

TEN YEAR GOALS — 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 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: Elementary students are prepared to succeed in middle school and middle school students are prepared to succeed in high school.

INDICATOR A: In 2008, 48% of third grade students were proficient in reading as measured by TCAP assessment areas. The goal for 2020 is 90%.

INDICATOR B: In 2008, 61% of fifth grade students were proficient in math assessment as measured by TCAP scores. The goal for 2020 is 85%. In 2008, 58% of fifth grade students were proficient in reading/language arts. The goal for 2020 is 85%.

INDICATOR C: In 2008, 49% of eighth grade students were proficient in math as measured by TCAPs. The goal for 2020 is 90%. In 2008, the percentage of eighth grade students who were proficient in reading/language arts was 63%. The goal for 2020 is 90%.

INDICATOR D: In 2008, 79% of students successfully completed ninth grade. The goal for 2020 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 and/or continued educational opportunities.

INDICATOR A: In 2008, 84% of entering freshmen completed high school within four years. The goal for 2020 is 100%.

INDICATOR B: In 2008, 79% graduated with a regular diploma. The goal for 2020 is 90%.

INDICATOR C: In 2008, 71% of high school students had taken the ACT exam. The goal for 2020 is 95%.

INDICATOR D: In 2008, 62% of those taking the ACT exam scored a composite 21 or higher. The goal for 2020 is 90%.²

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

²All four of these indicators are from the Performance Targets, Five-Year Strategic Plan for Knox County Schools; Fall, 2009.