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HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS CONTINUE PROGRESS WITH 2008 AYP RESULTS

July 29, 2008 – Hamilton County Schools continued to make academic achievement gains as measured by the 2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results released by the state yesterday.

The District made AYP along with nearly 80% of all schools in Hamilton County.

“These results are a clear indication that Hamilton County Schools is moving in the right direction,” Superintendent Dr. Jim Scales said. “We are very pleased with these results, but we remain focused on what we need to do to help all students succeed. As we gear up for the new school year, we will be taking a look at what we need to do in certain schools to help them improve.”

Of the 76 schools measured, 60 (78.9%) continued to meet improvement benchmarks, which increased in both reading and math this year. Of these, 59 (78%) are in Good Standing. Another 11 schools (14.5%) are listed in Target status, indicating they did not make adequate progress in at least one testing area this year. Six other schools (7.8%) did not make adequate progress this year and so they are on the state’s High Priority List.

Of those schools on the state’s High Priority List, East Side Elementary made AYP this year (so it remains on the list until it makes another year of progress) and Chattanooga Middle Museum Magnet closed after the 2007-2008 school year. So in essence, Hamilton County only has 5 schools on the High Priority List with one poised to come off next year.

The current goals for making AYP also increased this year at both the K-8 and high school levels. To make AYP in grades K through 8, the schools must show a 95% participation rate for TCAP Achievement tests and TCAP Writing Assessment, with 86% of students scoring proficient or advanced in math, 89% scoring proficient or advanced in reading/language arts plus writing and 93% or better for attendance. In grades 9-12, the goals are 95% participation for Gateway exams and writing assessments and 90% or better for graduation rate. If a school is above 90%, it must continue to improve its graduation rate to make AYP.

Hamilton County boasts two schools on the State's Celebration List indicating they were formerly High Priority schools and are now in "Good Standing." These schools are Orchard Knob Elementary School and East Lake Elementary School.

Three schools moved from Target status to Good Standing, which is completely off the "On Notice List" including Brainerd High School, Brown Middle School and Hixson Middle School

East Side Elementary, which was in Corrective Action last year, made significant gains and improved its status for 2008. This means if the school continues to improve next year it will come completely off the "High Priority List."

"We are very proud of the hard work that our teachers and principals do every day with all students," Dr. Scales said. "We are committed to improving student achievement and these results show that our hard work is paying off."

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FACT SHEET

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HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2008 AYP FACT SHEET

The information released today is focused on the 2008 Adequate Yearly Progress status for the District and 76 schools. The latest AYP is based on results of the 2008 TCAP Achievement tests for grades 3-8, TCAP writing assessments in grades 5, 8 and 11 and Gateway exams in English and Algebra at the high school level. Schools are also measured based on how many students take the tests and graduation rates (from the 2006-2007 school year) for high schools.

Below are easy facts about the 2008 AYP results for Hamilton County Schools:

- 1) The District made AYP remaining in Good Standing.
- 2) 60 out of 76 schools (78.9%) made AYP
- 3) 59 out of 76 schools (77.6%) are in Good Standing.
- 4) The following schools moved from High Priority to Good Standing:
 - Orchard Knob Elementary
 - East Lake Elementary
- 5) The following schools moved from Target status to Good Standing:
 - Brainerd High School
 - Hixson Middle School
 - Brown Middle School
- 6) The following schools made AYP for the first time and so remain on the list in improving status (one more year of progress and they come off the High Priority List):
 - East Side Elementary School

- 7) The following schools did not make AYP in 2007:
- Calvin Donaldson (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Central High School (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Chattanooga Middle School (from School Improvement 1 to School Improvement 2 – now closed)
 - Center for Creative Arts (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Clifton Hills Elementary (from Good Standing to Target)
 - East Ridge Middle School (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Hixson High School (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Howard High School (from Restructuring I to Restructuring 2)
 - Lookout Valley Elementary (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Lookout Valley Middle/High School (from Target to School Improvement 1)
 - Ooltewah High School (from School Improvement I to School Improvement 2)
 - Orchard Knob Middle School (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Red Bank High School (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Sequoyah High School (from Good Standing to Target)
 - Soddy Daisy High School (from Target to School Improvement 2)
 - Tyner Middle Academy (from Good Standing to Target)
- 8) The overall progress of the District is promising, but certain areas continue to need improvement
- 9) Hamilton County Schools is dedicated to improving student achievement at all levels and will continue to support individual learning in the classroom and progress for each student.

Hamilton County Schools

Timeline of Accountability under No Child Left Behind

34 schools moved off High Priority List since 2003

2001

- First year of No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
- 11 schools put on “on notice” that performance is not up to standards

2002

- NCLB in beginning phases
- 11 “on notice” schools characterized as “on probation” or “on probation – improving”

2003

- First year of implementation of NCLB and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP - annual benchmark)
- AYP will have a 2-year cycle - a school must meet all standards two years in a row to officially come off the High Priority List
- School status as identified in AYP:
 - *Good Standing* – meets all requirements for achievement
 - *Target* – not on the list, but did not meet AYP standards for the first year
 - *School Improvement I* – on the High Priority List for not meeting standards 2 years
 - *School Improvement 2* – on the High Priority List for not meeting standards for 3 years
 - *Restructuring – Corrective Action* – on the High Priority List for not meeting standards for 4 years
 - *Restructuring 2* – on the High Priority List for not meeting standards for 5 years
 - *State/LEA Reconstruction Plan* – on the High Priority List for not meeting standards for 6 years
- 40 schools put “on notice” for not making AYP:
 - ✓ 29 schools newly identified in Target status
 - ✓ 5 schools remain in Probation-improving status
 - ✓ 2 schools move from Probation-improving to Target status
 - ✓ 4 schools move from Probation to Corrective Action status

2004

- Second year of implementation of NCLB and AYP
- Closed Franklin Middle School
- All schools given a status based on achievement test results
 - ✓ 53 schools listed in Good Standing
 - ✓ 2 school listed in Target status
 - ✓ 22 schools officially on the High Priority List

2005

- Orchard Knob Middle School moves from Corrective Action – improving to Good Standing
 - ✓ 50 schools in Good Standing
 - ✓ 6 schools in Target status
 - ✓ 21 schools officially on the High Priority List

2006

- 2 schools closed
 - ✓ 61 schools in Good Standing
 - ✓ 6 schools in Target status
 - ✓ 8 schools officially on the High Priority List

2007

- Red Bank HS, Clifton Hills ES, Soddy Daisy MS – all come off the High Priority List
- Orchard Knob ES, East Lake ES – move to improving status
 - ✓ 63 schools in Good Standing
 - ✓ 6 in Target Status
 - ✓ 6 schools officially on the High Priority List

2008

- Orchard Knob ES and East Lake ES move from State Reconstruction to Good Standing
- East Side ES moves into Improving status
 - ✓ 59 schools in Good Standing
 - ✓ 11 schools in Target Status
 - ✓ 6 schools officially on the High Priority List (one closed at end of 07/08 school year)

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NCLB Results 2008

2008 AYP Highlights

- East Lake Elementary & Orchard Knob Elementary move to GOOD STANDING!
- District made AYP
- 78.9% of schools made AYP

- 88.1% of K-8 Schools made AYP
- 45.5% of High Schools made AYP
- 50% of schools with K-8 and High School format made AYP

Showcase Schools

From High Priority to Good Standing

- Orchard Knob Elementary School
- East Lake Elementary School

High Priority Schools

- Chattanooga Middle Museum Magnet School (closed)
- East Side Elementary School*
- Howard School of Academics & Technology
- Ooltewah High School
- Soddy Daisy High School
- Lookout Valley Middle/High School

* = Met AYP for 2008

Schools Not Making AYP

<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Calvin Donaldson Elementary	Math (All, AA, ED), Reading (All, AA, ED)
Central High School	2007 Graduation Rate
Center for Creative Arts	2007 Graduation Rate
Chattanooga Middle Museum Magnet (Closed)	Math (All, AA, ED), Reading (AA)
Clifton Hills	Reading (All, AA, ED)
East Ridge Middle School	Math (Hisp), Reading (Hisp)
Hixson High School	2007 Graduation Rate
HSAT (High School)	2007 Graduation Rate, Math (All, AA, ED), Reading (All, AA, ED)
Lookout Valley Middle/High School	2007 Graduation Rate
Lookout Valley Elementary	Math (All, White, ED), Reading (All, White, ED)
Ooltewah High School	2007 Graduation Rate
Orchard Knob Middle	Math (All, AA, ED, SWD), Reading (All, AA, ED, SWD)
Red Bank High School	2007 Graduation Rate, Reading
Sequoyah High School	2007 Graduation Rate, Math
Soddy Daisy High School	2007 Graduation Rate
Tyner Academy	Pending Appeal
Tyner Middle Academy	Reading (SWD)

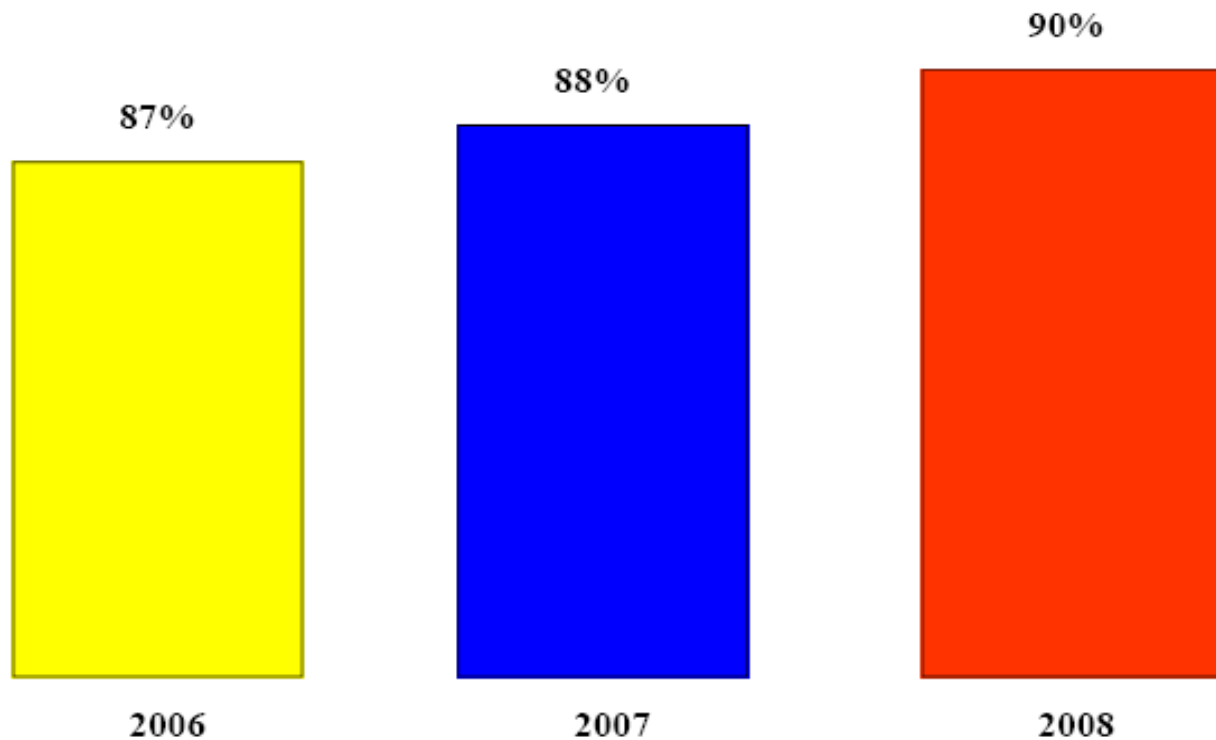
* ED = Economically Disadvantaged / low income SWD = Exceptional Education AA = African American

Elementary School Benchmarks

School Year	Reading/Language Arts Target	Math Target	Attendance Rate
2002-2003 through 2003-2004	77%	72%	93%
2004-2005 through 2006-2007	83%	79%	93%
2007-2008 through 2009-2010	89%	86%	93%
2010-2011 through 2012-2013	94%	93%	93%
2013-2014	100%	100%	93%

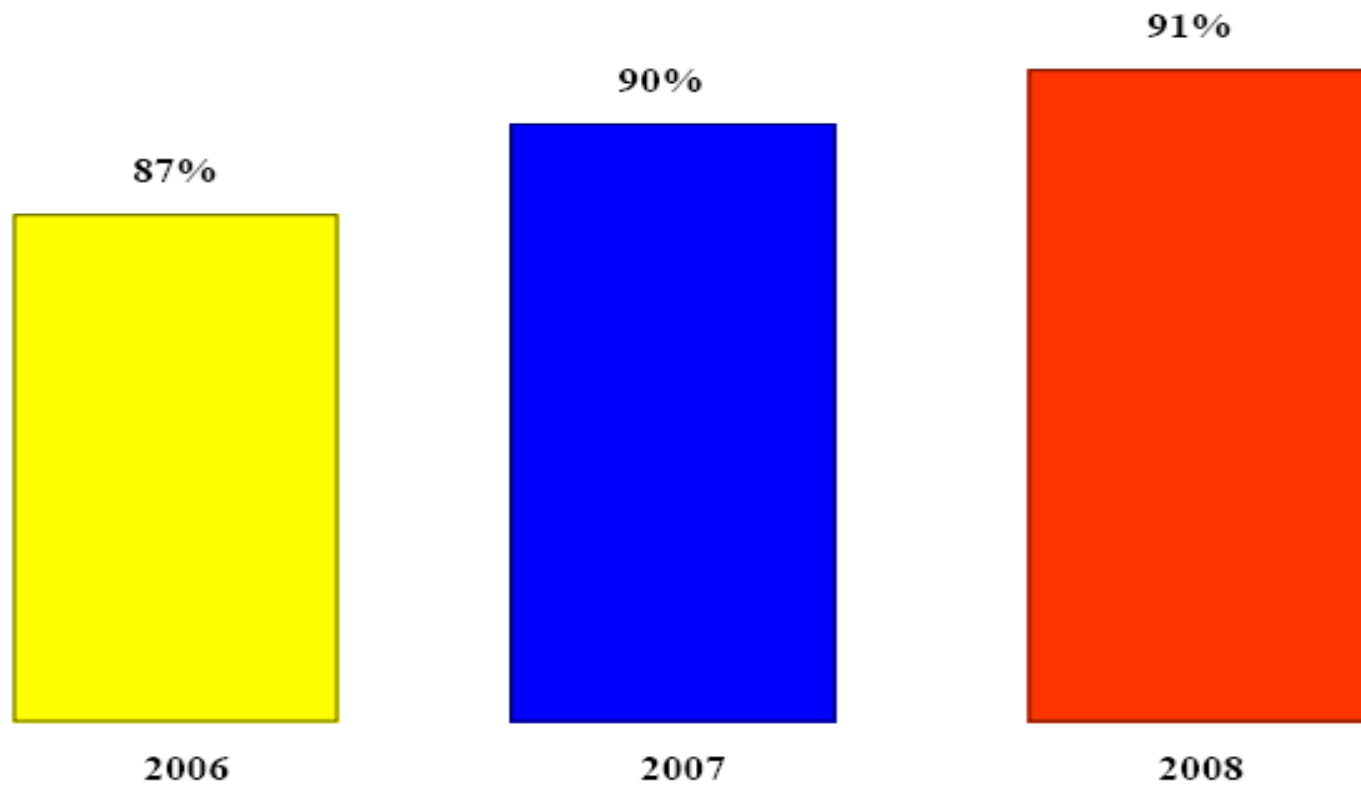
NCLB K-8 Math Scores

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NCLB K-8 Reading Scores

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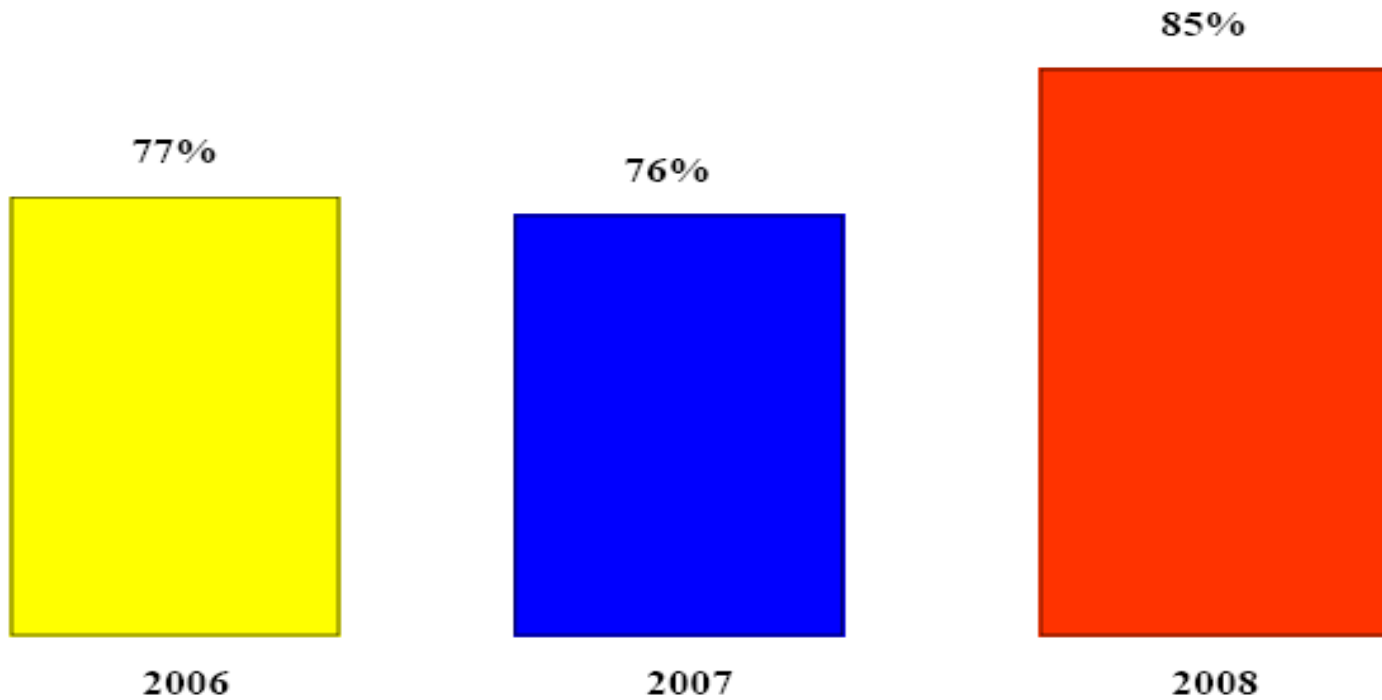


High School Benchmarks

School Year	Reading/Language Arts Target	Math Target	Graduation Rate
2002-2003 through 2003-2004	86%	65%	90%
2004-2005 through 2006-2007	90%	75%	90%
2007-2008 through 2009-2010	93%	83%	90%
2010-2011 through 2012-2013	97%	91%	90%
2013-2014	100%	100%	100%

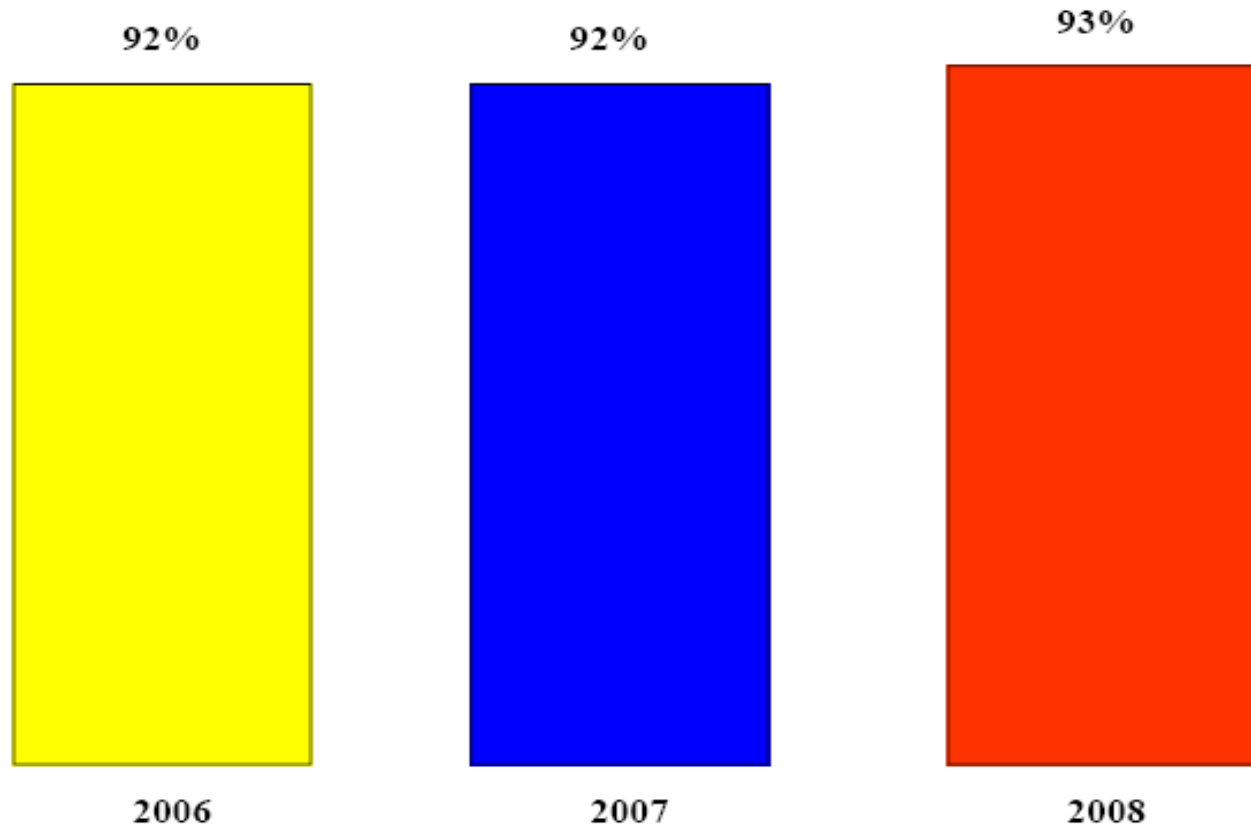
NCLB 9-12 Math Scores

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NCLB 9-12 Math
Percentage scoring Proficient or Advanced**



NCLB 9-12 Reading Scores

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NCLB 9-12 Reading
Percentage scoring Proficient or Advanced**



District Comparison

<u>District</u>	<u># of schools on High Priority List</u>
Davidson County	29
Knox County	13
Hamilton County	6 <small>(1 = Chattanooga Middle - closed at end of 07/08 year)</small>
Memphis	29