

Hamilton County, TN (Planning)**Hamilton County Schools' Fostering Diverse Schools Project**

The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to increase socioeconomic diversity in Hamilton County Schools and provide equitable access to well-rounded educational opportunities for all students. A minimum of seven cross-agency community partners will be actively engaged in the planning process throughout the project period. Significant cross-sections of affected stakeholders, including educators, students, families, and community members, will provide input on the project development. By project completion, a comprehensive plan to increase socioeconomic diversity will be developed and shared publicly. The proposed planning project will consult a broad range of community stakeholders in the development of a comprehensive plan to reimagine how student transportation can support equitable access to well-rounded educational opportunities for all students. The target population for the project includes students attending the 25 schools in Hamilton County with poverty levels of 75% or greater. The plan will primarily focus on increasing socioeconomic diversity for students attending schools with high levels of economically disadvantaged students. The project will also develop a plan to adequately prepare teachers to effectively educate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds who face multiple obstacles to success.