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2026-2027 DISTRESSED AND AT-RISK COUNTIES IN TENNESSEE

DISTRESSED COUNTIES

Clay	Lauderdale
Cocke	Perry
Hancock	Pickett
Hardeman	Scott
Johnson	
Lake	

AT-RISK COUNTIES

Benton	Jackson
Bledsoe	McNairy
Campbell	Meigs
Carroll	Morgan
Carter	Sequatchie
Claiborne	Van Buren
Decatur	Wayne
Fentress	Weakley
Greene	
Grundy	
Hardin	
Haywood	

2026-2027 CRITICAL SHORTAGE SUBJECT AREAS

English as a Second Language
Mathematics
Special Education
World Languages