

## TCAP Grades 2–8

### Overview:

Each subject-area test is divided into multiple subparts and will be administered during one testing window at the end of the school year.

- English language arts (4 subparts) will assess the Tennessee Academic Standards through literary and informational texts requiring students to demonstrate the ability to read closely, analyze text, answer text-dependent questions, provide a written response to a prompt, and demonstrate command of the English language. Additionally, in grades 3 and 4, fluency, comprehension, and listening skills are measured.
- Mathematics (3 subparts) will consist of both calculator permitted and calculator prohibited subparts. It assesses the Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics, number sense, fluency, problem-solving and an understanding of the grade-level horizontal coherence embedded within the standards. The mathematics test will focus approximately 70 percent of the assessment items on major work of the grade and approximately 30 percent of the items on supporting work.
- Science (1 subpart in grades 3-4; 2 subparts in grades 5-8) will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of scientific concepts in Life Science, Earth and Space Science and Physical Science.
- Social studies (1 subpart in grades 3-4; 2 subparts in grades 5-8) will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards for social studies requiring students to demonstrate historical awareness, geographical understanding and the ability to analyze primary source documents.

**Required:**  **Yes**

### Federal and 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 TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of our state standards.

## Test Items

Files containing questions from previous TCAP assessments are available on the following subjects/pages:

- English Language Arts
- Grade 2 Assessment
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- TCAP-Alternate

Districts may select a more specific testing window within the state's testing window. However, English subpart 1, which includes a written response, must be administered in the first week.

### Length of Assessments

Grade	English/Language Arts (ELA)	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>Grade 3</b>	Subpart 1: 80 min. Section 1a: 15 min.* (5 min.) Section 1b: 25 min. (5 min.) Section 1c: 15 min.* (5 min.) Section 1d: 25 min. (5 min.)  Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 4: 30 min. (6 min.)  <b>Total: 180 min. (220 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.)  <b>Total: 115 min. (138 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.)  <b>Total: 50 min. (60 min.)</b>	N/A
<b>Grade 4</b>	Subpart 1: 80 min. (16 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 4: 30 min. (6 min.)  <b>Total: 180 min. (216 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.)  <b>Total: 115 min. (138 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.)  <b>Total: 50 min. (60 min.)</b>	N/A
<b>Grade 5</b>	Subpart 1: 80 min. (16 min.) Subpart 2: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 4: 40 min. (8 min.)  <b>Total: 200 min (240 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 30 min. (6 min.) Subpart 3: 40 min. (8 min.)  <b>Total: 115 min. (138 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 45 min. (9 min.)  <b>Total: 90 min. (108 min.)</b>	N/A

Grade	English/Language Arts (ELA)	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>Grade 6</b>	Subpart 1: 85 min. (17 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 4: 45 min. (9 min.) <b>Total: 230 min. (276 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 2: 35 min. (7 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) <b>Total: 125 min. (150 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 45 min. (9 min.) <b>Total: 90 min. (108 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) <b>Total: 100 min. (120 min.)</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	Subpart 1: 85 min. (17 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 4: 45 min. (9 min.) <b>Total: 230 min. (276 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 2: 35 min. (7 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) <b>Total: 125 min. (150 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 45 min. (9 min.) <b>Total: 90 min. (108 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) <b>Total: 100 min. (120 min.)</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	Subpart 1: 85 min. (17 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 4: 45 min. (9 min.) <b>Total: 230 min. (276 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 40 min. (8 min.) Subpart 2: 35 min. (7 min.) Subpart 3: 50 min. (10 min.) <b>Total: 125 min. (150 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 45 min. (9 min.) Subpart 2: 45 min. (9 min.) <b>Total: 90 min. (108 min.)</b>	Subpart 1: 50 min. (10 min.) Subpart 2: 50 min. (10 min.) <b>Total: 100 min. (120 min.)</b>

According to [Public Chapter 978](#) passed by the Tennessee 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, if requested by a parent or student, a test administrator (TA) may allow a student an additional optional time period (calculated above), to ensure students are able to finish the assessments completely. The required times posted above represent testing time appropriate for 95% of students. TAs may add the optional additional time, up to the amount listed in parenthesis, as requested while adhering to all test security measures and test procedures. Additional optional requested time allowed by PC978 does not supersede a Local Education Agency (LEA) or public charter school's obligation to comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.), or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 794). Additional time requested, therefore, **should NOT** take the place of extra time accommodations outlined in a student's individual educational plan (IEP), individual learning plan (ILP), and/or Section 504 plan.

## Results to Districts:

Raw data is provided to districts at the very end of the school year. This information may be used to help calculate final grades for report cards. State law requires TCAP scores be included as a percentage of a student's grade in grades 3–8. Districts do have the flexibility, as provided in state law, to exclude TCAP data from student grades if the data is not available at least five instructional days before the last day for students.

## Results to Parents & Students:

TCAP Score reports will be given to parents the semester they are received from the Tennessee Department of Education.