

Hawkins County Schools

Family Resources

State Report Card

Just like students, school districts receive a report card each year. Tennessee recently released the 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress and State Report Card for PreK-12 Education. The report card gives us information on how well school districts met academic benchmarks under the federal No Child Left Behind law as well as state, district, and school-level information on achievement, demographics, and discipline.

Academic Achievement tells us the average scores of students in each grade level and how we compare to the state average as well as to other district averages. Achievement grades are based on how well the students performed on assessments against the curriculum standards. (In other words, how well students know the Tennessee curriculum.) Students in grades 3-8 take the TCAP assessment each spring. High school students take exams in English 1, Algebra 1 and Biology 1. Additionally, students take a writing assessment in grades 5, 8, and 11. Achievement scores are available for reading/language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Tennessee currently measures whether schools and districts are making “adequate yearly progress” (AYP) toward the goal of 100 percent of students being proficient in reading and math with a 90 percent high school graduation rate by 2014. AYP status has different levels. Schools and districts must meet performance standards in 37 categories at each grade span to be deemed in “good standing” under federally mandated No Child Left Behind. A school missing one of the 37 performance indicators for the first year will be considered “targeted”. Individual schools not meeting benchmarks for a particular subgroup in the same subject area for two years are considered “high priority” and receive additional support and interventions from the state.

Currently, Hawkins County has twelve schools in good standing: Carter’s Valley Elementary, Church Hill Elementary, Clinch Elementary School, Hawkins Elementary, Joseph Rogers, Keplar, McPheeter’s Bend, Mooresburg, Mt. Carmel, St. Clair, Surgoinville Elementary, and Surgoinville Middle. Four schools did not meet AYP status for the areas of reading/language arts or math with the subgroup Students with Disabilities. These schools are Bulls Gap, Church Hill Middle, Rogersville Middle, and Cherokee. Clinch High School is listed as targeted for graduation rate. Volunteer High School status is currently under review.

This has been a critical year for Tennessee in the area of education. Due to changes in standards and assessments, communities were warned to expect a decline in student and system scores. Report card data is used as a tool to drive change for those schools in need of improvement. Hawkins County has in place strategies to make improvements in student achievement and progress at all schools.

During this transition to higher expectations and more rigorous standards, we are implementing plans to ensure our students are academically successful. We know our students will be better off in the long run; better prepared to enter the workforce or postsecondary education. We continue to monitor our progress and work toward our mission to educate and graduate each student.

The complete report card and more information can be found at Tennessee Department of Education website, <http://tn.gov/education/reportcard/index.shtml>.

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It’s a FACT!

Learning math facts is more fun when your youngster makes a game out of it. Here are two activities he’ll want to do again and again:

- Using an old jigsaw puzzle, ask your child to fit three pieces together, turn them over, and write an addition problem on the back (example: “9 +” on one piece, “9” on the next, and “= 18” on the third). Have him continue fitting together pieces and writing more problems. Then, he can mix all the pieces up and put the problems back together.
- Together, draw tic-tac-toe grids and write a multiplication problem (8 x 7, 3 x 9) in each square. To play, choose a box, solve the problem correctly, and write an X or O on top. The first player to get three Xs or Os in a row wins.♥

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Part 3 of 3: Three A's For Student Success

Attendance Every Day, Achievement Every Year, Attainment Over Time

Parents and caregivers are arguably the most influential people in a child's educational success. With nearly 1.3 million students dropping out of high school each year, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and America's Promise Alliance has identified three priorities that are critical to student success throughout a child's academic career. Known as the Three A's, parents should focus on these areas of their child's education:

Attendance Every Day : Ensure children go to school regularly

Achievement Every Year : Monitor and help children make satisfactory progress each year

Attainment Over Time : Set high expectations for children and plan for attaining their long-term goals

These three priorities were identified because each one is critical to student success throughout a child's academic career. Each one is heavily influenced by the actions and thinking of parents as well as educators, community-based providers and students themselves.

WHY SHOULD WE FOCUS ON ATTAINMENT?




- Students and their parents need to have shared beliefs and understanding about long-term success and what it takes.
- Most children depend upon their parents for guidance and encouragement.

HOW IS ATTAINMENT LINKED TO SCHOOL SUCCESS?

- Chances for success are improved when adults offer children, starting at a young age, positive expectations and aspirations about what they can do and achieve.
- In many middle schools, students already face the challenge of tracking to vocational or college bound courses.
- High school students and their parents especially need a strong understanding of career options and what's required to pursue them.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO PUT A FOCUS ON ATTAINMENT.

- Talk regularly to your child about the value of education and its importance to their future.
- Set and maintain high expectations for your children's achievement while keeping abreast of what is involved in reaching those aspirations.
- Reach out for help and advice from parents, schools and community agencies about how to apply for college or ensure your child enrolls in an appropriate vocational education program.
- Seek out and take advantage of programs that expose your child to educational and career opportunities in the community.

Old 5 th Grade TCAP question	NEW 3 rd Grade TCAP Question
 <p>_____ 1. This play starts at 7:00 pm and ends at 8:50. There is 1 thirty-minute intermission. How many minutes long is the play?</p> <p>a. 70 min b. 80 min c. 100 min d. 60 min</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Answer: B</p>	<p>2 A circus started and ended at the times shown on these clocks.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Start Time</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>End Time</p> </div> </div> <p>How many minutes did the circus last?</p> <p>F 150 minutes G 130 minutes H 90 minutes J 30 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Answer: H</p>
<p>Elapsed Time use to be a 5th grade skill. It has now been moved to the 3rd grade TCAP. See a sample 3rd grade TCAP question above.</p>	

I hope this gives you some idea of how math is changing in the state of Tennessee. Check out the newsletter each month for more curriculum updates. Also, visit the TN DOE website for more sample questions (http://www.tennessee.gov/education/assessment/sec_samplers.shtml). For any questions, please contact the Hawkins County Schools Math Specialists, Tara Harrell (tara.harrell@hck12.net); Amy Glass (amy.glass@hck12.net).

Steps to project success

When our daughter Lucy had a school assignment to design a poster about a character trait, she wasn't sure where to begin. My husband explained to her that he starts his work projects by listing the steps involved. Lucy thought that was a good plan, so she wrote: 1. Pick a trait. 2. Do research. 3. Get supplies. 4. Make a poster. I suggested that she add a due date for each part to keep herself on track. Focusing on one step at a time helped Lucy relax and come up with ideas. First, she browsed library books and chose friendship as her topic. For research, she interviewed friends about what friendship meant to them and took their pictures. Then, she gathered materials, including poster board, glue, and markers. Finally, she put each photo on her poster and wrote what the person said underneath. Lucy actually finished her poster early, and she was happy with her grade. Best of all, the project went smoothly, and she learned a new way to handle assignments.♥



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423-272-7629



**Educate and Graduate
Each Student**

CHILD FIND

Local school systems provide services for special needs children and young adults, ages 3 years to 21 years, who reside within the system's district. If you have or know children who are currently not being served, please contact the Hawkins County Special Education Department at 272-2168.

Parenting Classes

Hawkins County Schools Family Resource Center provides free services to families. Services include:

- ♦ Parenting Classes
 - ♦ Lending Library of parenting resources, videos, books, children's material
 - ♦ Food Pantry
 - ♦ Referrals to Community Agencies
- For more information, call 921-9621.

Early Childhood

Learning Program - PreK

Hawkins County Schools currently has four PreK classes. These programs are offered at Mooresburg Elementary, Mt. Carmel Elementary, Joseph Rogers Primary and at the Colonial Road location in Rogersville.

The mission of the Early Childhood Learning Center is to provide four-year-old children of Hawkins County with essential skills for success in kindergarten and beyond.

For more information, please call Kim Cassidy at (423) 272-3628.

Adult Education

The Adult Education Department of Hawkins County Schools offers free services to adults including GED classes and test preparation. Day and evening classes are available. The Adult Ed Office is located behind Rogersville Middle school. For more information, please call 423-272-8345.

GED Classes:

Volunteer High

Monday & Tuesday 5:30—8pm
Rogersville Middle

Monday & Tuesday 3:30—7pm

Bulls Gap Baptist Church

Thursday 5:30pm—8pm

Adult Education, & GED Classes

Adult Ed. Office

Monday—Friday 1pm—3pm

English as a Second Language

Adult Ed. Office

Monday-Friday 12:30—2:30pm

Hawkins County Health Department

201 Park Blvd., Rogersville 272-7641
247 Silver Lake Rd., Church Hill 357-5341

Hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TCAP Writing Assessment for Grades 5, 8, & 11.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day Regular School Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	February 21st was originally a scheduled holiday, but will now be a regular school day in order to makeup for days missed due to snow.				