



Athletics Update

Presentation to Academic & Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees

September 25, 2025



Tennessee Tech Athletics

Core Values

1. Student-Athlete Experience
 2. Teamwork
 3. Achievement
 4. Commitment



OVC Data Table

School	Driving Distance from Tech	Type	Student Population	FT Instructional	Test Score 25 th	Test Score 50 th	Test Score 75 th	FT First-Year Retention Rate	6-yr Grad Rate
Eastern Illinois	342	Public	8,804	385	16	19	22	70%	45%
Lindenwood	407	Private	7,288	181	19	22	24	73%	50%
Morehead State	211	Public	8,618	287	-	-	-	69%	48%
SIU Edwardsville	393	Public	12,045	601	20	23	26	72%	55%
Southeast Missouri State	280	Public	9,686	335	16	19	21	76%	56%
Southern Indiana	205	Public	9,282	339	22	24	28	69%	52%
Tennessee State	83	Public	8,198	374	16	19	21	60%	33%
Tennessee Tech	0	Public	10,117	441	20	23	27	76%	59%
UA Little Rock	432	Public	8,158	351	18	20	23	71%	41%
UT Martin	220	Public	6,941	279	19	21	24	73%	55%
Western Illinois	535	Public	7,073	434	-	-	-	59%	45%



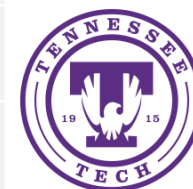
OVC Comparisons

Tech Rank	Out of 11	
Student Population	2	
FT Faculty	2	
Test Score 25 th	2	Tied with SIUE
Test Score 50 th	2	Tied with SIUE
Test Score 75 th	2	
First-year Retention Rate	1	
6-year Graduation Rate	1	
U.S. News Ranking	1	Out of 5 National Universities only
Average Driving Distance	310.8	



SoCon Data Table

School	Driving Distance from Tech	Type	Student Population	FT Instructional	Test Score 25 th	Test Score 50 th	Test Score 75 th	FT First-Year Retention Rate	6-yr Grad Rate
ETSU	208	Public	13,586	703	19	22	26	74%	50%
Furman	264	Private	2,505	270	28	30	32	91%	81%
Mercer	300	Private	9,124	476	25	28	31	83%	73%
Samford	249	Private	5,791	372	23	25	29	88%	80%
Tennessee Tech	0	Public	10,117	441	20	23	27	76%	59%
The Citadel	473	Public	3,727	210	22	24	26	88%	73%
UNC Greensboro	395	Public	17,743	794	22	24	27	76%	58%
UT Chattanooga	98	Public	11,380	522	20	22	25	74%	53%
Virginia Military Institute	402	Public	1,560	143	22	25	28	84%	82%
Western Carolina	222	Public	11,628	549	20	23	26	71%	61%
Wofford	275	Private	1,873	145	27	28	31	90%	81%



SoCon Comparisons

Tech Rank	Out of 11	
Student Population	5	
FT Faculty	6	
Test Score 25 th	10	
Test Score 50 th	9	
Test Score 75 th	6	Tied with UNCG
First-year Retention Rate	7	Tied with UNCG
6-year Graduation Rate	8	
U.S. News Ranking	5	Out of 7 National Universities only
Average Driving Distance	288.6	



About Tennessee Tech

Cookeville, Tennessee

Size: 10,511

Tennessee Tech is a comprehensive 4-year university offering more than 225 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

Rankings & Classifications

Carnegie

One of only 27 schools in the nation that are both an R2 and a Opportunity University (Higher Access, Higher Earnings for students)

U.S. News & World Report

Ranked as a "Best National University" by U.S. News & World Report.

Money

Rated one of the top public universities in Tennessee

Student Body

- 90% of Tech student body comes from within SoCon footprint
- 68% within OVC footprint

Existing Rivalries with SoCon Schools

East Tennessee State

UT Chattanooga

