District Assessment Schedule

2025-2026

Student Achievement: Elementary and Middle School

Assessment	Grades	Applicable	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
		Federal/State Law			
TNReady-TCAP (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program) Achievement Test TCAP Achievement (ACH) Grades 3-5 (PaperBased)	3-5 6-8	Paper- Based This test is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act § 1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1-602. Computer-Based	TCAP assessments measure students' skills in English-Language Arts, math, science and social studies. Test results are used in teacher, school, and district accountability with the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government. Results also count for 10% of a student's final grade in those subjects.	April 13 – May 1, 2026	Results are typically available soon after the test is given so teachers can calculate final grades. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. These are distributed by district office staff to schools and then shared with families.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	4 & 8	Computer-Based	Administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. DOE	January 26 - March 20, 2026	State and national results will be released as The Nation's Report Card

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Student Achievement: High School

Assessment	Grades	Applicable	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
		Federal/State Law			
TNReady-TCAP End of Course (EOC) Exams	Students enrolled in certain high school level courses	These tests are given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1-602. Computer-Based	These assessments measure a student's skills in high school English I, II, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History. Test results are used in teacher, school, and district accountability with the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government. Results also count for 15% of a student's final grade in those subjects.	April 13 – May 1, 2026	Results are typically available soon after the test is given so teachers can calculate final grades. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. These are distributed by district office staff to schools and then shared with families

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Student Achievement: Exceptional Education

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
TCAP Alternate Assessments (AAD & TCAP-Alt) (select students with disabilities only)	3-11	This assessment is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1-602.	This assessment is designed for students with significant intellectual disabilities. It is based on a different set of content standards than the TCAP test. Students only take the alt-portfolio assessment when parents/guardians and education decide it is appropriate according to the students' needs.	ELA and Math: February 2 – May 15, 2026 Science and Social Studies: March 9 -April 24, 2026	The state releases individual student reports with details of performance. These are distributed by district staff to schools and then shared with families

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Citizenship/Civics

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
U.S. Civics Exam	9-12	This test is given to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated §49-6-408	Students graduating after January 1, 2017, are required to take a United States civics exam composed of questions administered as part of the civics test administered by the U.S. citizenship and immigration services. Students may attempt the test multiple times during their high school career. Passage of the test is not a requirement for high school graduation.	March 2026	Results are available soon after the test is given. Results are maintained in Powerschool to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts.

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College & Career Readiness

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
ACT	11-12	This test is given to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C. A.) §49-6-6001 (b).	The ACT is a college readiness test utilized by hundreds of colleges and universities. It also helps determine which students are eligible for the HOPE scholarship from the state and is a graduation requirement. Visit ACT website for more information. *Our LEA does not participate in any National ACT test dates on Saturdays	Senior Retake: September 30, October 1-3, October 6-10 Junior Testing: March 10-13 & March 16-20	Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test is administered. Results are maintained in Powerschool to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts.

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Screenings for Academic Support

Assessment	Grades	Applicable	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
		Federal/State Law			
AimsWeb: Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI2) Benchmark Universal Screener	K-12	This test is given to comply with the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 34 CFR 300.8(c)(10) and TN Special Education and Services Act 0520-01-09 Rule 0520-01-09-12.	RTI2 is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. The RTI2 process begins with high-quality instruction and universal screening of all children in the general education classroom. It includes periodic assessments to identify each student's specific needs in reading, writing and math so they can get the appropriate level of instruction.	August 4,- September 26, 2025 December 1, 2025- January 30, 2026 March 30, 2026- May 15, 2026	Student-level reports will be shared with parents by the school. Students who take part in intervention will receive regular progress reports for parents and guardians.

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English Language Learners

Assessment	Purpose	Grades	Test Window	Reporting
English Learners Assessment	To assess a student's progress within the EL framework.	K-12	February 2-March 27, 2026	Results are typically available soon after the test is given. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. These are distributed by district office staff to schools and then shared with families.