

*The Education Consumers Foundation Guide to...*

# School Performance in Sumner County, TN

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Many Sumner County elementary and middle schools are advancing students well beyond the state average. What can we do to help those that are not?

The Education Consumers Foundation believes that parents and other education stakeholders are best served by having access to clear and complete information on the performance of local schools, and that this information can be used to drive school improvement. This guide provides Sumner County residents access to school performance data published by the Tennessee Department of Education. (For more information from the state on Sumner schools, see [www.k-12.state.tn.us/rptcrd06](http://www.k-12.state.tn.us/rptcrd06).)

## **What are these charts?**

The charts found on the following pages rank Tennessee schools according to their effectiveness at creating gains in student achievement as measured by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System, or TVAAS. Schools shown in green, at the top right part of these charts, have done a superior job of helping students learn. Schools found in red, at the bottom left area of these charts, have been far less effective at helping students achieve.

## **What information is contained in the tables?**

The tables below each chart provide additional information on schools in Sumner County, including their effectiveness rankings against other schools in the county and in the state; the percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch, a standard indicator of poverty rates; and the percentage of students rated proficient in reading and math on the 2006 TCAP test.

Taken together, there is a clear correlation between the affluence of a student body and its TCAP proficiency

rates; however, there is no correlation between a school's effectiveness and the affluence of its students.

## **What other information is available?**

The information on student achievement collected by the state is also used to create Student Projection Reports, which show how a student has performed on past achievement tests and how he or she can be expected to perform in the future. They can help you determine whether your child is on a path to success, or if you need to seek additional help before it's too late.

Depending on the grade level of the child in question, available reports may include the student's projected success on the TCAP test, End of Course tests, Gateway tests, or the ACT college entrance exam. To learn more about these reports, contact your child's school or visit the Education Consumers Foundation's website (below).

## **What should I do with this information?**

We believe that every school has the potential to be a great school, helping its students be all they can be. If you want to ensure that all children in Sumner County receive an effective education, we would encourage you to learn about local school performance and contact your local representatives to let them know that this is an important issue to their constituents.

## **Why is the Education Consumers Foundation sending out this information?**

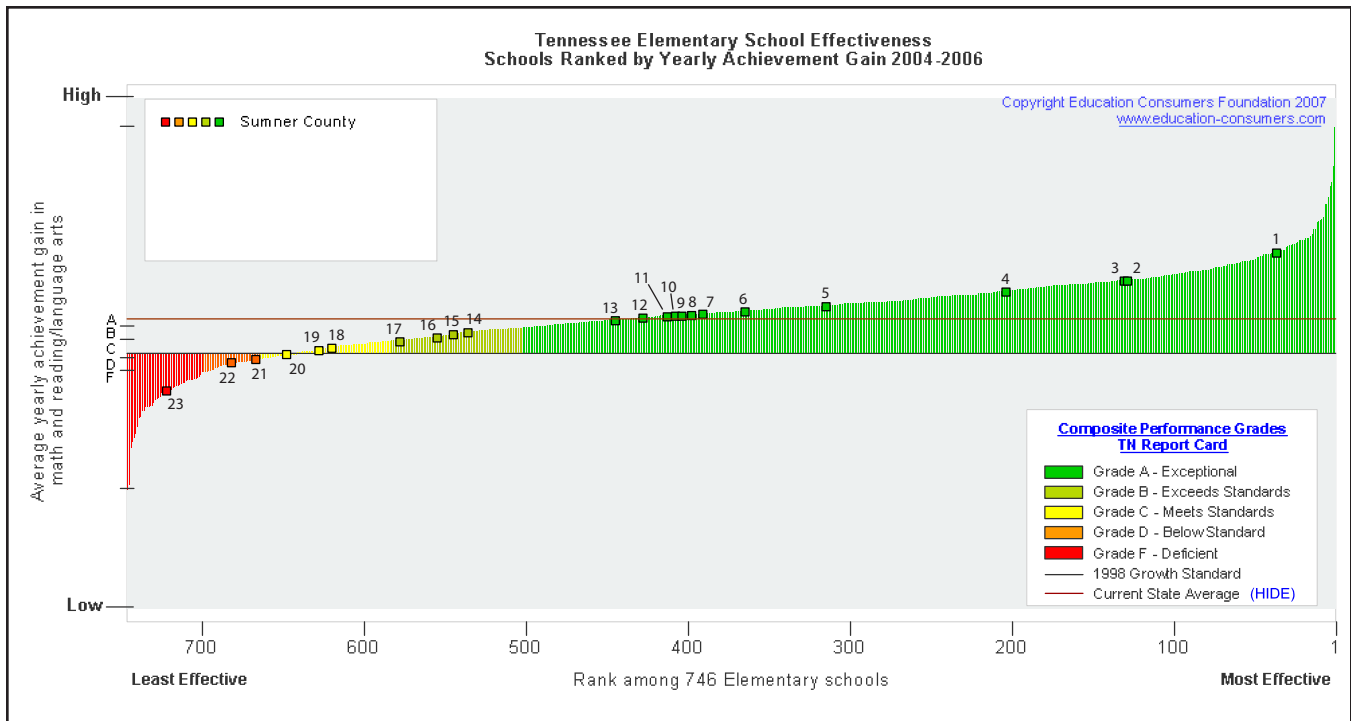
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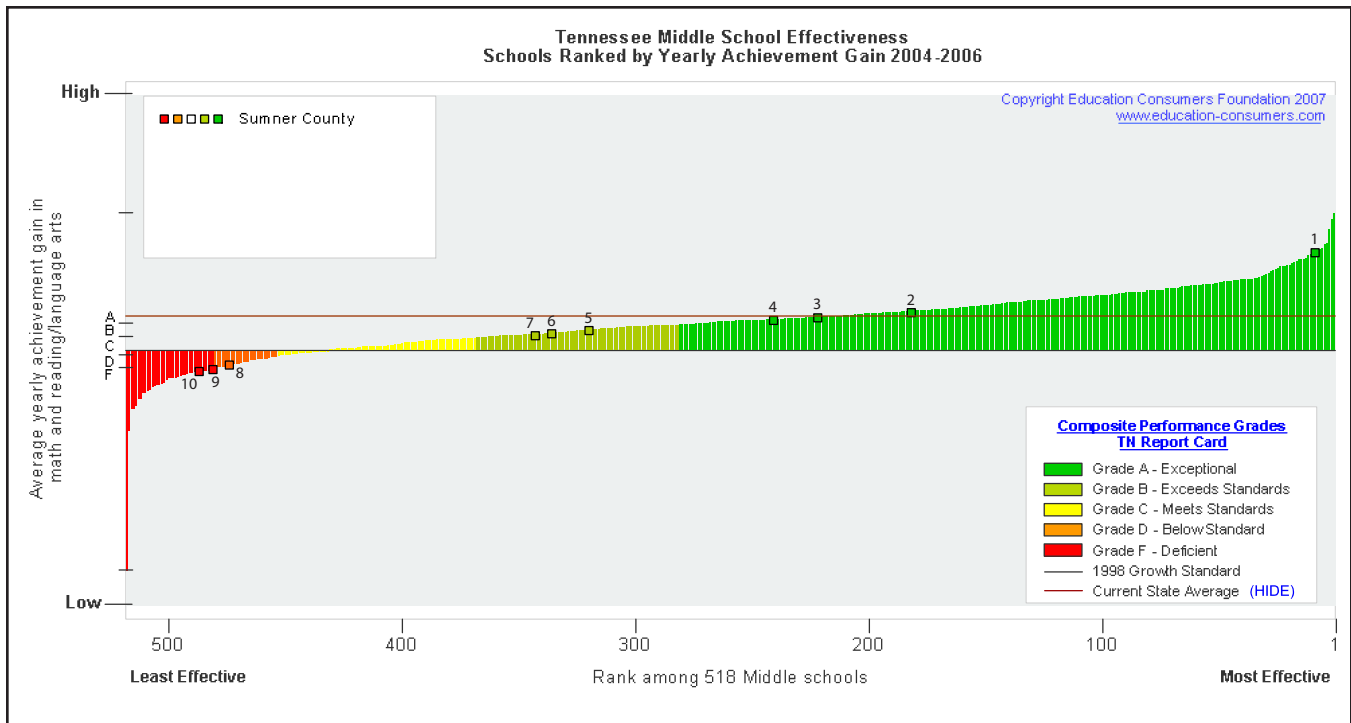
**[www.education-consumers.org/sumner.htm](http://www.education-consumers.org/sumner.htm)**

# Elementary Schools • Sumner County, TN



Rank: Sumner	Rank: Tennessee	School	Free/Reduced Lunch	TCAP/Math	TCAP/Reading
1	37	Bethpage Elementary	50.9%	97.0%	96.0%
2	129	Oakmont Elementary	34.9%	96.0%	99.0%
3	131	Westmoreland Elementary	46.4%	94.0%	94.0%
4	204	Howard Elementary	56.0%	94.0%	94.0%
5	315	George Whitten Elementary (Wessington)	33.8%	91.0%	95.0%
6	365	J.W. Wiseman Elementary	53.8%	92.0%	92.0%
7	391	Gene W. Brown Elementary	41.0%	96.0%	93.0%
8	398	Walton Ferry Elementary	27.2%	94.0%	96.0%
9	404	Union Elementary Year Round School	8.2%	98.0%	98.0%
10	408	Benny C. Bills Elementary	65.1%	92.0%	86.0%
11	413	Watt Hardison Elementary	37.3%	95.0%	93.0%
12	428	Madison Creek Elementary	17.5%	97.0%	96.0%
13	445	J.C. Anderson Elementary	8.0%	98.0%	98.0%
14	536	Harold B. Williams Elementary	23.6%	96.0%	93.0%
15	545	Beech Elementary	11.9%	97.0%	96.0%
16	555	Millersville Elementary	64.0%	85.0%	84.0%
17	578	Indian Lake Elementary	3.4%	99.0%	98.0%
18	620	Lakeside Park Elementary	22.8%	93.0%	95.0%
19	628	Guild Elementary	67.4%	88.0%	91.0%
20	648	Nannie Smith Berry Elementary	25.4%	98.0%	98.0%
21	667	Vena Stuart Elementary	70.5%	86.0%	85.0%
22	682	Clyde Riggs Elementary	52.3%	90.0%	89.0%
23	722	North Sumner Elementary	52.8%	93.0%	94.0%

# Middle Schools\* • Sumner County, TN



Rank: Sumner	Rank: Tennessee	School	Free/Reduced Lunch	TCAP/Math	TCAP/Reading
1	9	Merrol Hyde Magnet School	2.3%	98.0%	100.0%
2	182	White House Middle School	30.2%	92.0%	94.0%
3	222	Robert E. Ellis	11.4%	98.0%	98.0%
4	241	Westmoreland Middle	45.5%	89.0%	91.0%
5	320	T.W. Hunter Middle School	20.2%	92.0%	95.0%
6	336	Joe Shafer Middle	53.8%	84.0%	89.0%
7	343	Rucker Stewart Middle	55.5%	86.0%	90.0%
8	474	V.G. Hawkins Middle School	26.1%	91.0%	95.0%
9	481	Portland Middle School	47.5%	84.0%	87.0%
10	487	Knox Doss Middle School	16.7%	91.0%	93.0%

## LEGEND FOR CHARTS AND TABLES

**About the chart** - Each colored vertical line represents the average yearly achievement gain of a Tennessee elementary or middle school in reading and math. Schools are arranged from the most effective (top right part of the chart) to least effective (bottom left).

The top horizontal line represents the state average; the bottom horizontal line represents Tennessee's baseline level of achievement.

Grades are assigned by the state department of education.

**Rank: Sumner** - The effectiveness rankings of Sumner County elementary and middle schools compared with others in the district.

**Rank: Tennessee** - The effectiveness rankings of Sumner County elementary and middle schools compared with others in the state.

**Free/Reduced Lunch** - The percentage of students at each school who receive free or reduced lunch; this number is commonly used as an indicator of poverty rates in a school.

**TCAP/Math** - The percentage of students who were ranked as proficient or higher in math on the 2006 TCAP test.

**TCAP/Reading** - The percentage of students who were ranked as proficient or higher in reading on the 2006 TCAP test.

*\*Note that the Middle Schools category includes K-8 and K-12 schools*

# Directory of Contacts • Sumner County, TN

*We believe that every school can be a great school, providing substantial value to the education of every child. If you'd like to find out what Sumner County elementary and middle schools are doing to help every child be all that they can be, we encourage you to contact the people below:*

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*In addition to contacting individual schools, parents and other community members may also be interested in talking with representatives of the Sumner County Board of Education; they can be reached at (615) 451-5200 or online at [www.summerschools.org](http://www.summerschools.org). You may also wish to get involved with COMPASS, a community organization focusing on developing partnerships between the business community and Sumner County Schools to improve student success. You can reach them at (615) 451-5200 x1048 or online at [www.sumnercompass.org](http://www.sumnercompass.org).*



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