready Coaching Network
- Literacy Learning Walks
- Tennessee Early Literacy Network (TELN)

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Support districts, schools, and educators to drive continuous improvement

Set a high bar of excellence for teaching and learning

Develop capacity and expertise in educators

Provide resources and learning opportunities for teachers and leaders
This is How 
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