

TN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NET



Striving for Thriving
Schools, Families & Communities

TENNESSEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS STATE NETWORK SNAPSHOT

127 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
64,086 Students
Served in Tennessee

54
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS

35
MIDDLE
SCHOOLS

40
HIGH
SCHOOLS

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

By utilizing the school as the neighborhood hub, Community Schools convene community resources to remove barriers to student learning by identifying needs, cultivating relationships and aligning supports to promote healthy, vibrant families, schools and neighborhoods.

Services are targeted for each specific school and neighborhood, and may include educational, mental and physical health, social emotional learning, basic needs support, mentoring and community development for positive growth.

Equity ▶ Family & Community Engagement ▶ Empowerment ▶ Accountability



WHAT DO THE EXPERTS SAY?

The Tennessee Comptrollers report on Community Schools identified six common elements that make up the Community Schools operational model:

- 1 wraparound services
- 2 a community school provider
- 3 a site coordinator
- 4 regular needs assessments
- 5 community partnerships
- 6 and integration within the school

National Coalition for Community Schools

Community Schools is both a strategy and a place.

A strategy for bringing together educators, families and community stakeholders to attain collective impact. It is a place where the community gathers to support the education of its children and youth and a place through which its young people are connected to learning experiences and supportive services across the community.

Key elements of a Community School

- ▶ Needs and Assets Assessment
- ▶ Site Coordinator
- ▶ Site Steering Committee (guiding body of school staff, parents and community members)
- ▶ 4 National Community Schools Pillars

Integrated Student Supports

Expanded & Enriched Learning
Time and Opportunities

Active Family & Community Engagement

Collaborative Leadership & Practices

WHAT IS THE TENNESSEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS STATE NETWORK?

TCSSN

TCSSN is a group of Community Schools providers, school administrators, advocates, and community partners with a focus on sharing best practices, professional development, legislative advocacy and evaluation.

TCSSN

TCSSN supports the launch of new initiatives, highlights the Community Schools work across the state and advocates for equity and opportunity for all students.



8 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROVIDERS IN TENNESSEE

With more than 50 years collective experience operating Community Schools

- 1 **Shelby County School District**
- 2 **Communities In Schools Memphis (Non-profit organization)**
- 3 **Community Achieves (Metro Nashville Public Schools District)**
- 4 **Communities In Schools TN (Nashville and Rural Counties, Non-Profit organization)**
- 5 **University of Tennessee Assisted (Knoxville)**
- 6 **Knox Education Foundation (Knoxville, Non-profit)**
- 7 **Hamilton County School District**
- 8 **Northside Neighborhood House (Chattanooga, Non-profit)**

TENNESSEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS STATE NETWORK COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL –

Includes leaders from all 8 Community Schools providers above

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Sharing best practices and professional development

POLICY & ADVOCACY

Advocating for equity for all Tennessee students

COMMUNICATIONS & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Highlighting Community Schools work across the state

DATA SHARING & PROCESSING

Identifying shared opportunities for measurement and reporting