According to data released by the Tennessee Department of Education, Putnam County has shown achievement growth in all academic grade bands in the past year. The highest growth was grade 9 - 12 ELA with a success rate that increased 13.7% from 2018 to 2019.

In 2019, for high school end-of-course exams:
- 40.8% of students were on track or mastered in ELA, up from 27.1% in 2018
- 25.5% of students were on track or mastered in math, up from 20.2% in 2018
- 26% of students were on track or mastered in US History, up from 21.8% in 2018

For the middle school grade band (state reports 6-8):
- 28.8% of students were on track or mastered in ELA, up from 25.3% in 2018
- 33% of students were on track or mastered in math, up from 30.6% in 2018

For the elementary grade band (state reports 3-5):
- ELA was unchanged at 36.9% of students on-track or mastered
- 48.3% of students were on track or mastered in math, up from 44% in 2018

Putnam County Schools graduation rate fell to 90.4% and the ready graduate rate fell to 46.4%. The chronic absentee rate improved to 12.5% from 13% and English Language proficiency rate increased from 38.1% to 40.2%.

Putnam County has four schools on the state Reward list this year:
Algood Elementary, Burks Elementary, Capshaw Elementary, and Upperman High School.

“For the 2018-2019 school year, our student outcomes as measured by the state indicators showed overall improvements in academic achievement and growth,” Director of Schools Jerry Boyd said. “Although we should all celebrate these improvements over the 2017-2018 school year, we recognize that we have areas that require a focused and unified effort in order to increase the level of academic success of all of our students. Our educators are committed to providing strong support and quality of opportunities for each student to reach and exceed the levels of achievement that will enable them to succeed beyond high school and throughout a lifetime of the pursuit of excellence.”