



MEDIA RELEASE

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 2, 2011

Contact: Kelli Gauthier
Phone: (615) 532-7817

Tennessee Releases 2011 Report Card

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Education today released complete results from the 2011 state Report Card. Today's release includes district- and school-level data on a variety of indicators, from student achievement and growth on standardized tests, to attendance and behavior.

This is the department's fourth major data release this year, following the summer release of statewide Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program and Adequate Yearly Progress results, as well as the recent list of Reward, Priority and Focus schools slated for state support under the state's Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility request.

This year's data release timeline aligns with the department's strategic plan to get as much information as possible to parents and families, to help them be active participants in their children's education, Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman said.

"Data-driven education reform only works when numbers and information can be used to make informed, timely decisions," Huffman said. "We look forward to continuing to get data and information to the public in the most useful format possible."

Tennessee submitted its flexibility request — a waiver from certain portions of the No Child Left Behind Act — on Nov. 14. Part of the state's application included a proposed new accountability model and governance structure for the state's schools and districts. If the U.S. Department of Education approves the waiver, the current accountability would be replaced with the department's proposal, which can be found at: http://tn.gov/education/doc/ESEA_Flexibility_Request.pdf.

To see results from the 2011 Tennessee Report Card, visit: <http://edu.reportcard.state.tn.us/pls/apex/f?p=200:1:7867592151504984>.

For more information, contact Kelli Gauthier at (615) 532-7817 or Kelli.Gauthier@tn.gov.

###

ANDREW JOHNSON TOWER, 6TH FLOOR
710 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37243
615.741.2731