

JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS

A Summary of the 2008 System Report Card

We have received the 2008 State Report Card for our school system and would like to share some of our achievement with you. This report is issued by the Tennessee State Department of Education; highlights of the report follow. A complete copy of the state report card is available at the state department's website: www.state.tn.us/education/.

- ❖ Our academic progress (NCE scores) on the TCAP achievement test for grades 3-8 exceeded the state performance in every area. All four subject areas showed improvement over last year's test scores. Math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies scores received "A's" for exemplary performance.
- ❖ Student growth (value added scores) for grades 4-8 remained strong in all subjects. Moreover, the gain in all areas – reading/language arts, math, science, and social studies – earned a status of "A" or exceptional.
- ❖ 100% of Johnson City Schools' teachers are highly qualified with 100% of core courses taught by highly qualified instructors.
- ❖ Johnson City Schools continued to narrow the achievement gap among several different student populations.
- ❖ TCAP writing scores were higher than the state scores in grades five, eight, and eleven. All three grade levels were awarded a status of "A" or exceptional.
- ❖ All Johnson City Schools are SACS accredited based on rigorous standards for school improvement focused on student performance.
- ❖ All Johnson City Schools met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as required by the No Child Left Behind Act and are in "good standing."
- ❖ Science Hill's ACT composite score of 22.6 for college bound students was higher than last year's score of 22.4 and remains higher than the state average of 20.7.
- ❖ Johnson City Schools surpassed state goals at all grade levels on all non-academic indicators of success including attendance, promotion and graduation rate.
- ❖ Our system's graduation rate was 93.3% -- above the state goal of 90%; in addition, the event dropout rate was reduced to .5%.