

# Whole Child

Tennessee public schools will be equipped to serve the academic and non-academic needs of all kids.

## WHOLE CHILD SUPPORTS

**Whole Child Supports** promote access to the foundational resources necessary to ensure students are able to academically prosper. Building upon the incredible work of Coordinated School Health, we will improve each child's cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development to ensure that students across the state have the support they need to succeed.

Supporting the whole child begins with **eliminating barriers to critical health and well-being resources**. New resource mapping tools, community partnerships, and in-school resources will provide insight to the resources and services available locally throughout the state to help ensure children in need receive immediate support.

## CITIZENSHIP & CIVICS EDUCATION

For students to be life- and workforce-ready, **additional development beyond academic content** is necessary. Tennessee-specific programs that focus on helping students develop strong personal characteristics, financial literacy, and a solid understanding of citizenship and civics help to prepare students to make lifelong contributions to our society.

An aligned, PK-12 **Tennessee-specific citizenship and civics education curricula** will equip districts and schools with high-quality instructional materials while ensuring teachers are equipped to share with their classrooms.

## EXCEPTIONALITIES

Students with exceptionalities have **learning needs beyond the supports provided in the general core curriculum**.

Students with disabilities, English learners, gifted students, highly mobile youth, and students who need additional interventions due to academic or behavioral challenges, as well as educators of these students, need additional supports for academic achievement.

The Department will create an infrastructure that effectively supports children with exceptionalities, providing **tools for families and educators** to help navigate the system, and creating **regional hubs** to spur deeper collaboration and sharing of expertise most needed by districts.

We will set all students on a path to success.

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