



Knox County Schools FY14 budget proposal unanimously approved by Board

On Tuesday, April 9, Knox County Schools' Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed [budget for FY14](#) presented by Dr. Jim McIntyre, Superintendent of the Knox County Schools for a total of \$419,867,000. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett is scheduled to present his budget on May 1, 2013, while Knox County Commission is likely to vote on the county's overall budget during its June 6 meeting.

The Knox County Schools FY14 budget focuses on additional, targeted investment in four key priorities:

- Enhancing Educator Compensation ("teachers")
 - o Combined pay increase of 2.5% for teachers, increase of 1% for classified employees, \$1.27 million to support [strategic compensation](#) (APEX), middle and high school principals moved to year-round contracts, step increases for certified (licensed educators) and classified (custodians, instructional aides, secretaries, etc.) personnel
- Sustaining Instructional Improvement Initiatives ("teaching")
 - o Continuing support for critical educational initiatives: early literacy efforts, teacher supports and professional development, teacher leadership roles such as instructional coaches and lead teachers, magnet and community schools, interventions and tutorial services, and academic enrichment for students.
- Facilitating Personalized Learning Supported by Technology ("technology")
 - o Instructional technology can allow teachers to better personalize and differentiate their instruction, and enables educators to continuously and seamlessly adapt their teaching to meet the unique needs of their students. The Knox County Schools has begun a 1:1 technology effort (one technology device for each one student, and each one teacher) at [11 schools](#) across the school system through the School Technology Challenge competition.
- Bolstering Student Safety Efforts ("safety")
 - o Implementation a foundational level of school security resources at every school, including a current-generation video camera system, a school access control strategy, and an armed, uniformed School Resource Officer or School Security Officer at each school.

High School Summer School

Does your high school student need to make up a class that they received a "C" or lower in? If so, Summer School can help them make up a full-unit grade.

Students in Knox County High Schools have the opportunity to make up a full-unit grade in [summer school](#) by attending class Tuesday, May 28, 2013 through Tuesday, July 23, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for subjects that they received a “C” or lower in. The deadline for high school students to register for summer school provided at [Fulton High School](#) is Friday, May 3, 2013. Details are available by visit knoxschools.org or calling (865) 594-1800.

Middle School Summer School

Knox County Middle Schools offer summer school programs June 3 through June 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information or questions regarding enrollment, please contact the respective middle school, as programs may vary.

Summer Bridge helps freshmen master academic skills

Knox County Schools, in partnership with the [Great Schools Partnership](#), supports the



Great Schools Partnership

Summer Bridge program that helps rising ninth graders with academic skills that are essential for high school success. Last year, the program helped 91 percent of 267 students achieve mastery of essential concepts in reading/language arts and mathematics. It is an eight-week program designed for selected rising ninth grade students, who have failed reading/language arts and mathematics in eighth grade. Additionally, the program is designed to meet the needs of students who have not demonstrated proficiency on TCAP tests.

Rising freshman, who are selected to participate in the program, will be notified no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2013. This Summer Bridge program will begin on Monday, June 3, 2013 and conclude on Friday, August 2, 2013 with a one week recess. School hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Knox County Schools Secondary Education office at (865) 594-1710.

Because of its success, additional funding provided by the Great Schools Partnership will pilot a Knox County Elementary Summer Bridge Learning Academy for rising sixth grade students to have an opportunity to demonstrate growth of the essential concepts and skills which are necessary for middle school success.

The Knox County Elementary Summer Bridge will be held Monday, June 3 through Tuesday, July 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Rising sixth grade students will be selected to participate in the program based on their third and fourth grade TCAP tests. For more information on the Knox County Elementary Summer Bridge Learning Academy pilot, call Knox County Schools Elementary Office at (865) 594-1755.

Let's Move! gets kids and families active, healthy

The second annual [Let's Move! Knoxville](#) event will be held on Saturday,



May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Victor Ashe Park, located at 4901 Bradshaw Rd, and Holston Chilhowee Ball Park, located at 5900 Asheville Hwy. The event is free to the public and will feature a greenway of activities aimed at getting youth eating healthier and moving more outside.

Children and their families will use an adventure map to guide them along a trail of activities which will include: water sports, recipe demonstrations, seed planting, sports, and games. At both event sites, families will use Walk with Walgreens pedometers to measure the number of steps taken that day, and students will lead a Let's Move! Flash Mob at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Door prizes will be given throughout the day and Home Depot will hold a grand prize drawing for a new grill at each location.

“Let's Move is a unique opportunity to showcase the Knoxville/Knox County resources dedicated to helping families lead healthier lifestyles,” said Aneisa McDonald, Knox County Schools Coordinated School Health. “Throughout the school year, families have been inquiring about this year's event with great anticipation.”

The Let's Move! Knoxville event is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's national campaign to fight childhood obesity. Recently, Knoxville and Knox County received national recognition for their collaborative efforts to improve student health. The National League of Cities ranked both municipalities first in the nation for completion of key health and wellness goals for "Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties."

Additionally, Knox County Schools was recognized on the First Lady's blog for its outstanding efforts to improve student access to healthy food options, and Sarah Moore Greene Elementary School students were invited to garden with Mrs. Obama on the White House South Lawn.

Event sponsors and community organizers of Let's Move! Knoxville include: Knox County Schools Coordinated School Health, City of Knoxville Parks & Recreation, Knox County Health Department, Knox County Parks & Recreation, Knox Area Coalition on Childhood Obesity, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee Community Trust, Home Depot, Walgreens, B97.5, Ingles, Subway, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Mary Beth West Communications, Wat-Aah!, and The Zone Sports Complex.

Rusty Wallace Honda "Run for the Schools" raises \$18,000

Organizers of the fifth annual Rusty Wallace Honda Run for the Schools recently announced the event held in March raised \$18,000 for participating schools – this essentially doubled from last year's event that raised nearly \$9,000.

Each school received \$11.50 from each registration the school generated. With 92 participating schools, [Hardin Valley Elementary School](#) had the most participants (247), which earned the school \$2,840.50.

Sponsors of the Rusty Wallace Honda Run for the Schools included presenting sponsor Rusty Wallace Honda, the Knoxville Zoo, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, Panera Bread, Costco, Pilot, B97.5 and WBIR.



Snapshots of progress: Carter Elementary, Northshore Elementary construction

Two new schools are taking shape - Carter Elementary and Northshore Elementary. Here's a brief snapshot of the two schools that open this Fall.

Carter Elementary School



Northshore Elementary School



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Knox County Council PTA, community partners

The Synthetics Scare

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Hardin Valley Academy Auditorium (11345 Hardin Valley Road)

What: Program is presented by KCC PTA, Hardin Valley Academy PTSA, Metropolitan Drug Commission and District Attorney Randy Nichols. *This program is mainly intended for adults; however, children and youth are invited at parental discretion.* For more information, please visit knoxcountyppta.org.

Family and Community Engagement

Common Core - Making "Common" Sense Out of the New Common Core Academic Standards

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Where: West Hills Elementary School at 409 Vanosdale Road

Session: Tennessee recently implemented Common Core Standards, a set of standards for math and English/Languages Arts adopted by 45 states that helps ensure every student graduates high school prepared for college or the workforce. This session will showcase how Common Core is building a stronger academic foundation in your child's classrooms, and key information parents should know about Common Core.

Presenter: Karen Davis, Former Tennessee PTA President

Registration: Those interested in attending must register to attend and can do so by visiting knoxschools.org or calling (865) 594-9525.

Spring Dance Showcase – Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3

Knox County Schools will host its annual Spring Dance Showcase Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Auditorium at Austin-East Magnet High School located at 2800 Martin L. King, Jr. Avenue. Students from Beaumont Elementary, Vine Middle and Austin-East High Magnet programs will perform. Various dance styles featured will include ballet, hip hop, modern, jazz as well as West African dance and drums. Admission is \$5, and they welcome the community to join them.

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Help! My Child is Going to Kindergarten...Are WE Ready?!

When: Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Where: Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Technology Academy at 3001 Brooks Road

Session: Going to school for the first time can be scary, not only for the child, but for parents as well! Learn the tools that can make the transition into kindergarten a fun and easier process for all involved. Also, learn what your child needs to know

before entering kindergarten, and receive suggestions on what you can do over the summer to better equip your child for a great start to school.

Presenter: Amy Lusby, Knox County Schools Birth to Kindergarten

Registration: Those interested in attending must register to attend and can do so by visiting knoxschools.org or calling (865) 594-9525.

2013 KCS High School Graduations Scheduled

Fourteen Knox County High Schools have graduations scheduled for the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year in May. Dr. Jim McIntyre, Superintendent of the Knox County Schools, will be in attendance at a portion of all graduation ceremonies.

To graduate, students have earned the prescribed 28 credits along with maintaining a satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.

The Knox County High School commencements are available at knoxschools.org.

Orientation Day for Knox County Middle and High School Students – Friday, August 9

Students who will enter grades 6 and 9 in the fall are invited to participate in an orientation day on Friday, August 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at their zoned middle or high school. Details for orientation will be sent out later this summer.

2013 Parent Conference - Saturday, October 12

The Knox County Schools, Knox County Council PTA, Knoxville Parent, and Project GRAD Knoxville are partnering to present “Discovering Treasures of Success” at the 9th Annual Parent Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at Central High School. The conference will be free of charge; however space is limited, so registration is required. Visit knoxschools.org or call [\(865\) 594-1192](tel:8655941192) for more information.