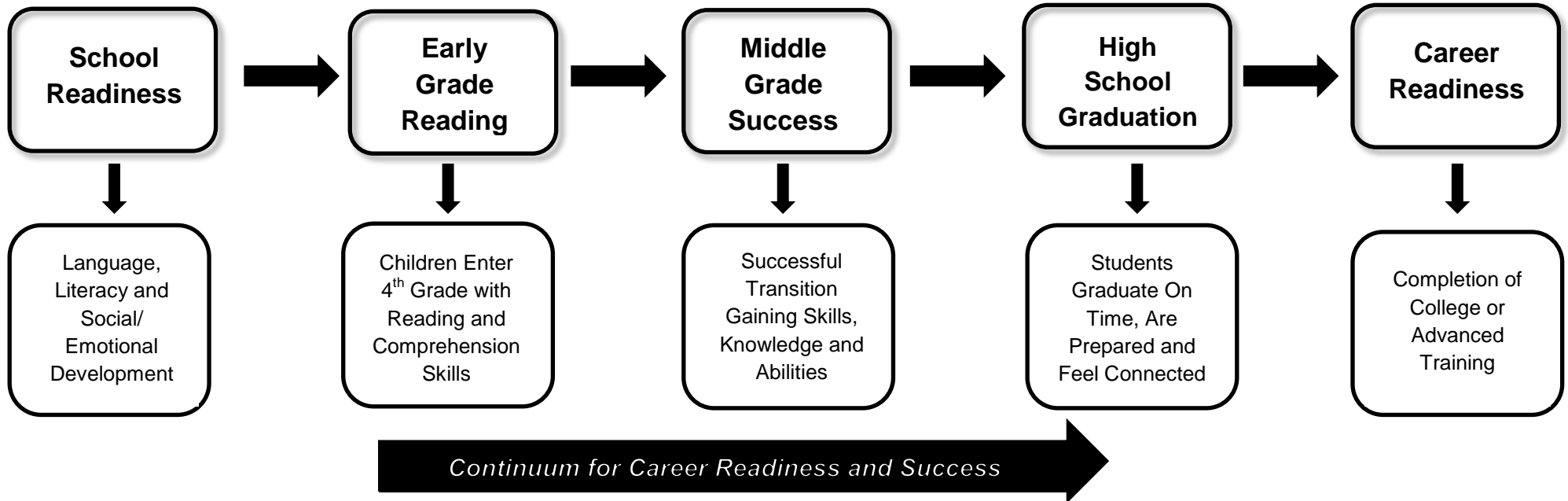


# United Way of Knox County's "Education" Framework



**Our Priority Community Issue: Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential**

## Components of A Community Which Values Quality Education:



*Continuum for Career Readiness and Success*

### **School Readiness Strategies:**

- Ensure that parents/caregivers interact with young children in research-based ways that build language and literacy skills
- Ensure that young children's environments contain age-appropriate materials that build language, literacy, cognitive, and math skills
- Enroll children ages birth to five in Imagination Library, a free monthly book program

### **School Success Strategies:**

- Promote relevance of a good education for children's life-long success to parents
- Increase parent engagement with school
- Improve behavior and social interaction during school to promote a positive learning environment for all
- Promote text rich environments so children are reading on grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Provide community services to combat negative influences outside the school day
- Support transition efforts into elementary school, from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school

### **Career Readiness Strategies:**

- Provide real world experiences to expand knowledge and interest in local job opportunities
- Increase access to quality support services for prevention and treatment of alcohol, tobacco and other related drugs issues for at-risk middle and high school students
- Develop social competencies of students
- Improve connectedness to adults and supportive services for transitioning into adulthood