

EDUCATION

OUR GOAL: Help children and adults achieve their potential.

TARGET ISSUE 1: Readiness to succeed in school

INTENDED RESULT: Knox County children enter school developmentally on track in the area of literacy skills.

INDICATOR: Evaluate the percentage of five year-olds with literacy skills needed for school readiness. A Literacy Assessment will be done four times during each child's Kindergarten year. Based on a preliminary entry assessment of over 1,000 children in the 2007-2008 school year, Knox County Kindergarteners are currently 74% proficient.¹ The goal is 85% proficiency.

TARGET ISSUE 2: Academic Achievement

INTENDED RESULT A: Elementary students are prepared to succeed in later grades.

INDICATOR: Evaluate the percentage of third through fifth graders who are proficient in TCAP assessment area. Studies have shown that the TCAP scores from students in these grades are early predictors of future ACT scores. Currently, 43.9% of students are estimated to score a 21 on his or her ACT.² The goal is 73%.

INTENDED RESULT B: Young people graduate from high school.

INDICATOR: Evaluate the percentage of high school students who graduate on time from Knox County Schools. In 2006, 79.2% of students graduated on time.³ The goal is 90%.

TARGET ISSUE 3: Produce productive and engaged young adults.

INTENDED RESULT: Ensure that young adults make a successful transition from high school to work like and/or continued educational opportunities.

INDICATOR: Evaluate the percentage of 16-19 year olds who are working or enrolled in school (full or part time). In 2007, 91% of teens in these ages were attending school and/or working.⁴ The goal is 96%.

¹Knox County Schools Administrative Offices 2007-08 school year.

²Knox County Schools Administrative Offices 2007-08 school year. Goal established by school system.

³High school graduation: Tennessee Department of Education Report Card. <http://edu.reportcard.state.tn.us/pls/apex/?p=222:50:1556370370773598::NO.11/4/08>

⁴Productive and Engaged Young Adults. Annie E. Casey Foundation's Annual Kids Count. http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/profile_results.jsp?r=44&d=1