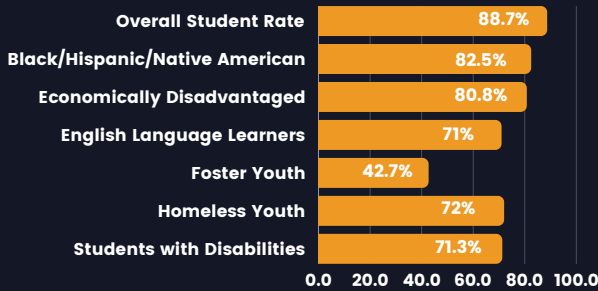


COMMUNITY SUPPORTED SCHOOLS In Tennessee

When schools become places where kids can learn, grow, and receive support, families have easier access to resources, helping communities become stronger.

Highschool Graduation Rate in TN ¹



Certain groups are more likely to face challenges that get in the way of their learning

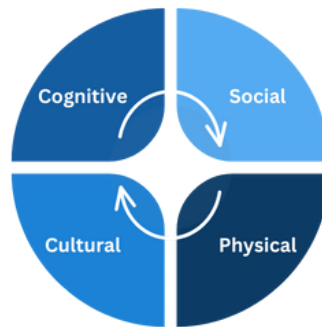
This can ultimately lead to **social isolation, lower educational performance, higher rates of emotional and behavioral challenges, and lower graduation rates** than their classmates.

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH

supports 8 essential components:

- Health Education and Health Services
- Nutrition Services
- Physical Activity
- Healthy School Environment
- Mental Health and Social Services
- Family and Community Connection
- School Staff Wellness

Skills for Healthy Child Development



SCHOOLS CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS' ABILITIES TO

- Think creatively and solve problems
- Self-regulate and learn how to get along with others
- Build healthy habits and enjoy movement
- Understand where they and others come from

POLICIES & PROGRAMS

- **Handle with Care** policies give schools opportunities to provide trauma-sensitive support to students who have been witness to or victim of a police-reported event
- **Grow Your Own** programs develop teaching talent within a community to support recruitment and retention within the education workforce

ROADMAPS TO ACTION *What Can You Do?*

- Encourage your local district to host school psychology, social work, and counselor students through **Project RAISE (Rural Access to Interventions in School Environments)**
- Work with schools to develop or create a strong, age-appropriate **social emotional curriculum**
- Volunteer as a **community mentor** in your local school

BARRIERS TO CHANGE

Siloed provision of care between schools, foster care, social services

Schools already lack resources and staff are overburdened



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