



Sumner County Board of Education

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Sumner County Schools scores straight A's in achievement

Sumner County Schools scored straight As in the achievement category of the Tennessee Department of Education's 2013 Report Card. Sumner County Schools improved one letter grade (in math) over 2012's results and improved three letter grades over 2011's results.

Subject	2011	2012	2013
Math	B	B	A
Rdg/LA	B	A	A
SS	A	A	A
Science	B	A	A

Regarding achievement, the district has seen some tremendous growth in the percentage of students scoring proficient and advanced. In the last two years, the district has increased the number of students scoring proficient and advanced in math (grades 3-8) by 12.5%; 16.4% in algebra I, and 12.2% in biology.

“Our district has a strong history of performing well in achievement, and this is a testament to the value our parents and community place on education. It is also the fruit of many years of work and dedication by past and present educators,” said Dr. Jennifer Brown, Assistant Director of Schools for Instruction.

Dr. Del Phillips, Director of Schools, added, “This type of progress does not happen overnight; it certainly is rewarding to be a part of such a strong tradition.”

According to the 2013 Report Card, Sumner County continues to demonstrate a steady incline in Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) scores. TVAAS is used to measure the impact of districts, schools, and teachers on the academic progress of students from one year to the next. Sumner County improved four letter grades over 2012's results and eight letter grades over 2011's results.

Subject	2011	2012	2013
Math	D	B	A
Rdg/LA	D	D	B
SS	C	B	B
Science	F	D	C

In relation to TVAAS, scores are ranked one through five, with five being the highest score possible. For the second year in a row, the district scored a five in all four categories: Composite (all four subjects – math, reading/language arts, social studies, and science), Literacy, Numeracy, and

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Literacy/Numeracy Combined. In addition, eight additional schools (over last year's ten schools) scored a five in all four categories.

Dr. Brown was quick to praise teachers. "We have had an intense focus on growing each and every one of our students, and results like these are evidence of the hard work, dedication, and passion our teachers have when it comes to making sure their students are learning."

Other reporting categories presented in the 2013 Report Card are ACT performance, graduation rates, attendance rates, and promotion rates. In all these areas, the district continues to outpace the state.

"The fact that our system's attendance rate is 95.3% for grades K-8 and 94.3% for grades 9-12 tells us that not only are our teachers and principals preparing our students to meet rigorous expectations, but they are doing so in healthy, vibrant environments where students enjoy attending each day," said Dr. Phillips.

The Tennessee Department of Education 2013 Report Card may be found <http://www.tn.gov/education/reportcard/2013.shtml>.