

# Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support



Rethinking Remediation, Creating a Pathway to Postsecondary Success

The Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support (SAILS) program targets **students that have not achieved college readiness** benchmarks by introducing the **college developmental curriculum into the high school senior year**. Developed by K-12 teachers and higher education faculty, SAILS embeds the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Learning Support competencies into the high school senior year math and English courses, **allowing students to begin their higher education career prepared for credit bearing coursework**.

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## The SAILS Process



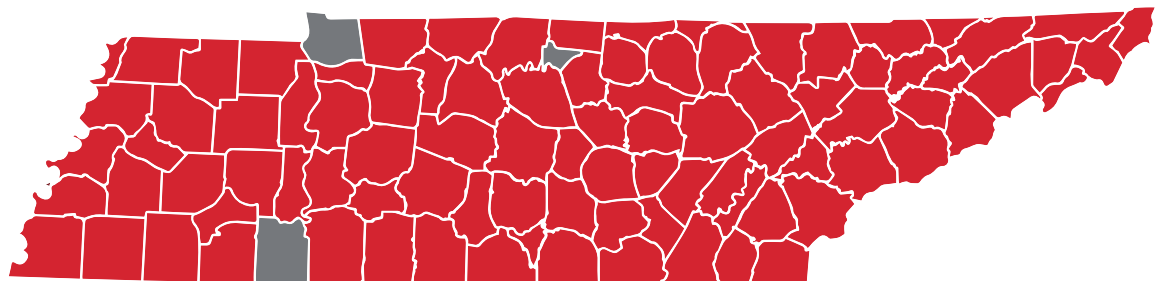
*To be eligible for SAILS math, students must score an 18 or less on the math component of the ACT. To be eligible for SAILS English, students must score either a 17 or less on the English component of the ACT or an 18 or less on the reading component of the ACT.*

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## SAILS Math

The SAILS Math program has been in place statewide since 2013 and is available through all 13 community colleges. Students completing the SAILS Math program demonstrate mastery of all five TBR math competencies and begin college in credit bearing courses. The SAILS Math program was highlighted by Inside Higher Ed and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as a promising best practice in reducing the need for college remediation.

*SAILS Math is available to students in 92 counties in Tennessee.*



## SAILS+

Beginning in 2017-18, all SAILS students will have the option to participate in SAILS+ if they complete SAILS prior to the end of the school year. SAILS+ is based on college level curriculum and allows completers to enroll directly into college algebra or the equivalent course at any TBR community college.

## SAILS Math in 2017-2018

**281**

Number of high schools participating

**13**

Number of community colleges participating

**19,256**

Expected student enrollment

Year	High Schools	Community Colleges	Students	Completers	Percent
Spring 2012	1	1	20	16	80%
2012-13	20	4	500	410	82%
2013-14	118	13	8,186	5,625	69%
2014-15	179	13	10,907	9,967	91%
2015-16	243	13	14,148	13,040	92%
2016-17	276	13	13,113	12,693	97%
THUS FAR			46,874	41,751	89%

By the end of 2017-18 school year, SAILS Math will have **reached over 66,000 students** in Tennessee since it was implemented in 2012.

## SAILS English in 2017-18

SAILS English began as a pilot in 2015-16, and has now expanded to the Chattanooga State and Roane State service regions. SAILS English was developed by K-12 and higher education faculty and aligns the Tennessee Academic Standards for English IV and the TBR learning support competencies for English and Writing. SAILS English completers are placed directly into credit-bearing English courses without the need for learning support.

**20**

Number of high schools participating

**2**

Number of community colleges participating

**600**

Expected student enrollment

Year	High Schools	Community Colleges	Students	Completers	Percent
2015-16	5	1	104	102	98%
2016-17	18	2	346	327	95%
THUS FAR			450	429	95%

In most cases, students that do not test college ready in math are also deemed not college ready in English. The **over 400 students that completed both SAILS Math and English** were able to enter TBR community college completely free of the need for learning support.

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