

Testing Information & Dates

2016-2017 TCAP Schedule

As required by Public Chapter 892, this is a listing of state mandated assessments for the 2015-2016 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. During the upcoming year, districts will have the opportunity to select the process of paper and pencil or online assessments. Parts of the TCAP may be both online and paper and pencil (e.g., Science paper and pencil, TNReady either).

Upon the release of the state testing windows, please check the Teaching & Learning Calendar on our webpage (http://www.pcsstn.com/pages/Putnam_County_SchoolSystem/Departments/Teaching_Learning). Also, this information will be updated upon the State release of the changes to TCAP.

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

- In reading and writing – students will read from texts and provide written responses to support their answers.
- In social studies – students will respond to extended response items

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. District who qualify may opt to have grades 9-12 take their assessment online.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b) and T.C.A §49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. ELSA is administered in accordance with the No child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(ix-x). Modified assessments in Braille and large print are administered in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(C)(ix)(II).

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

Late April – early May 2017

Districts may select a five-day testing window for each content and grade-level within the state’s administration window.

Length of Assessment

	English Language Arts	Mathematics [^]	Science	Social Studies
Grade 2*	Subpart 1: 40 min Subpart 2: 40 min Subpart 3: 42 min Subpart 4: 40 min	Subpart 1: 40 min Subpart 2: 42 min		
Grade 3	Subpart 1: 75 min Writing Subpart 2: 35 min Subpart 3: 35 min Subpart 4: 50 min	Subpart 1: 45 min [^] Subpart 2: 30 min Subpart 3: 40 min	Subpart 1: 53 min Subpart 2: 51 min	Field Test: 50 min
Grade 4	Subpart 1: 75 min Writing Subpart 2: 35 min Subpart 3: 35 min Subpart 4: 50 min	Subpart 1: 45 min [^] Subpart 2: 30 min Subpart 3: 40 min	Subpart 1: 48 min Subpart 2: 47 min	Field Test: 50 min
Grade 5	Subpart 1: 75 min Writing Subpart 2: 35 min Subpart 3: 35 min Subpart 4: 50 min	Subpart 1: 45 min [^] Subpart 2: 30 min Subpart 3: 40 min	Subpart 1: 48 min Subpart 2: 47 min	Field Test: 50 min
Grade 6	Subpart 1: 85 min Writing Subpart 2: 50 min Subpart 3: 50 min Subpart 4: 45 min	Subpart 1: 40 min [^] Subpart 2: 30 min Subpart 3: 55 min	Subpart 1: 48 min Subpart 2: 47 min	Field Test: 50 min
Grade 7	Subpart 1: 85 min Writing Subpart 2: 50 min Subpart 3: 50 min Subpart 4: 45 min	Subpart 1: 40 min [^] Subpart 2: 30 min Subpart 3: 55 min	Subpart 1: 48 min Subpart 2: 47 min	Field Test: 50 min
Grade 8	Subpart 1: 85 min Writing Subpart 2: 50 min Subpart 3: 50 min Subpart 4: 45 min	Subpart 1: 40 min [^] Subpart 2: 30 min Subpart 3: 55 min	Subpart 1: 48 min Subpart 2: 47 min	Field Test: 50 min

***Optional: District Choice**

[^] No Calculator use on Subpart

The Test Time Chart is located at <http://tn.gov/education/section/assessment> & <http://pcsstn.com> Teaching & Learning Department website.

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 receive individual performance reports that detail student performance in early summer. Districts can choose how and when to share these reports with parents.

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

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

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

Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, Integrated Math III

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 one written response

- In reading and writing – students will read from texts and provide written responses to support their answers.
- In social studies – students will respond to extended response items

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

The District who qualify may opt to have grades 9-12 take their assessment online.

Required

Yes

Purpose & Use

The new TNReady TCAP 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, not the previous SPIs. - See more at: tn.gov/education/topic/tntready.

TCAP 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

For full year schedules:

Spring: Late April – mid-May

For fall block schedules:

Mid-November – mid- December

For spring block schedules:

Spring: Late April – mid-May

Districts may select a five-day testing window within the state’s administration window. The state will give exact dates later this fall.

Length of Assessment

Each test Part (by subject) is divided into two subtests. All test times will be finalized in early to mid Fall.

- English I, II, and III: 45-50 per subtest (3) and 85 minutes Writing Subtest (1)
- Integrated Math I, II, and III: 35-55 minutes per subtest (3)
- Biology and Chemistry: 75 minutes for the assessment (1 subtest each)
- US History: 45 minutes per subtest (2) and 50 minute Writing subtest (1)

Test Times Chart is located <http://tn.gov/educaton/section/assessment>

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English Learner Assessment

[ACCESS for English Learners/\(WIDA\)](#)

During the 2015-16 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 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(C)(ix)(III).

Purpose & Use

Administered to English Learners to evaluate English proficiency.

Administration Window

March to early April 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>

- See more at: <http://tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.01GnOgVo.dpuf>

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 and their use for making adequate yearly progress (AYP) decisions is authorized under a Department regulation (34 C.F.R. Part 200) published on December 9, 2003. 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

Reading/Language Arts and Math will be administered in spring 2017 over a two month window. Exact dates to be determined but we anticipate March – April as the testing months.

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

- NCSC English/Language Arts: Administered over a two month testing window
- NCSC Math: Administered over a two month testing window
- Alt Science: Data collection may begin on the first day of school through the end of January 2017
- Alt Social Studies: Data collection may begin on the first day of school through the end of January 2017

Results to Parents & Students

Districts receive individual performance reports which detail student performance in early summer. Districts can choose how and when to share these reports with parents.

- See more at: <http://tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.01GnOgVo.dpuf>

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

State & PCSS window: April 19, 2017

Students may also take the ACT Weekday Test. These test dates are listed at [ACT Registration | Test Dates in the](#)

[U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada.](#)

Students may also take the SAT on the dates listed at [US SAT Registration](#).

Participation in the statewide administration counts as using a voucher.

Length of Assessment

ACT:

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

SAT:

- 25-minute essay
- Six 25-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading and writing)
- Two 20-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading and writing)
- 10-minute multiple choice writing section

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 at [SAT Scores](#)

[National Assessment for Educational Progress \(NAEP\)](#)

The NAEP Questions Tool contains sample questions and data from items in previous tests. - See more at: <http://tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.O1GnOgVo.dpuf>

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (c)(2) which requires the state to participate in the biennial state academic assessments of fourth grade reading and mathematics.

Purpose & Use

Only a small sample of Tennessee fourth and eighth graders will take this test. This test, often called the nation's report card, measures Tennessee's academic achievement against other states also taking this test.

Administration Window

End of January through March 2017

Schools and students are randomly selected to participate in the nation-wide assessment.

In 2017, the following PCSS schools have been randomly chosen to participate in the 2017 NAEP:

Capshaw Elementary 4th grade
Cane Creek Elementary 4th Grade
Avery Trace Middle School 8th Grade
Prescott South Elementary School 4th Grade

Length of Assessment

60 minutes

Results to Parents & Students**Results to Parents & Students**

No student level results are provided.

International Assessments[PISA](#)

The Program for International Student Assessment is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students' reading, mathematics and science literacy. The assessment is given every three years. [More information is available here.](#)

Required

No

Applicable Federal/State Law

N/A - voluntary participation

Purpose & Use

Only a small sample of Tennessee 15-year-old students will take this test. This test, measures Tennessee's academic achievement against other states and countries also taking this test.

Administration Window

October through early November every third year (last given Fall 2015)

Length of Assessment

2 hours

Results to Parents and Students

No student-level results are provided.

- See more at: <http://tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.01GnOgVo.dpuf>

For More information and dates please go to the Teaching & Learning website of PCSS under Calendar,

http://www.pcsstn.com/pages/Putnam_County_SchoolSystem/Departments/Teaching_Learning