

Tipton County Schools Testing Information & Dates

2016-2017 TCAP Schedule

As required by Public Chapter 892, this is a listing of state mandated assessments for the 2016-17 school year.

In the 2016-2017 school year, TNReady refers to the TCAP test for English/language arts and math in grades 3-11. The Social Studies and Science Assessments will be referred to as Achievement in grades 3-8 and End-of-Course (EOC) in grades 9-12. All state assessments fall under the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) umbrella.

2nd Grade Assessment

The Tipton County Schools have selected to participate in the 2nd grade state assessment in 2016-2017. The new, optional Grade 2 assessment will be field tested in the fall of 2016 and be given operationally in the spring of 2017.

Required

No

Applicable Federal/State Law

Not applicable – voluntary participation

Purpose & Use

This test is given to help measure how much a second grade student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

April 25- May 2, 2017

Results to Parents and Students

Because it is the first year we will be able to fully administer the new test for grade 2, the scoring results will be delayed while Tennessee teachers and the department complete the scoring process during the summer. Therefore, the results for grade 2 will

not be released until fall 2017. During future test administrations, the department will publish results for grade 2, grades 3–8, and high school on a similar timeline.

Districts receive individual performance reports which summarize student performance in more detail. Reports will be sent home once they are received in the district.

Grades 3-8 TNReady and Achievement Assessment

The following TNReady and Achievement tests will be given in one part this year, at the end of each semester for semester classes at the HS and the spring for grades 3-8. Each content area will consist of multiple choice and selected response items. ELA and Social Studies will one written response

TCAP Achievement Science will measure current content standards using only multiple-choice questions.

During this school year, the assessment will be paper-and-pencil for grades 3-8.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 and T.C.A. § 49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. Modified assessments in Braille and large print are also provided in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1990.

Purpose & Use

The new TCAP TNReady tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TNReady will measure student understanding of our current state standards in English language arts and math. - See more at: tn.gov/education/topic/tnready

TCAP Achievement Science and Social Studies are given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

April 18-May 1

Length of Assessment

English Language Arts

- Grades 3-5
 - Subpart 1 (writing): 75 minutes
 - Subparts 2-4: 35–50 minutes each
- Grades 6-8
 - Subpart 1 (writing): 85 minutes
 - Subparts 2-4: 45–50 minutes each

Mathematics

- Grades 3-5
 - Subparts 1–3: 30-45 minutes each
- Grades 6-8
 - Subparts 1–3: 30-55 minutes each

Science

- Grade 3
 - Subparts 1–2: 51–53 minutes each
- Grades 4-8
 - Subparts 1–2: 47–48 minutes each

Social Studies (field test)

- Grades 3-8
 - one subpart: 50 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

Quick Score reports, which provide teachers and parents with a snapshot of their student's performance, are provided to districts by end of school year. The Quick Scores are based on 100-point scales with their only purpose is to provide a student score for a percentage of the second semester average. Individual Student Reports will be provided to parents at the beginning the next school year, or as soon as the state releases the results in the Fall.

Districts receive individual performance reports that detail student performance in

early summer. Reports will be sent home once students return to school in the fall.

Grades 9-12 TNReady & End-of-Course (EOC)

The following TNReady and EOC will be administered to any student enrolled the following classes:

English/Language Arts: English I, English II, English III

Math: Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry

Science: Biology and Chemistry

Social Studies: US History

Each content area will consist of multiple choice and selected response items. ELA and Social Studies will include one written response

EOC Science will measure current content standards using only multiple-choice questions.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 and T.C.A §49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. Modified assessments in Braille and large print are also provided in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1990.

Purpose & Use

The new TNReady tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TNReady will measure student understanding of our current state standards in English/ language arts and math. See more at: tn.gov/education/topic/tnready.

EOC Biology, Chemistry and U.S. History are given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

April 18 – May 3

Length of Assessment

English I, English II, English III

- Subpart 1 (writing): 85 minutes
- Subparts 2–4: 45–50 minutes each

Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

- Subparts 1–3: 35–55 minutes each

Biology and Chemistry

- One subpart 1: 75 minutes

U.S. History

- Subpart 1 (writing): 50 minutes
- Subparts 2–3: 45 minutes each

Results to Parents & Students

Quick Score reports, which provide teachers and parents with a snapshot of their student's performance, are provided to districts by end of school year. The Quick Scores are based on 100-point scales with their only purpose is to provide a student score for a percentage of the second semester average (Board Policy 4.700 & 4.7001).

Individual Student Reports will be provided to parents at the beginning the next school year, or as soon as the state releases the results in the Fall.

Districts will receive individual performance reports that detail student performance in early summer. The district will send individual reports home upon return to school in the fall.

English Learner Assessment

ACCESS for English Learners/(WIDA)

During the 2016-17 school year, English Learners will take the ACCESS for ELLs to determine language proficiency. ACCESS assesses students in the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015.

Purpose & Use

Administered to English Learners to evaluate English proficiency.

Administration Window

March 6 – April 21, 2017

Length of Assessment

The test is self-paced with target administration times for each section of the test as follows:

- Listening: Up to 40 minutes
- Reading: Up to 35 minutes
- Speaking: Up to 30 minutes
- Writing Tier A: Up to 45 minutes
- Writing Tiers B/C: Up to 60 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

Additional information is posted to
<https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx>

Special Education Assessment

National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) Alternative Assessment/Portfolio

During the 2016-2017 school year, TCAP-Alt will include the National Center and State Collaborate (NCSC) Assessment in Reading/Language Arts and Math, as well as the TCAP-Alt portfolio assessment in Science and Social Studies. TCAP-

Alt is an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards. This assessment is appropriate for students with a significant cognitive disability as determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team. All of these assessments will be administered online.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

The development of alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities is authorized under a department regulation (34 C.F.R. Part 200) published on December 9, 2003, and T.C.A § 49-1-612. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title I require inclusion of all students with disabilities in the state assessment system.

Purpose & Use

This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

March 6 – May 12

Science and Social Studies may begin to collect data on the first day of school. Data collection may go through the end of January and data must be entered into the online platform by the end of February 2017.

Length of Assessment

Students are given the assessment during class time throughout the window based on student needs and class schedules.

Results to Parents & Students

Districts receive individual performance reports which detail student performance in early summer. The district will send individual student reports home when students return to school in the fall.

Additional Assessments for Specific Grades

ACT (Grade 11)

Required: Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with T.C.A § 49-6-6001(b).

Purpose & Use

These exams are used to measure college readiness and HOPE scholarship eligibility.

All Tennessee students receive one free voucher for either ACT or SAT; requests for vouchers should be at the student's school.

Administration Window

March 21, 2017; April 19, 2017 – Make-up Date

Students may also take the SAT on the National Test dates.

Length of Assessment

ACT:

- English: 45 minutes
- Math: 60 minutes
- Reading: 35 minutes
- Science: 35 minutes
- Writing: 30 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

For ACT, student level reports are provided to student approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment by ACT.

You may find information about the delivery of student level scores on the SAT website.

District Assessments

Benchmark Tests

Benchmark tests will be administered in English/language arts and math in grade 3-11 via Mastery Connect. Tests may be taken online or via paper depending on the building and grade level.

Required

No

Purpose

Benchmark tests are use to measure student progress and determine instruction.

Administration Window

Tests will be given at the end of each 9 week grading period.

Length of Assessment

Tests will be administered during the regular class period as a 9 week test.

Results to Parents

Test results will be reported as the 9 weeks test.

Universal Screener

The purpose of the Universal Screener is a brief screening assessment of academic skills in reading, math, and writing administered to all students to inform and assist in determination of instructional needs, so that students have the best opportunity to grow academically each year and enhance skill levels needed

Applicable Federal/State Law

Required by the RTI² Framework 2013 (Response to Instruction & Intervention Framework) developed by the TN Dept. of Education. Adopted by TN State Board of Education, July 2014.

Purpose & Use

The purpose of the Universal Screener is focused on prevention and early intervention for students who may be in need of a focus on sub-skills and to assist students with enrichment.

Administration Window

September 6-20, 2016; December 5-16, 2016; and March 13-24, 2017

Length of Assessment

Grades Kindergarten through 8th

Grs. K-2 Less than 20 min.

Grs. 3-9 45-60 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

Student results will be shared with parents within the week of completion of the assessment.

More Information can be located on the TDOE web site:

<http://state.tn.us/education/instruction/rti2.shtml>