

# Innovating in Education

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE LIGHTHOUSES IN THE COMMUNITY, IN FMAILIES, AND IN THE LIVES OF THE STUDENTS FOR WHOME THEY POINT THE WAY TO SUCCESS

## Overview

Every student, no matter their zip code, deserves to learn in a top-notch Tennessee public school that meets their individual needs and prepares them for their future. Across Tennessee, students have access to innovative school models, including public charter schools in the four largest counties serving 44,000 students.

## Pillars of Innovation

Tennesseans for Student Success champions innovative approaches to improve student achievement and support student growth by expanding access to high-quality public-school options, bolstering teacher licensure pathways, and working to ensure each classroom is taught by an impactful educator with high-quality curricular materials and access to courses that prepare students for their future.

## Takeaways

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Tennessee is a leader in innovation, but must continue investing in approaches that build upon past wins

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Every Tennessee student deserves to attend an innovative, high-quality public school

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Innovation can and must go beyond school type to include educator pathways, curriculum, and courses

<i>District</i>	<b># of Public Charters</b>	<b>Public Charter Enrollment</b>	<b>% Public Charter Enrollment of LEA</b>
<i>Hamilton Co.</i>	8	2,507	5.6%
<i>Knox Co.</i>	1	458	.78%
<i>Memphis-Shelby Co.</i>	54	19,253	18%
<i>Metro Nashville</i>	27	13,303	4.6%
<b>Full State</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>44,475</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

## RECENT WINS IN INNOVATION:

- Passed Public Charter School Direct Authorization legislation, ensuring local politics will no longer take precedence over student opportunity
- Supported Tennessee's transition from a resource-based funding formula to a student-based funding formula that centers student needs in determining education funding allotments
- Supported legislation to expand the Future Teacher Scholarship eligibility to strengthen educator pathway programs
- Supported public charter school operators in gaining authorization of over 11,000 new charter seats since 2021

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