

# FACTS ABOUT THE 2016 STATE REPORT CARD



## UNDERSTANDING THE DATA



- The State Report Card includes TNReady (proficiency) data for students who took high school end of course exams in 2015-16, as well as TVAAS (growth) scores for high school and second grade.
- TNReady scores fall into one of four new achievement categories based on grade level proficiency: Mastered, On Track, Approaching and Below.
- TNReady scores cannot be compared to previous years' results because they're based on different, more rigorous state standards.

## TNREADY RESULTS

- This is a baseline year for districts, and the District will use the limited data available to make the best academic decisions possible for students.
- Similar to statewide scores, a small percentage of our students were rated as Mastered or On Track. These results prove we still have a lot of serious work to do in order to help students learn at the pace needed to be ready for graduation, college and careers.
- 2015-16 was a challenging testing year with format changes, increased standards and abrupt changes to our assessment calendar. It is clear we have a lot of room for improvement, but there are some areas of progress that should not be overlooked.
- SCS students closed the achievement gap between District and state proficiency percentages in every measurable subject area from 2014-15 to 2015-16.
- The largest gap reductions occurred in English with a 5+ percentage point reduction in English I and II and a 6+ percentage point reduction in English III.

## TVASS RESULTS

- Based only on high school results and grade 2, the District received an overall Level 1 TVAAS score.
- A separation of the data shows the District earned a Level 3 TVAAS score based on high school end of course results, which is meeting expectations. For second graders only, SCS received a Level 1.
- With more rigorous standards and a change in testing format, we anticipated some scores being lower. Yet, the ground we lost in math is a concern, moving from a Level 5 to a Level 1 in Algebra I and a Level 3 to a Level 1 in Algebra II.
- We have prioritized literacy in recent years, and our Level 5 rating at the high school level is evidence. With similar focus on providing proper interventions and expanding coaching support for our educators, we can expect similar gains in math and other subjects.
- While not required by the state, the District opted to test second graders to help identify opportunities for intervention at an early age. In previous years, students have typically shown a significant amount of growth from second to third grade.
- Eleven SCS high schools earned a Level 5, the state's highest rating for student growth:
  - Booker T. Washington HS
  - Central HS
  - Douglass HS
  - Germantown HS
  - Hollis F. Price Middle College HS
  - Overton HS
  - Melrose HS
  - Memphis Academy of Science & Engineering
  - Middle College HS
  - Soulsville Charter School
  - White Station HS